## **Sermon Notes**

Text: Topic:



#### **ORDER OF SERVICE**

 $Song \sim Announcements \sim Song \sim Opening \ Prayer \sim Song \sim Scripture \ Reading \sim Song \sim Sormon \sim Song \sim Lord's \ Supper \sim Offering \sim Song \sim Closing \ Prayer$ 

## 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



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# **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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# Schedule of Services Sunday

Children's Sunday School ....10 a.m. Young Christians' Class .......10 a.m. Sun. Adult Bible Class......10 a.m. Worship Service .......11 a.m.

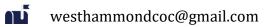
## Wednesday

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 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.

## **CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH**

## "If you knew..."!

**3**omeone once said, "If you thought education was expensive, then try ignorance!"

There are many things that we could have done better at had it not been for our ignorance. Sometimes when we fail to act, the consequences can be dreadful. For example, students sometimes will say that they could have passed an exam if they knew what they were going to be tested on.

In His encounter with the woman at the well in John 4, Jesus said to her in v. 10, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water." The point He was making is that if she knew that He was the Son of God and the He was offering her "living water" which is eternal life, then she would be the one to ask Him for this "water."

If you knew what other people were thinking, you would be more understanding and compassionate.

- o You would be more likely to forgive them for their mistakes.
- You would be more likely to help them when they're in need.
- o You would be more likely to build relationships with them.

If you knew what other people were feeling, you would be more empathetic and supportive.

- o You would be more likely to listen to them when they're struggling.
- o You would be more likely to offer them comfort and encouragement.
- o You would be more likely to be there for them when they need you.

If you knew what other people were going through, you would be more grateful for your own life.

- o You would realize that you're not alone in your struggles.
- o You would realize that you're stronger than you think you are.

You would realize that you have people who love and support you.

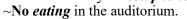
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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **REMINDERS**:

~Please silence your *cell phones*.





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

Returning guest please print your name in the Taylor (lower level). Returning Guest Log in the foyer.

A Suggestion Box and Prayer Request cards are level) located in the foyer.

Contributions can be made electronically via Zelle We need volunteers for Sunday School teachers (recommended) using the church's email- for kids. Please see Bro. Webster for more westhammondcoc@gmail.com.

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

Please take a look at the sign-up sheet in the foyer and sign up to bring food for the upcoming picnic on Saturday, August 5th.

The Men's Class meet every other Thursday. The next meeting is scheduled for July 13th at 6:30p.m.

The Ladies' Class has been put on hold until further notice.

## 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 is recuperating from surgery. Sisters Brantford & Simmons were re-admitted on the weekend. Sis. Cossom continues to undergo treatment for cancer. Sis. Glenda Carter and her friends Gloria & Mitch Harrington.

## 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.

Children's Bible Class taught by Sis. Whitney

Young Adult Class taught by Bro. Taylor. (upper

Adult Bible Class - taught by Bro. Webster (main auditorium)

information if you are interested.



## **BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**



BRO. CARTER	TUE7/11
BRO. WEBSTER	SAT7/15
SIS. WEBSTER	SAT7/15
SIS. DORIS DAVIS	SAT7/15

THERE WILL BE A BIRTHDAY RECEPTION FOR BRO. & SIS. WEBSTER AFTER THE CLOSE OF WORSHIP SERVICE NEXT WEEK SUNDAY.

#### NO 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. Webster ......Real Estate Agent Sis. Debra Woodard .......Financial Advisor Gambles ......Property Preservation & Custom Wood Work Décor/Signs (Home/Business)

### Last Week's Record

Weekly Budget	\$2,625.00
Last Sunday offering	\$2521.75
Wednesday Bible Class (Zoom)	49
Sunday AM Worship & Zoom	75