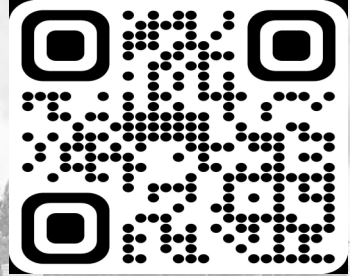


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THE MESSENGER



*"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.

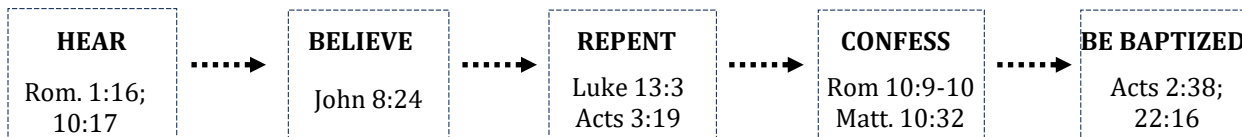
Wednesday

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

For the Glory of God!

In our Christian journey, we are often reminded that the central purpose that guides our lives as believers is to live for the glory of God. This simple, yet profound, calling summarizes the purpose of our existence as Christians. It is a mission that transcends the boundaries of time and place, uniting us as one body in Christ, each of us striving to bring honor and glory to our Father.

The Bible, God's inspired word, serves as the foundation of our faith. It reveals God's character, His love for us, and His divine plan for all of humanity. From the very beginning, God's desire has been for His glory to be made known throughout the world. In Isaiah 43:7, we read, "Everyone who is called by my name, whom I have created for my glory; I have formed him, yes, I have made him." Our existence is divinely tied to the adoration of our Heavenly Father.

Through our unselfish deeds, we have the privilege of revealing God's glory to a hurting world.

Worship is a natural response to God's glory. When we gather as a body, lifting our voices in praise, we are declaring the greatness of God and magnifying His glory. Psalm 86:9 beautifully states, "All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name." Coming together to worship not only deepens our relationship with God but also serves as a beacon of His glory to those around us.

However, living for the glory of God extends beyond the church walls. It encompasses how we interact with the world. Our acts of service, kindness, and compassion are tangible expressions of God's love and grace. In Matthew 5:16, Jesus encourages us, "Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." Through our unselfish deeds, we have the privilege of revealing God's glory to a hurting world.

So, as you can see, the call to live for the glory of God is a sacred and unifying mission for all Christians. It saturates every aspect of our lives, from our worship together to our service in the world. As we draw closer to God and reflect His character, we become vessels through which His glory shines. May we embrace this divine purpose with joy and dedication, and never forget that whatever we do in word or deed it must be for the glory of God!

Bro. 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. All are welcomed.

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** will now meet **every** Thursday at 6:30p.m throughout the fall season .

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.

CONGRATULATIONS

Heartfelt wishes to Keith McKnight & Sis. Glenda Carter on their wedding this past Sunday in a beautiful ceremony in Highland, IN.



HOMELESS MISSION

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

FOR PRAYERS

Kristopher Anderson, as well as Vanessa Grier & Christopher McKnight, grandson and friends respectively of Sis. Carter-McKnight. The Davis & McAllister families, Gavin Wagner a friend of Sis. Bell, Sis. Blanche Mendenhall, Bro. Paul Woodard, Sis. Hardy, Bro. Oddman, Sis. Chambers & family, Zuri McLaurin, the granddaughter of the Davises, Sis. Goldman, Sis. Brantford, Sis. Cossom and Sis Whitney Taylor.

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.

SKILLS BANK

Remember to submit your information to be added to the skills bank and be diligent to do your verification for relevant licensing.

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NO BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK
NO ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Last Week's Record

Sunday AM Worship & Zoom	96
Wednesday Bible Class (Zoom)	45
Last Sunday's offering	\$5,788.12
Weekly Budget	\$3,282.00