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Sermon Notes




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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.

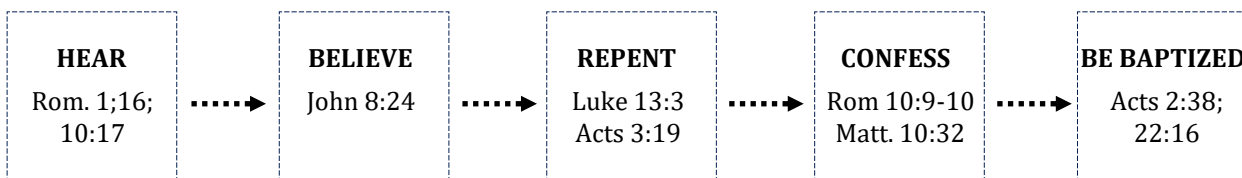
Wednesday

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

Prayer without the “Cosmetics”

We read in 1 Samuel 1 and 2 about a woman named Hannah. She was one of the two wives of a man named Elkanah. Hannah suffered greatly from the competition that frequently occurred among women in polygamous marriages. Hannah was barren, but her counterpart Peninnah had many children. Because of this situation, Hannah’s “*rival also provoked her severely to make her miserable...*” (1 Sam. 1:6).

What do you do when there is a great burden on your heart? When you have been treated unfairly by others? When your enemy oppresses you?

Hannah prayed! Her prayer was not your stiff, mechanical, and ritualistic one. It was not addressed to a distant being who was unaware of her situation. Rather, it was addressed to the all-seeing and all-knowing God who is close and personal, who cared and acted on her behalf. The scriptures say that “*...She was in bitterness of soul and prayed to the Lord and wept in anguish*” (1 Sam. 1:10).

Hannah’s prayers were in the context of the tabernacle at Shiloh. She was so intense that Eli the priest thought she was drunk. She was “*praying in her heart, and her lips were moving but her voice was not heard*” (1 Sam. 1:13). Hannah in fact responded “*... I am woman of sorrowful spirit...who has poured out my soul before the Lord*” (1 Sam. 1:15). God heard her intense prayer, and, in this case, He granted her a son who she named *Samuel*. Samuel is a Hebrew word which means “*Heard of God*” and “*Asked of God*”

Especially in times of deep distress, let us learn to pray like Hannah, praying from the depths of hearts —without the fluff and cosmetics!

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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 in the name of **West Hammond Church of Christ**.

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

For the upcoming December 11th **homeless mission**, we are accepting hats, gloves, men’s clothing & outdoor gear and canned goods. Please write “**Mission**” on a **separate** envelope for donations. We are looking for volunteers to help distribute the items to the recipients in Chicago on the afternoon of December 11th.

The **Ladies’ Ministry** will resume in the Spring of 2023.

Annual Ladies Lectureship Retreat

Theme: **Christian Women Living Courageously in a Spiritual Pandemic**

April 20-23, 2023 in Atlanta, Georgia.

www.ladieslectureshipretreat.org

FOR PRAYERS

Bro. David Croom. His mother had been ailing for some time and passed away last Wednesday. We extend to our brother sincere condolences on behalf of the his church family. Please continue to pray for him and his family at this time.

Prayers for all who are traveling and out of town. Also for Sis. Woodard and her mother, Evelyn Woodard, Bro. & Sis. Davis, Jade Neals, the granddaughter of Debra Ellis, Kristopher Strickland, Sis Wyatt, the Brantfords, J. W. Kinds, Bro. Hardy’s mother and sister, Robertine Hardy & Kathryn Burks.

Please continue to pray for and encourage our newest members Bro. David Croom and sisters Nicole

Tillman and Trevon McLaurin.

We are sad to announce that Sis. Jameka Taylor will be relocating to Arizona. Next Sunday will be her last with us officially. We pray for and wish her all the best.

SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES

Children’s Bible Class taught by Sis. Jameka. (lower level).

Young Adult Class taught by Bro. Taylor. (upper level)

Adult Bible Class - main auditorium

Congratulations to

Bro. Rob Hardy

&

Sis. Donna Hall

who got married last week Thursday!




NO BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

THIS WEEK:

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. WebsterReal Estate Agent
Sis. Debra WoodardFinancial Advisor
Gambles Property Preservation & Custom Home Décor

Last Week’s Record

Sunday AM Worship & Zoom	82
Wednesday Bible Class (Zoom)	27
Last Sunday offering:	\$2065.09