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## **Sermon Notes**



#### 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?

HEAR		BELIEVE		REPENT		CONFESS		BE BAPTIZED
Rom. 1:16; 10:17	····•	John 8:24	····•	Luke 13:3 Acts 3:19	····•	Rom 10:9-10 Matt. 10:32	••••	Acts 2:38; 22:16



# **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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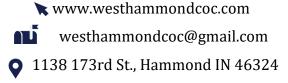
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### **SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

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 vou 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 trav located at the front on the communion table.

## **CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH**

## A Season To Be Prepared

t's the time of year when some of us question why we live in the frigid Midwest. L Temperatures start to drop below freezing. The "Hawk" hits for the first time. Then the first snowfall. We complain during the first sign that winter is here for its annual visit. Pull out the sweaters, boots, and heavy coats. Dig the shovel out of the garage and tune up that furnace. This is gonna take a while.

Our Christian journey calls for us to be prepared. We learn about Christ, how to accept Him according to the scriptures, and how to worship God. We learn how to incorporate what we read into how we live. We learn to "add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to

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perseverance godliness, to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love." (II Peter 1:7).

We can't anticipate every challenging situation that will occur in our lives. It's gonna rain so hard sometimes, we may not be able to see where we are going and run off the road of life. It's gonna get so cloudy sometimes, we wonder if we'll ever see the sun again. We must learn to be prepared for the seasons of our lives.

Paul teaches us to be prepared! "Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all long suffering and teaching." (II Tim. 4:2). Being able to meet the challenges we face can give us hope and joy, knowing that our faith pulled us through! If we finish the race, if we fight the good fight, we WILL BE rewarded! And we won't need those boots, those "heavy garments," that old furnace! Bring on the "SONSHINE"!

Bro. David A. Brantford

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **REMINDERS:** ~Please silence your *cell phones*.

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

Returning guest please print your name in the Returning Guest Log in the foyer.

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

There will be a men's meeting following worship service today. Please plan to stay for a brief meeting.

The Ladies' Ministry will resume in the Spring of 2023.

**Annual Ladies Lectureship Retreat** Theme: Christian Women Living Courageously in a Spiritual Pandemic Date: April 20-23, 2023 in Atlanta, Georgia. Website: www.ladieslectureshipretreat.org

**Thanksgiving Service** Sis. Selma Murphy-Reece, Sis. Young's cousin Funeral: Sat. January 14 at 1:00p.m. Park Forest Church of Christ 4010 206th Street. Matteson, IL 60443

Bro. Hardy's mother, Robertine Hardy was laid to rest vesterday. Thanks to everyone who was able to attend the services and support the family whether in word, thought or deed.

Bro. Fred Merriweather was laid to rest yesterday. Please remember the Merriweather family in your prayers during this difficult time.

## FOR PRAYERS

Goldman family, Reece family, Young & Raglin families, Palanca family, Sis. Errika Williams, Sis. Debra Ellis & family, Bro. Croom & family, Sis. Kenya & Kristopher Strickland, Sis. Davis, the Brantfords, J. W. Kinds, Sis. Wyatt and Sis. Whitney Taylor

Sis. Wyatt was re-admitted to the hospital last week. She is in need of much prayers.

The Palanca family, the Websters former neighbors, lost their father suddenly on Christmas night. They had lost their mom in May of 2020. They need lots of support.

Please continue to pray for and encourage our newest members Bro. Croom Sis. Reba & Michelle Metevia. and Sisters Tillman and McLaurin.

SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES Children's Bible Class taught by Sis. Whitney Taylor

(lower level).

Young Adult Class taught by Bro. Taylor. (upper level) Adult Bible Class - main auditorium

Please send any announcement to be made or included in the bulletin to Sis. Ruthie Gamble.

> THIS WEEK: **BIRTHDAYS BRO. MICKLES** SAT. JAN. 8TH SIS. SIMPSON MON. JAN 9TH

> > ANNIVERSARIES - NONE



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

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#### Last Week's Record

Sunday AM Worship & Zoom	83
Wednesday Bible Class (Zoom)	45
Last Sunday offering	\$2681.93
Weekly Budget	\$2625.00