

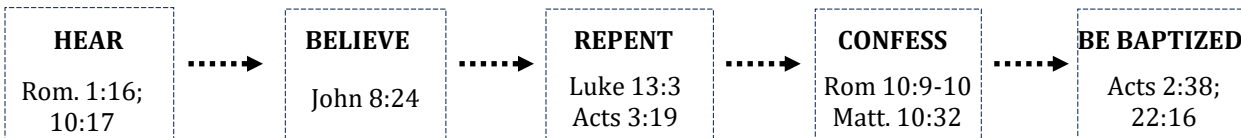
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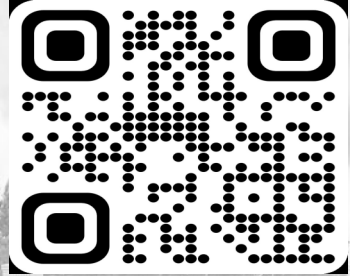


**ORDER OF SERVICE**  
Song ~ Announcements ~ Song ~ Opening Prayer ~ Song ~ Scripture Reading ~ Song ~ Sermon ~ Song ~  
Lord's Supper ~ Offering ~ Song ~ Closing Prayer

**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**

**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.

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.

*I rejoiced with those who said to me,  
"Let us go to the house of the LORD."  
**Psalm 122:1***

# CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

## We Need Each Other

In today's fast-paced and individualistic world, it is easy to forget the importance of the Christ-designed church. He established it so that may we come together as a family, supporting, and uplifting one another. Let's briefly look at the significance of togetherness in the church and why we need each other to grow spiritually and navigate life's challenges.

Life is filled with ups and downs, and during difficult times, having a supportive group of people is invaluable (Gal. 6:1-2). In the church, we find people who genuinely care about our well-being.

When we face challenges, whether it be illness, loss, or emotional struggles, our church family is there to provide comfort, prayers, and practical assistance. By leaning on one another, we can find strength and encouragement to persevere.

It is designed to help us stay accountable in our walk with God. We need each other to challenge and inspire us to grow spiritually. When we gather for worship, study, and fellowship, we gain new perspectives, learn from one another's experiences, and receive guidance from those who have walked the path of faith longer. It becomes a source of wisdom, correction, and encouragement, fostering spiritual growth in each member.

Humans are wired for connection, and the church provides a place for meaningful relationships (John 13:34-35). In a world that often feels disconnected and lonely, the church, our spiritual family, offers genuine friendships and a sense of belonging. We need each other to celebrate joys, share burdens, and experience the love and grace of God through interpersonal relationships. Together, we find comfort, acceptance, and a sense of purpose.

So, in the church, we do more than just tolerate each other. Through support, accountability, and fellowship, we find strength, growth, and a deeper connection with God. Let us value and nurture this beautiful, Christ-created environment that we have been blessed with.

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pardon our construction. The classrooms are undergoing a transformation.



away for several weeks attending to family matters in Kansas.

## REMINDERS:

~Please silence your *cell phones*.  
~*No eating nor drinking* inside auditorium.



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*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-[westhammondcoc@gmail.com](mailto:westhammondcoc@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.

We had a great turnout for the *Service, Food & Fun* event for the children. We are blessed to have such wonderful children assist with this event. Thank you to all who helped make the event a great success.

The *Men's Class* will now meet **every** Thursday at 6:30 p.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, please do not wait until the last minute to register. Fees go up incrementally as the months go by. For group information see Sis. Webster.

## HOMELESS MISSION

If you wish to support the mission, **checks** can be made to the WHCOC.

**Electronic** payments can be sent via **Zelle (recommended)** using the church's email-[westhammondcoc@gmail.com](mailto:westhammondcoc@gmail.com). Please reference, **mission** on your payment detail.

## TRAVELING

Prayers for Sis. Mickles who will be traveling for two weeks. Also for Sis. Dana Davis who will be

## FOR PRAYERS:

Kylie Anderson, granddaughter of the McKnights, The Strickland family, Tasha Coates, a family friend of Sis. Lennon, Sis. Roya Cossom & family, Bro. Simmons & family, Sis. Ellis, Bro. Craig Conner & family, the Davises, Sis. Blanche and Andriana Mendenhall, Bro. Paul Woodard, Greg Lewis, the cousin of Sis. Davis, Sis. Goldman, the Brantfords, Quince Dixon, Sis. Cunningham's sister, has been hospitalized with breathing and hypertension issues.

## SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES

**Children's Bible Class** taught by Sis. Carter (lower level).

**Young Adult Class** taught by Bro. Taylor. (upper level)

**Adult Bible Class** taught by Bro. Webster (main auditorium)

**Fortifying the Christian Class** taught by Bro. Ed. Davis (lower level)

## NO BIRTHDAYS OR 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	81
Wednesday Bible Class (Zoom)	37
Last Sunday's offering	\$3840.96
<b>Weekly Budget</b>	<b>\$4,069.13</b>