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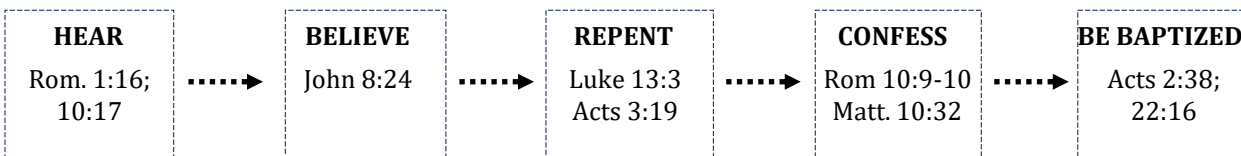
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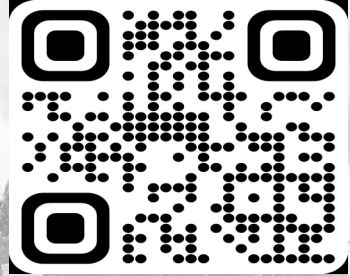
ORDER OF SERVICE

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

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WELCOME VISITING FRIENDS

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday

Children's Sunday School10 a.m.
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.

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 will 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 will 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.

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

CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

Scripturally Relevant Teaching

Culturally Relevant Teaching (CRT) is a hot topic in the world of education and politics. Those who are for it believe that it is necessary in the truth-telling of our history. Those who are against it believe that it is unpatriotic and teaches hate. Regardless of my perspective (if you know me you know where I stand) we must always seek the truth, despite how uncomfortable it may be. Scripturally Relevant Teaching calls us to do just that. In John 8:32, Jesus tells his disciples that if they continue in His word, they will know the truth and “the truth will make [them] free”. This still holds true today. We must seek and heed the words of Jesus and in doing so, we are seeking the truth. Jesus tells us to forgive our brother “seventy times seven” (Matthew 18:21-22) and shows us that our neighbor can be someone we identify with the least (Luke 10:25-37).

While the nation embraces homosexuality and dedicates an entire month to celebrating it, we as Christians must seek the truth, the words and life of Jesus. This is Scripturally Relevant Teaching. Let me begin by saying that the Bible clearly speaks against homosexuality (Romans 1:27). It is clear that God does not approve of homosexuality, or alternative lifestyles as they were once called. But how should the Christian interact with homosexuals? What is our attitude towards them?

This truth is hard for many to accept. But our Scripturally Relevant Teaching must stand against what is comfortable, or soothing to our itching ears.

The world will tell us to hate the sinner along with the sin. The world tells us to show no compassion, and treat them as the chiefest of sinners. But if we engage in Scripturally Relevant Teaching, we will study that Jesus loved everyone while also calling them to repent. Paul, who referred to himself as the chief of sinners (1 Timothy 1:15) was shown mercy by Jesus, and was even welcomed into the apostleship (Romans 1:1). The woman caught in the act of adultery was shown compassion by Jesus, yet He urged her to sin no more (John 8:11). And how could we overlook our own sins and how Jesus showed great love by dying for them. Though He does not condone our sins, He died for us all, including homosexuals.

This truth is hard for many to accept. But our Scripturally Relevant Teaching must stand against what is comfortable, or soothing to our itching ears. Indeed, we are against the sin of homosexuality. Indeed, we are called to do good to all men (Galatians 6:10) and show our discipleship through our love (John 13:35). Indeed, it is possible to do both. We should not celebrate the sin, yet we should pray for and have compassion on the sinner.

Written by: Eddie Taylor, Jr.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REMINDERS:

~Please silence your *cell phones*. 

~No *eating* in the auditorium.

New guests, please be sure to complete a Welcome Card.

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

Prayer request cards are located in the foyer.

There is a *suggestion box* in the foyer.

Contributions can be made electronically via **Zelle** using the church’s email - westhammondcc@gmail.com or phone number **219-554-3458**. PayPal using the link [@SouthlandA](#) and by CashApp using the link [\\$slacoc](#).

Please send any *requests* and *announcements* to be made or to be included in the bulletin to Sis. Ruthie Gamble at 708-336-3120.

Bro. EJ Taylor would like to have a *parent meeting* today, immediately following worship service.

As we update our *Members Directory*, we ask that new members and those who are missing photos on our church website to please stay briefly after worship to have your picture taken.

The *Ladies’ and Men’s Ministries* meet every other Thursday. The next meeting is scheduled for June 29th at 6:30p.m.

Annual Ladies Lectureship Retreat

The 37th Annual Retreat will take place next year, March 28-31, 2024 in Orlando, Florida.

The theme is *Christian Women: A Steadfast Extraordinary Journey*. Registration is now open.

Website: www.ladieslectureshipretreat.org

FOR PRAYERS

Sis. Lennon will undergo a medical procedure on Tuesday, 6/27 for a brain tumor. Taylor Lockhart, cousin of the Cunningham/Gamble families, who was diagnosed with cancer.

Bro. Paul Woodard, the brother of Sis. Woodard. Sis. Andria Mendenhall, Sis. Williams, Sis. Chambers, Sis. Glenda Carter also her friends

Gloria & Mitch Harrington, Bro. Croom, Sis. Bria Gamble and Brooke, Sis. Cossom, Bro & Sis. Strickland, Sis. Davis, Bro. & Sis. Taylor and the Neal family.

FOR ENCOURAGEMENT

Please continue to pray for and encourage our new members Sis. Chambers, Bro. Andre Mendenhall, Sis. Tene Mendenhall, Sis. Blanche Mendenhall, Sis. Ricks, Sis. Ammer, Bro. Strickland, 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 - taught by Bro. Webster (main auditorium)

We need volunteers for *Sunday School teachers* for kids. Please see Bro. Webster for more information if you are interested.

 **BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK** 
SIS. WOODARD SAT. 7/1

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK-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. WebsterReal Estate Agent
Sis. Debra WoodardFinancial Advisor
GamblesProperty Preservation & Custom Wood Work Décor/Signs (Home/Business)

Last Week’s Record

Sunday AM Worship & Zoom	94
Wednesday Bible Class (Zoom)	49
Last Sunday offering	\$ 2992.03
Weekly Budget	\$2,625.00