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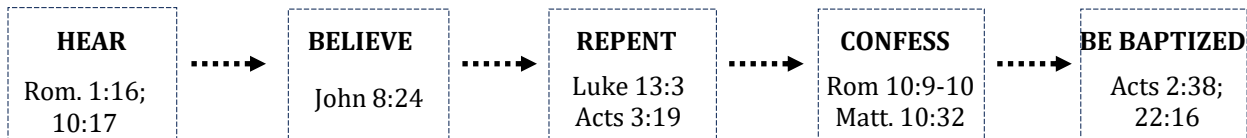
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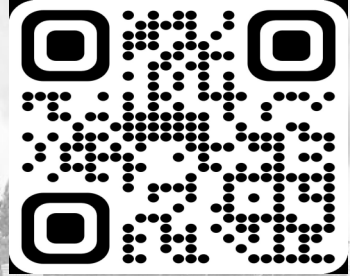
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WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?



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

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

Going To Heaven

Our number one priority in this life must be to go to Heaven. Nothing else is as important. Jesus says in Matthew 6:33, "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you." Our soul is the most precious thing we have. There is nothing that can equal its value. We read in Matthew 16:26, "For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? "One certainly does not profit in the tragic loss of his soul.

It is easy in today's materialistic society to get caught up in the pursuit of materialism if we are not careful. Our Lord says in Matthew 6:19-21, "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal. But lay up for yourselves treasures in Heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is there will your heart be also. "Our bank account needs to be in heaven.

Everyday we need to tell ourselves that the main thing in this life is to go to Heaven. We read in Colossians 3:2, "Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth." We should regularly think about going to Heaven.

Heaven is a prepared place (John 14:2-3) for a prepared people. It will be such a wonderful place, which is beyond our wildest dreams. Paul says in 1 Corinthians 2:9, "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him. "There is no way that Heaven can be described so we as mortal human beings can understand how wonderful it will be.

A person will not accidentally go to Heaven. Going to Heaven is a lifelong race as we read in Hebrews 12:1, "Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us".

Going to Heaven requires endurance, patience, and persistence.

We must finish the race!

Written By: Ron Boatwright

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Matthew 16:26

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 foyer for attendance.

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.

Please review the **website** for any updates. Please send any corrections to: Email: whcocsecretary@gmail.com or Text 708-336-3120.

If you would like a **year-end contribution statement**, please send an email request to whcocsecretary@gmail.com or text to 708-336-3120.

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

The theme is **Christian Women: A Steadfast Extraordinary Journey**. Registration is now open. Website: www.ladieslectureshipretreat.org

HOMELESS MISSION

You may continue to bring "gently" used clothing and bedding items throughout the year for the next mission.

FOR PRAYERS

Bro. Arthur Davis & family, the Thigpen family, Sis. Sims, Janell Thompson & the Carter family, Jeanie Duncan a dear friend of Sis. Lightfoot. The Ricks family, the Webster family, Sis. Simpson & family, the Strickland family, Sis. Roya Cossom &

family, Sis. Ellis, the Mendenhall, family, Bro. Paul Woodard, and the Brantfords.

FOR ENCOURAGEMENT

We welcome Sis. Cecilia Williams who has placed membership with us. Sis. Angelice Cunningham-Johnson and Antekia Ellis who were both recently baptized. Please continue to pray for and encourage our newest members.

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. Lightfoot (main auditorium)

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

BIRTHDAYS



SIS. PAMELA LENNON
*MYA RICHARDSON

TODAY, DEC. 31ST
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*DENOTES NOT A MEMBER



ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

#6- BRO. & SIS. CONNER TODAY, DEC. 31ST



Last Week's Record

Sunday AM Worship & Zoom	89
Wednesday Bible Class (Zoom)	31
Last Sunday's offering	\$4,179.32
Weekly Budget	\$4,069.13