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Sermon Notes




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.

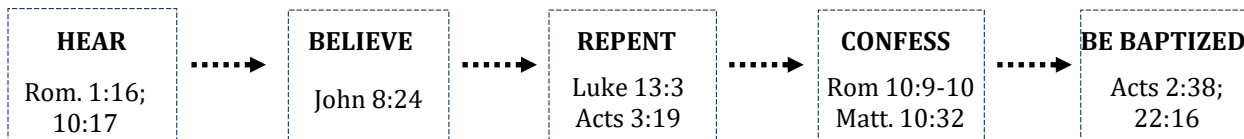
Wednesday

Bible Study (on Zoom)...7:00 p.m.

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

The Power of Compassion

One of the virtues that lie at the heart of our faith is compassion, especially because it has the power to transform not just our lives, but those around us. The word, *compassion*, as used in the Bible carries the idea having "a deep awareness of, and sympathy for another's suffering." It is the ability to share and understand the feelings of another person. In fact, we could not be in relationship with the God who is holy, unless His compassion was at the center.

It was a key element of the 3 ½ years ministry of Jesus. In Matthew 9:36, we read that Jesus "was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered like sheep having no shepherd." This passage underscores the importance of reaching out to those in need, just as Jesus did, to provide comfort and support. It is no wonder that people were drawn to Him!

Christ showed us that it is not merely a feeling; it is an action. It is extending a helping hand to a neighbor in need, offering a listening ear to a friend in distress, and showing kindness to a stranger. In Luke 10:37, Jesus tells us to "Go and do likewise" after sharing the parable of the Good Samaritan. This serves as a powerful reminder that compassion is not passive, but rather a call to tangible, transformative acts of love and kindness.

If we allow our own selfish desires and ambitions to take root in our lives, compassion will be difficult if not impossible to cultivate. Consequently, we will be quick to criticize and condemn each other. We will be apathetic to the needs of others and just look out for ourselves only, making us no different from the Jewish leaders in the time of Jesus.

In our congregation, let us make a conscious effort to demonstrate compassion in our interactions, both within our church family and beyond. Let us seek out opportunities to serve, to uplift, and to inspire through our acts of kindness (Eph. 4:31; 1 Pet. 3:18). Together, we can create a ripple effect of compassion that touches the lives of those around us and gives glory to our Heavenly Father. May we be vessels of God's compassion, bringing hope to the brokenhearted, healing to the wounded, and love to the lonely. Let us be known for our compassion, a living testament to the transformative power of Christ's love within us.

~ Bro R. Webster

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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.

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

Contributions can be made electronically via **Zelle (recommended)** using the church's email-westhammondcc@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.

The *Men's Class* meet every other Thursday. The next meeting is scheduled Aug. 23rd 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

Ladies, plan to attend. See Sis. Webster for more information.

CONDOLENCES

Sis. Latanya Lewis lost her mother, Bessie Lewis, August 5th. She was laid to rest in a funeral service in Ohio August 10th.

FOR PRAYERS

Zuri McLaurin, the granddaughter of the Davis', Sis. Goldman, Sis. Debra Ellis, Sisters Lennon & Simmons are recuperating from surgery. Sis. Brantford, Sis. Cossom continues to undergo treatment for cancer. Sis. Glenda Carter and her friends Gloria & Mitch Harrington. Sis Whitney Taylor who will undergo a medical procedure this week.

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



Bro. Lightfoot
*Brooke Gamble
Michelle Metevia

Sun., Aug. 13th
Tues., Aug. 15th
Thurs., Aug. 17th

*Denotes not a member

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

Last Week's Record

Sunday AM Worship & Zoom	79
Wednesday Bible Class (Zoom)	53
Last Sunday offering	\$2,170.00
Weekly Budget	\$3,282.00