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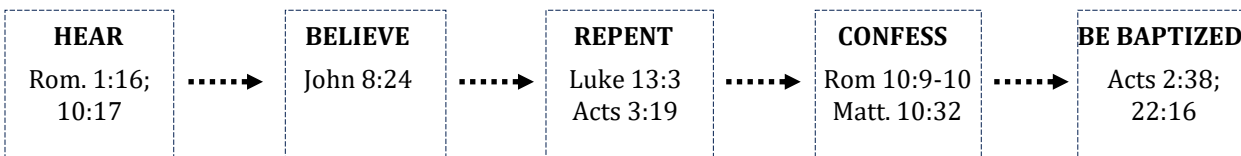
Sermon Notes



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?



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 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.

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.

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

CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

Different Together in Christ

I remember reading about a business analyst who had studied over 100 insurance salesmen to see what components contributed to their success. To my surprise, being a persuasive speaker or a good salesperson wasn't really the key factor! The results of the analyst's study actually showed that customers were more likely to buy insurance from salesmen with the same political leanings, beliefs, educational background, and even height as them. Scholars refer to this as homophily: the tendency to prefer or associate with people who share one's defining characteristics, as age, gender, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, personal beliefs, etc.

While homophily is natural and definitely understandable, it can be destructive if left unchecked. When we only prefer "our kind" of people, community can fracture along racial, political, and economic lines.

During Jesus's time in the First Century, Jews stuck with Jews, Greeks with Greeks, and rich and poor were never caught mingling. And Yet, in Romans 16:1-16, Paul describe the Lord's church in Rome to be comprised of Priscilla and Aquila (Jewish), Epenetus (Greek), Phoebe (a "benefactor of many," meaning she was probably wealthy), and Philologus (a name which was common among slaves). Who had brought such different people together? Christ Jesus – in whose kingdom there is "...neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free..." (Galatians 3:28).


So yes, it's natural to want to work, play, live and assemble with people like yourself, but our King, along with the love, unity, and impartiality He shows us, pushes us beyond what comes naturally. In a world fracturing along various lines, He's making us a people who are different together – united in Him as one big family.

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-Bro. Edward Davis

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 - westhammondccoc@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* after worship on June 25th. Please plan to attend.

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. Williams had a medical procedure last week. Sis. Pamela Lennon as she undergoes treatment for a brain tumor. Sis. Chambers, Sis. Glenda Carter also her friends Gloria & Mitch Harrington who are in ICU. Bro. Croom, Sis. Bria and Brooke Gamble, 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. Armmer, 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. COSSOM		TODAY, 6/18
BRO. CONNOR		TODAY, 6/18
SIS. JANECE CARTER		FRI. 6/23
*PAIGE RICHARDSON		SAT. 6/24
SIS. CLAUDIA CHAMBERS		SAT. 6/24

* DENOTES NOT A MEMBER

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	108
Wednesday Bible Class (Zoom)	36
Last Sunday offering	\$4,120.62
Weekly Budget	\$2,625.00