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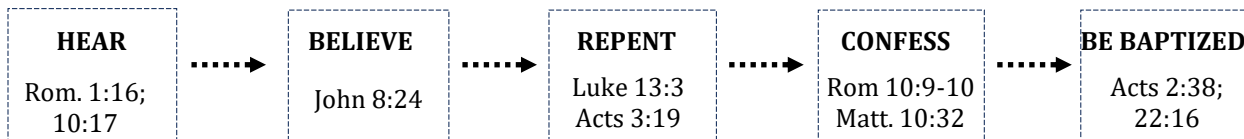
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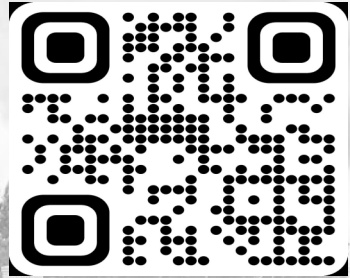
**ORDER OF SERVICE**

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**

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 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***

# CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

## Don't Let it All Out!

Conventional wisdom tells us that when we are upset or angry to “let it all out” and get it off our chest. But while reading in the Proverbs I came across this extraordinarily different idea:

“A fool vents all his feelings, But a wise man holds them back.” (Proverbs 29:11)

Could it be that in some cases it's better to keep my mouth shut rather than letting all my feelings be known? Many a harmful word has been spoken while fueled by strong emotions. Not every situation is the same, but we must use God-given wisdom to determine when to speak and when to keep quiet. Back in the 90's I had a college course on the introduction to the Internet. One thing I remember from the class was that you never send an email in anger but wait a day and see how you might respond differently to the situation that upset you. Good advice that holds true today.



I'm reminded of the trial of Jesus when He was accused by the chief priest and elders and “He answered nothing.” (Matt. 27:12). Jesus could have easily spoken a word and destroyed them all but rather “He held His peace” (Matt. 26:63). We should never hold things in and allow them to fester into a worse situation.

Rather we should take a breath and hold our response until after we had time to settle down. “So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath.” (James 1:19)

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# 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](mailto: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 6:30 p.m.

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

Do you want to have your **bible restored**? Contact Susan Reinsma. Rusticjournals on Etsy (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](http://www.ladieslectureshipretreat.org)

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

## HOMELESS MISSION

Volunteers are needed to drive their cars to distribute care packages next **Sunday, December 10th**, in the city of Chicago. Please see Sis. Gamble if you are able to assist.

## CONDOLENCES

Prayers for the Bell family on the passing of Bro. Bell's uncle. Eavell Lloyd, the nephew of Bro. Davis on the passing of his wife.

## FOR PRAYERS

Sis. McNeal, the mother of Sis. Young, the Ricks family, the Webster family, Sis. Brenda Gilbert, Bro. & Sis. Arthur Davis, Sis. Simpson & family,

the Strickland family, Sis. Roya Cossom & family, Bro. Simmons & family, Sis. Ellis, Bro. & Sis. Conner & family, Sis. Blanche and Andriana Mendenhall, Bro. Paul Woodard, Greg Lewis, the cousin of Sis. Davis, Sis. Goldman and the Brantfords.

## 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)

## BIRTHDAYS

SIS. LATANYA LEWIS

TODAY, DEC. 3RD

## 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	93
Wednesday Bible Class (Zoom)	36
Last Sunday's offering	\$4,634.52
<b>Weekly Budget</b>	<b>\$4,069.13</b>