

Text:
Topic:

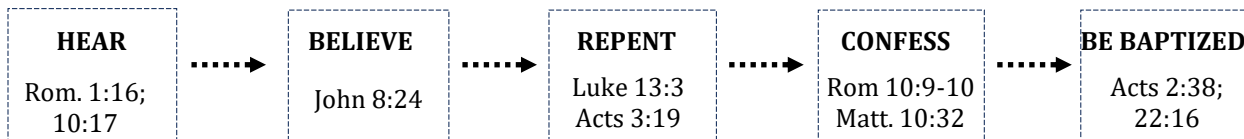
Sermon Notes



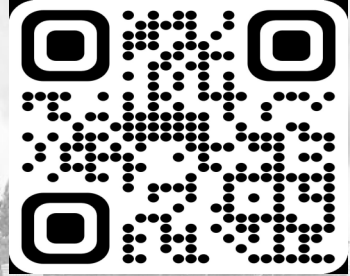
ORDER OF SERVICE

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***

Volume 9 **September 10, 2023** **Issue 2**

Minister: Robert Webster
(708) 752-5589
(robster67@gmail.com)

www.westhammondcoc.com

westhammondcoc@gmail.com

1138 173rd St., Hammond IN 46324

Secretary: Sis. Ruthie Gamble
(708)336-3120 *(request/announcements)*
(708)743-5439
(whcocsecretary@gmail.com)

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

Anchoring Our Faith in Uncertain Times

In a world that seems to be constantly shifting, where change is the only constant, how can we find stability and assurance for our faith? The answer lies in being "steadfast and sure" in our commitment to Christ.

What does it mean to be steadfast? It means standing firm in our faith no matter the circumstances. It is easy to be enthusiastic when everything is going well, but true steadfastness is demonstrated when we face challenges. For a congregation like the Corinthian church that was rocked by several issues, Paul would have seen a great need to remind them in 1 Cor. 15:58, to "...be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain." Our faith is anchored in the unchanging love and promises of God.

...true steadfastness is demonstrated when we face challenges.

But not only must we be steadfast, but we must be sure. We must know where we are going before we go full speed ahead! Peter challenged his readers to 2 Pet. 1:10 to "...be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things, you will never stumble."

Being sure means having confidence in the hope we have in Christ. Hebrews 6:19 tells us, "We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure." This hope is not wishful thinking; it's a confident assurance that God's promises will be fulfilled. As Christians, we can be sure that our salvation is secure, and that God will guide us through the storms of life.


So, how do we put this into action? We can start by maintaining a consistent prayer life in seeking God's guidance and strength daily. Regularly engage with the scriptures to deepen our understanding of God's promises. Lean on the support of our church family for encouragement and accountability. Be active in serving others and sharing the hope that we have in Christ.

In a world full of uncertainties, let our congregation be known for its steadfast faith and unwavering hope. Together, we can anchor ourselves in Christ and be a source of light and strength for those around us. As we journey through life, let us remember these words from Psalm 62:6, "He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken." May we be steadfast and sure in our faith in Christ in an ever-changing world.

~ 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.

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

Vanessa Grier & Christopher McKnight, friends of Sis. Glenda. Brooke Gamble, the Davis & McAllister families, 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 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.

MEETING

Members, please stay behind for a brief meeting after the close of worship.

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. Serena Webster

Thurs. 9/7

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Bro. & Sis. Goldman

#57

Bro. & Sis. Davis



#53

Last Week's Record

Sunday AM Worship & Zoom	70
Wednesday Bible Class (Zoom)	45
Last Sunday offering	\$3,017.00
Weekly Budget	\$3,282.00