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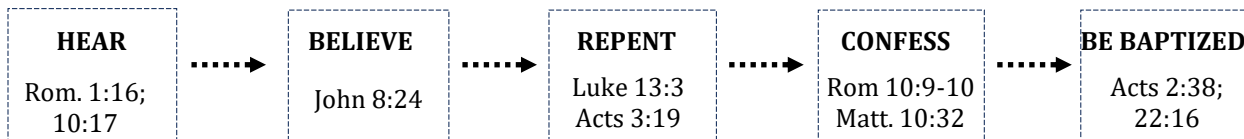
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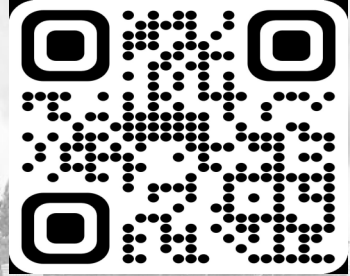
ORDER OF SERVICE

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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

Blissless Ignorance

Looking at the state of the world and our communities, we can't help but become saddened and enraged. With all the senseless killings and the endless robberies in our communities we feel that there is no hope. We ask ourselves, "how could someone do something like that?" or "how can someone be so evil?". As we strive to make sense of it all, we begin to question God's infinite wisdom. We wonder if God even cares.

Be reminded that God loves the world so much that He gave His Son (John 3:16) and that His wisdom far exceeds our senses (Isaiah 55:9). The error, therefore, lies in the ignorance of man. In Jeremiah 4:22 we see Jeremiah, like us, mourn the state of his people. He acknowledges that their evil doing and foolishness is a direct result of their ignorance of God. Jeremiah records, "They are wise to do evil, But to do good they have no knowledge" (NKJV). Not only are these people ignorant of God, they are also ignorant of how to do good. The phrase "ignorance is bliss" couldn't be further from the truth.

While this scripture refers to the children of Israel, there is a correlation to our communities. We are living among people who are ignorant of God and ignorant of good. This ignorance leads to the evil and foolishness that we encounter, whether face to face or digitally. This ignorance, however, cannot be excused. While God once overlooked it, he now requires everyone to turn from ignorance and know Him (Acts 17:30; 2 Peter 3:9; 1 Timothy 2:4). Let us continue to have faith in the wisdom of our God. Let us continue to be a light in this dark world, not growing weary in doing good (Galatians 6:9).

~ Eddie Taylor, Jr.

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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.

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 Sept. 7th 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 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

Gavin Wagner a friend of Sis. Bell, Sis. Blanche Mendenhall, Bro. Paul Woodard, Vanessa Johnson, sister of Bro. Carter, Sis. Hardy, Bro. Oddman, Sis. Chambers & family, Zuri McLaurin, the granddaughter of the Davis', Sis. Goldman, Sis. Debra Ellis and her granddaughter, Jade Neals, Sis. Brantford, Sis. Cossom and Sis Whitney Taylor.

FOR ENCOURAGEMENT

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

TRAVELING

Please keep The Bells, Sis. Cunningham, Bro. Kinds and Sis. Ladonna Carter in prayer as they are traveling.

CONDOLENCES

Sis. Doris Davis' family mourns the death of her nephew, Austin McAllister, who was laid to rest yesterday. Please keep the McAllister and Davis families in your prayers.

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. Conner



Thurs. 8/31

NO ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Last Week's Record

Sunday AM Worship & Zoom	85
Wednesday Bible Class (Zoom)	51
Last Sunday offering	\$4,385.00
Weekly Budget	\$3,282.00