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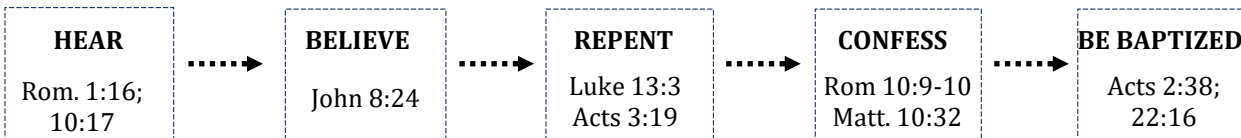
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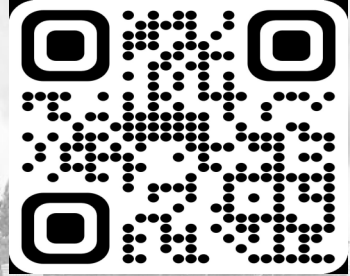
**ORDER OF SERVICE**

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**

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 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***

# CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

## The Destination Depends on the Journey!

In our fast-paced world, we often find ourselves fixated on reaching our destinations swiftly and efficiently. However, we run the risk of missing the fact that the journey is just as important as the destination. This is more evident as we travel toward our ultimate destination---Heaven.

As each of us embarks upon this spiritual journey, it is crucial to recognize that the road to our destination is not merely a means to an end, but one that is designed to mold us. Just as a seed must endure the good and bad weather before blossoming into a vibrant flower, our journey, through life's challenges and blessings, shapes us into vessels of growth, compassion, and understanding. Every step we take, every hurdle we overcome, and every detour we encounter makes us better for the journey. It is in the middle of our trials that we develop determination, and in moments of joy that we learn to be thankful. These are the experiences that show how essential our faith in God is and His care for us.

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Our destination may be the culmination of our efforts, but it is through the journey that we truly live, learn, and grow. So, the next time we think of songs like “*When We All Get to Heaven*” or “*How Beautiful Heaven Must Be*” let us not forget the relevance of “*Each Day I’ll Do A Golden Deed*” or “*As I travel through this pilgrim land there is a friend who walks with me...*” (*Jesus Hold My Hand*). Let us learn to appreciate the beauty of each day, to find meaning in the ordinary, and to be mentally prepared for the unexpected. As Moses prayed, “*Lord, teach us to number our days that we may gain a heart of wisdom*” (Psa. 90:12). While Paul talked about his eagerness for Heaven, he reminded us that getting there involved fighting the good fight, finishing the course, and keeping the faith (2 Tim. 4:7-8).

My brothers and sisters, let us embrace this important truth that our destination is the result of the steps we take and the experiences we gather along the way. Therefore, let us embrace the challenges with courage, cherish the joys with gratitude, and trust that God will providentially help us to navigate this very challenging world. Let us walk this path of faith together, knowing that every step draws us closer to the destination that our hearts eagerly seek.

~ Bro. R. Webster

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## REMINDERS:

- ~Please silence your *cell phones*. 
- ~No *eating* in the auditorium.

*New guests* please 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](mailto: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](http://www.ladieslectureshipretreat.org)

Ladies do not wait until the last minute to register. Fees go up incrementally as the months go by. For group information See Sis. Webster.

## LADIES’ DAY

East Glen Park Church of Christ  
505 E 45th, Gary, IN.  
**Sat. Sept. 16 @ 9:00 am**  
Theme: **Order My Steps**

## HOMELESS MISSION

We are accepting canned goods, household items, toiletries, men, women and children clothing. Put donations inside the room labeled “**Intake Donation Room**” downstairs.

## FOR PRAYERS

Zuri McLaurin, the granddaughter of the Davis’, Sis. Goldman, Sis. Debra Ellis, Sis. Lennon, Sis. Simmons, Sis. Brantford, Sis. Cossom. Sis. Glenda Carter and her friends Gloria & Mitch Harrington. Sis Whitney Taylor who had a successful surgical procedure last week.

## FOR ENCOURAGEMENT

Please continue to pray for and encourage our newest members of the congregation.

## 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

- \*Lanz Cossom, Jr. Tues., 8/22
- Sis. Brantford Thurs., 8/24
- Bro. Hardy Sat., 8/26

\*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. Webster** .....Real Estate Agent
- Sis. Debra Woodard** .....Financial Advisor
- Gambles** .....Property Preservation & Custom Wood Work Décor/Signs (Home/Business)

## Last Week’s Record

Sunday AM Worship & Zoom	86
Wednesday Bible Class (Zoom)	48
Last Sunday offering	\$2,597.51
<b>Weekly Budget</b>	<b>\$3,282.00</b>