## **Sermon Notes**

Text: Topic:



#### **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?

HEAR	 BELIEVE	••••	REPENT	••••	CONFESS	····•	BE BAPTIZED
Rom. 1:16; 10:17	John 8:24		Luke 13:3 Acts 3:19		Rom 10:9-10 Matt. 10:32		Acts 2:38; 22:16



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# **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." I John 1:5

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# 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.

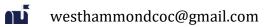
# Wednesday

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

I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD."

Psalm 122:1

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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.

# **CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH**

# FIRST. NOT SECOND

God and Christ must be first in our lives, and not second. Jesus says, "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you" (Matthew 6:33). Our number one priority in this short life must be to go to Heaven or otherwise we most likely will not go there. Jesus says, "No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God" (Luke 9:62). If one doesn't go to Heaven, there is only one other place and that is the eternal torments of Hell. "For what will it profit a men if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul" (Mark 8:36).

We cannot put other people and other things ahead of our service and worship to God and Christ and still be pleasing to Them. They will not accept second best. Jesus says, "He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me" (Matthew 10:37-38). Jesus says the only way we can be worthy of God and Him is, "And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength" (Mark 12:30). We are to "Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth" (Colossians 3:2).

God is only "a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him" (Hebrews 11:6), by putting Him first. Are we really putting God and Christ first in our lives? Judgment Day will be too late to find out if we haven't.

By: Ron Boatwright

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **REMINDERS**:

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

New guests please complete a Welcome Card. Returning guest please print your name in the Returning Guest Log in the fover.

**Contributions** can be made electronically via **Zelle** (recommended) using the church's emailwesthammondcoc@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

The Ladies' Class has been put on hold until further notice.

Anyone looking to have their bible restored, contact, Susan Reinsma (Rusticjournals on Ets-(708) 878-3002, Highland, IN

## **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
Fees go up incrementally as the months go by. For group information see Sis. Webster.

### **HOMELESS MISSION**

We will start bagging the homeless mission bags after service today. Next bagging event will take place on, Sunday, Nov. 26th after worship service. The actual distribution of the care packages will be on Sunday, December 3rd. We are in need of volunteers to drive their vehicles for the mission.

## **TRAVELING**

Sis. Carter and Sis. Mickles are both traveling. Sis. Dana Davis will be away for several weeks attending to family matters in Kansas.

### FOR CONDOLENCES:

Prayers for Bro. Mickles with the passing of his aunt.

#### **FOR PRAYERS:**

Bro. Arthur Davis is under the weather. Sis. Simpson & Family, The Strickland family, Tasha Coates, friend of Sis. Lennon, Sis. Roya Cossom & family, Bro. Simmons & family, Sis. Ellis, Bro. & Sis. Conner & family, the Davises, Sis. Blanche and Andriana Mendenhall, Bro. Paul Woodard, A **Suggestion Box** and **Prayer Request** cards are Greg Lewis, the cousin of Sis. Davis, Sis. located in the foyer. All are welcomed.

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#### SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES

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

Young Adult Class taught by Bro. Taylor. (upper

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

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

#### **NO BIRTHDAYS**

#### **NO 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 Wednesday Bible Class (Zoom) Last Sunday's offering Weekly Budget

\$3,280.15

\$4,069.13