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**Sermon Notes**





*"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.

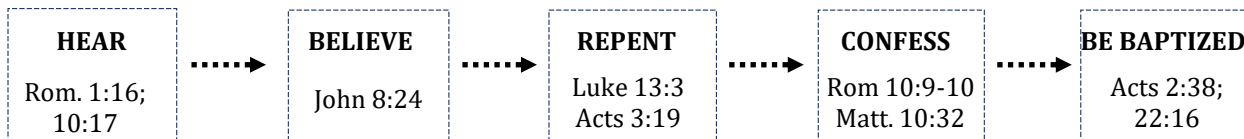
**Wednesday**

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

**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

## When the Rubber Meets the Road

The phrase "when the rubber meets the road" means the moment when our words and actions are put to the test. It is the moment when we must "put our money where our mouth is." In the context of our faith, "when the rubber meets the road" is the moment when we must decide if we are truly committed to following Jesus. It is the moment when we must choose between our own desires and God's will.

It is not always easy to put our faith into action. There will be times when we are tempted to take the easy way out. There will be times when we are afraid of what others will think. But if we are truly committed to following Jesus, we'll have to make the hard choices. When we are faced with difficult decisions, we must choose to do what is right, even if it is not easy.

When we see someone in need, we should reach out to help, even if it means sacrificing our own time or resources. When we are tempted to gossip or spread rumors, we should choose to speak words of kindness and compassion. When we are struggling with our faith, we should turn to God for guidance and strength (2 Tim. 4:16-17).

Putting our faith into action is not always easy, but it is the only way to truly live a life of faith (James 2:26). It is not about being perfect. We are all going to make mistakes. But if we are truly committed to following Jesus, we'll keep trying to do the right thing, even when we fail. It is about consistency. We cannot just put our faith into action occasionally. We must make a daily choice to follow Jesus (Matt. 16:24). It is about being willing to step outside of our comfort zone. If we want to make a difference in the world, we must be willing to do things that are outside of our comfort zone. Putting our faith into action is a journey, not a destination, but it is a journey that's worth taking. So do not be afraid to start today.

- Bro. 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 \(recommended\)](mailto:westhammondcc@gmail.com) 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 for Aug. 9th 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, plan to attend. See Sis. Webster for more information.

## VISITING TODAY

Bro. Donald King, Sis. Webster's bother who lives in Massachusetts & Sis. Patricia Tomlinson, family friend of the Websters who lives in Alabama.

## FOR PRAYERS

Sis. Goldman, Sis. Debra Ellis, Sisters Lennon & Simmons are recuperating from surgery. Sis. Brantford who is now in a skilled nursing facility, 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.

## 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.

## NO BIRTHDAYS OR ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

**We are so thankful for everyone who was able to join us yesterday. We are grateful to everyone who worked so hard to make our annual church picnic a success. It is always a blessing when God allows us opportunities to fellowship with one another.**

## Last Week's Record

Sunday AM Worship & Zoom	108
Wednesday Bible Class (Zoom)	58
Last Sunday offering	\$6,781.88
<b>Weekly Budget</b>	<b>\$3,282.00</b>