### **Sermon Notes**

Text: Topic:



#### **ORDER OF SERVICE:**

Song ~Announcements~ Song ~ Opening Prayer~ Song~ Scripture Reading~ Song~ Sermon~ Song~ Lord's Supper~ Offering~ Song~ Closing Prayer

#### WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?





# THE MESSENGER

"This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all." **I John 1:5** 

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# **SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

### **Sunday**

Young Christians' Class	10 a.m.
Sun. Adult Bible Class	10 a.m.
Worship Service	11 a.m.

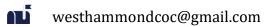
## Wednesday

Bible Study (on Zoom)...7:00 p.m.

I rejoiced with those who said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the LORD."

Psalm 122:1

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# **WELCOME VISITING FRIENDS**

If you are one of our visitors today, please know that we are indeed honored to have you. If you are a member of the Lord's body, thanks for choosing to worship with us today. If you are not a member of the Lord's church, we would be happy to meet with you and discuss how one becomes a member of the church which we read about in the New Testament. We aim to speak as they spoke and do as they did. We also offer a free Bible Correspondence Course which can be mailed to you. Or, someone would be glad to meet with you for a one-on-one Bible study. You can indicate your desire on a visitor's card and place it in the collection tray located at the front on the communion table.

# **CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH**



er résumé was brief and to the point. It was large and boldly typed so it could be read easily on social media and by those in the immediate community. She could only afford Lone copy - for herself. It was written on a flattened brown box, so it was light enough for her to hold.

### "Homeless. In search of human kindness. Have a blessed day."

Her long, tangled hair, dirty plaid jacket, and torn sweatpants would certainly be deemed inappropriate for any workplace, be it in-person or virtually. But when you only have to stand next to an expressway exit, anything that's warm will do.

Though it's no longer a banner "buzz" topic, homelessness remains one of this nation's biggest problems. And it's not getting better. It's hard to make enough to afford even the barest of accommodations. For instance, a recently advertised one bedroom apartment in Hammond was priced at \$825. However, it required the applicant to have an employment income of \$36,000 annually, provide first and last month's rent, and submit a deposit of \$825. And this is for a one bedroom apartment. No wonder so many families and individuals are living in their cars. They need our care and support.

Our congregation has a great program that supports the homeless in the city of Chicago. Each week,

Sis. Gamble informs us of what items her committee is collecting. Monetary donations are always welcome. However, Each man is our Sis. Gamble reports that donations this year are way down from brother, and each years past. Not surprising, really. With the cost of food, gas, man is our neighbor. housing, and EVERYTHING else going through the roof, it can

be difficult to think of others. Yet all it can take is a few dollars out of our pockets...out of my pocket...to support someone who is in need this season.

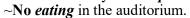
I encourage you to support our homeless program through your donations and monetary gifts. Jesus said we'd always have the poor, but he didn't say not to help them. Each man is our brother, and each man is our neighbor. And if you are struggling with homelessness yourself, now or in the near future, do not hesitate to contact leadership. We have a building full of folks with experience in this area. We can help. You are not alone.

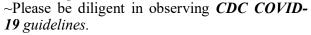
Bro. David A. Brantford

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **REMINDERS**:

~Please silence your *cell phones*.





Returning guest please sign the *Returning Guest* **Log** in the fover.

**Hammond Church of Christ.** 

There are prayer request cards and a Children's Bible Class taught by Sis. Jameka. suggestion box in the foyer.

Please see the bulletin board for details on the level) homeless mission. Please write "Mission" on a Adult Bible Class - main auditorium separate envelope for donations. We are in desperate need of donations. In addition, we are now accepting canned goods.

The *Ladies' Ministry* meets every other Thursday at 6:30pm. We are presenting our character studies and using our study books. Next meeting is, Thurs. Nov. 17th.

Last week we had a very informative presentation by Sis. Woodard on The Pyramid of Successful Financial Planning.

As Winter approaches and the time gets darker earlier, the ladies have decided to pause meeting in person after November, and resume in the Spring.

Annual Ladies Lectureship Retreat Theme: Christian Women Living Courageously

in a Spiritual Pandemic

April 20-23, 2023 in Atlanta, Georgia. www.ladieslectureshipretreat.org

Special thanks to all Veterans as the country celebrates Veterans' Day Fri., Nov. 11th. Please indicate if you have served on the form provided in the foyer.

**FOR PRAYERS:** 

Sis Wyatt, Sis Davis, the Brantfords, J. W. Kinds, Bro. Hardy's mother and sister, Robertine ~Please be diligent in observing *CDC COVID*- Hardy & Kathryn Burks, Sis. Debra Ellis and her family, Sis. Glenda Carter and Sis. Woodard who is traveling.

Sis. Brenda Penn, the minister's wife of Chatham -Avalon passed on last week. Funeral is Sat., Checks can now be written in the name of West Nov.12 @ 11:00 am. Wake @ 10:00 am.

#### **SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES:**

(lower level).

Young Adult Class taught by Bro. Taylor. (upper

### **BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES** THIS WEEK:

#### **BIRTHDAYS~**

Mon., Nov. 7th Sis. LaDonna Carter Sis. Ruthie Gamble Mon., Nov. 7th

### **ANNIVERSARIES** ~ NONE

### **SKILLS BANK~**

Remember to submit your information to be added to the skills bank and be diligent to do your verification for relevant licensing.

Sis. Webster .....Real Estate Agent Sis. Debra Woodard ......Financial Advisor Gambles ..... Property Preservation & Custom Home Décor

### Last Week's Record

**Sunday AM Worship & Zoom** 128 Wednesday Bible Class (Zoom) 47 **Last Sunday offering:** \$3697.64 **Weekly Budget** \$2625.00