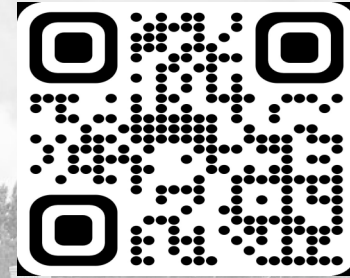


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THE MESSENGER



*"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.

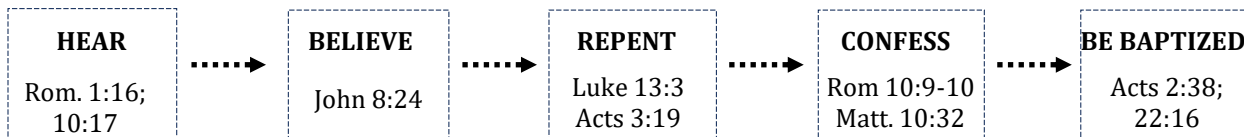
Wednesday

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

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?



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

CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

How Big is Your God?

The question “*How big is your God?*” is a thought-provoking one. It invites us to reflect on the nature of God and our relationship with Him. The Bible tells us that God is infinite, eternal, and unchanging. He is the Creator of the universe and everything in it. He is all-powerful, all-knowing, and ever-present. In fact, Paul, in acknowledging the power of God and our need for Him, says, “*He (God), gives to all, life, breath and all things*” (Acts 17:25).

Therefore, the question of “*How big is your God?*” is not about the physical size of God, but rather about the scope of His power and influence. It is a reminder that God is bigger than any problem we may face. He is bigger than our fears, our doubts, and our worries. He is bigger than any obstacle that may stand in our way. In response to Sarah scoffing at the idea of giving birth to a child in her old age, the question was asked rhetorically, “*Is there anything too hard for the Lord?*” (Gen. 18:14).

When we consider the “*size*” of our God, we can only echo the question asked by David “*What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You visit him?*” (Psa. 8:4). Again, David was quite on point when he said about God, “*For He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust*” Psa. 103:14. However, the truth is that God loves us and cares for us deeply. He knows us intimately and desires to have a personal relationship with each one of us. He is always with us, guiding us, and helping us to navigate the challenges of life (Rom. 8:31-39; Heb. 13:5).

So, the question of “*How big is your God?*” can only be answered sufficiently with “*How deep is your faith?*” Therefore, we are being challenged to trust in our all-powerful God. Prov. 3:5-6 “*Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.*” Let us be mindful that a lack of faith can make us use our own limitations to put similar limitations on the ability of God.

Bro. R. Webster

...“*How big is your God?*” can only be answered sufficiently with “*How deep is your faith?*”

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.

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.

Please **review** your information on **website** for accuracy. Send any **corrections** or **updates** to: whcocsecretary@gmail.com or Text 708-336-3120.

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

The **Men’s Class** meets **every** Thursday at 6:30 p.m.
The **Ladies’ Class** is scheduled to resume in the Spring. More information to follow.

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

CONDOLENCES

The funeral service of Willie Mabry, brother of sis. Young will be as follow:

Visitation- Wed, Jan. 24th WW Holt Funeral Home 5-8pm 175 W. 159th St., Harvey

Funeral- Thurs, Jan, 25th Harvey C.O.C 10am 15246 Marshfield, Harvey

Interment- Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery Elmwood, IL

Memorial Dinner- Salem Lutheran Church, 5pm 18324 Ashland, Homewood

FOR PRAYERS

Sis. Young & Mabry families, Quince Dixon, the sister of Sis Laurene Cunningham, Sis. Angelice Cunningham-Johnson, the Ricks family, Sis. Ellis, Bro. Paul Woodard, Sis. Brantford and Ms. Callahan, a friend of Sis. Webster.

FOR ENCOURAGEMENT

Continue to pray for and encourage our newest members. Sis. Paige Richardson, Sis. Cecilia Williams, Sis. Angelice Cunningham-Johnson and Antekia Ellis.

New members please see Sis. Gamble to have your **photos** taken for the church’s online directory.

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. NORMAN
J.W. KINDS

WED, JAN. 24TH
THURS, JAN. 25TH



NO ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Gospel Broadcasting Network is a brotherhood sponsored television station. Go to www.GBNTV.org.

PLEASE NOTE

Children are not allowed in the kitchen without adult supervision.

Last Week’s Record

Sunday AM Worship & Zoom	108
Wednesday Bible Class (Zoom)	52
Last Sunday’s offering	\$3,133.32
Weekly Budget	\$4,069.13