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Sermon Notes





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." **1John 1:5***

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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.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

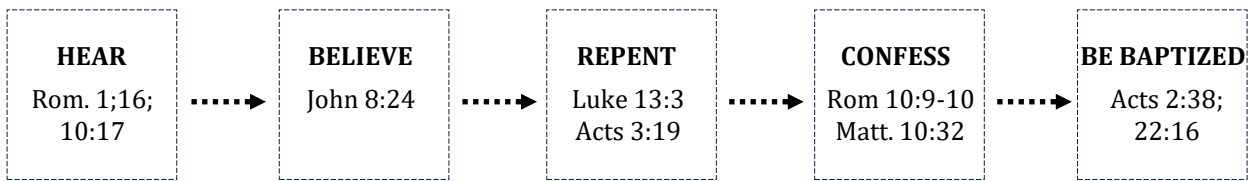
Sunday
Young Christians' Class10 a.m.
Sun. Adult Bible Class.....10 a.m.
Worship Service11 a.m.

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

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?



*I rejoiced with those who said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the LORD."
Psalm 122:1*

CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

“Come Before Winter” - (2 Tim. 4:21)

Living in the Northeast comes with some blessings in terms of the weather. Unlike Southern states, we are not usually susceptible to the fear of hurricanes or even tornadoes. However, we oftentimes face the full impact of winter’s extremely cold weather that sometimes feels like it’s never-ending. Winter does bring with it the challenge of driving on slippery roads or black ice, sometimes dozens of vehicles pile up on each other as a result. This might be what Paul had in mind when he told Timothy to come to him before winter with his cloak and his books (2 Tim. 4:13). He knew that Timothy would have been exposed to the risks of traveling to see him in such unforgiving weather. Hence, he was urging Timothy to make haste before the arrival of the winter.

We cannot escape having to do certain things with a great sense of urgency before our winter comes, metaphorically speaking. We are advised to do periodic cancer screening before it’s too late. We normally go to the ER if we think that we have health issues that require immediate attention. Thank God for the 911 system that we call in case of emergency.

From a spiritual point of view, we are reminded regularly about doing certain things before it is too late. Solomon exhorts young people, especially, to “Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth, Before the difficult days come, And the years draw near when you say, “I have no pleasure in them...” Ecc. 12:1a.

**Today is the day of salvation”
2 Cor. 6:2**


Many have postponed serving God until the “difficult days come” when it is too late. The apostle Paul tried to teach Governor Felix about Jesus and His good news. Felix responded to Paul in Acts 24:25 “Go away for now; when I have a convenient time, I will call for you.” As far as we know that convenience time never came. Time does not wait for us to put our intentions in actions, which is why Paul told his audience that “...Today is the day of salvation” 2 Cor. 6:2. The old saying is still true that “the road to hell is paved with good intentions.

Therefore, instead of procrastinating to serve God, you are now urged to “come to Him before winter!”

R. Webster

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REMINDERS:

- ~Please silence your *cell phones*. 
- ~**No eating** in the auditorium.
- ~Please be diligent in observing *CDC COVID-19 guidelines*.

Returning guest, please sign the “*returning guest log*” in the foyer.

Checks can now be written to West Hammond Church of Christ.

There is a *suggestion box* and *prayer request cards* in the foyer.

There will be a *fellowship meal* downstairs immediately following worship service.

Please see the bulletin board details on the *homeless mission*. Please write “**Mission**” on a separate envelope for donations. We are in desperate need of donations.

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. 3rd.

The *Annual Ladies Lectureship Retreat* “*Christian Women Living Courageously in a Spiritual Pandemic*.” April 20-23, 2023 in Atlanta, Georgia.
www.ladieslectureshipretreat.org

FOR PRAYERS :

Sis Wyatt, who has just been released from a recent hospitalization, Sis Davis, the Brantford’s, J. W. Kinds, Bro. Hardy’s mother; Robertine Hardy, and Sis. Debra Ellis and her daughters; Andrea and Aundranee’ Ellis who just lost their father, Andre Ellis. Also, Sis. Debra’s daughter, Dominique Cunningham who was just diagnosed with the virus.

CLASSES:

- Sunday morning *Children’s Bible Class* is taught by Sis. Jameka. (lower level - 2G).
- Sunday morning *Young Adult Class* is taught by Bro. Taylor. (upper level - 1B)
- Adult Bible Class* - main auditorium

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

THIS WEEK:

BIRTHDAYS~

NONE

ANNIVERSARIES ~

NONE

SKILLS BANK~

- Remember to submit your information, and do your own verification for licensing.
- Sis. Webster & Sis. Tillman**.....Real Estate Agents
- Sis. Debra Woodard**Financial Advisor
- Gambles** Property Preservation & Custom Home Décor

Last Week’s Record

Sunday AM Worship & Zoom	75
Wednesday Bible Class (Zoom)	51
Last Sunday offering:	\$5934.32
Weekly Budget	\$2625.00