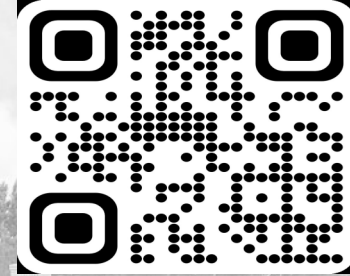


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THE MESSENGER



*"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.

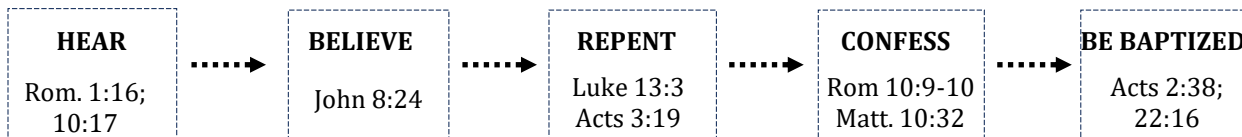
Wednesday

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

West Hammond Church of Christ Resolutions for 2024

The year 2024 is here! This is the time when we make (and break) our brand-new resolutions as individuals and reflect on how well we did and how we could have done better with those 365 days that God had given us. The Lord's church should not be overlooked in the discussion as it too, must look reflectively at its work in the last year with a commitment to do better this year. There are three main areas that our congregation must resolve to prioritize this year as it carries out the mission of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Evangelism: We have been entrusted by Christ with the greatest and most powerful news ever - the gospel (Mark 16:15-16). Paul says, "it is the power of God unto salvation..." Rom. 1:16, and that means it is able transform the lives of men to become "...the light of the world." (Matt. 5:14) So, we see Paul, the preacher, was formerly Saul, the persecutor. Peter, the denier, becoming Peter, the revered elder. The church, then, is comprised of people whose lives were messed up by the world only to be changed by the gospel. We must be bearers of the Good News because each of us knows where we are coming from! However, that won't happen unless we each commit and resolve to make it a 2024 priority.

Edification: We must resolve, as the church, to edify one another. To edify means to build up; to build up the body of Christ. Every Christian will get to that low point in his life. Thankfully, Paul tells in 1 Thess. 5:11 "Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing." Let us resolve this year to be more edifying for our brethren. As Paul was departing the Ephesian church that he had been with for three years, his parting words to the elders were "And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified (Acts 20:32, ESV).

Benevolence: Finally, we must resolve to be a benevolent church. To be benevolent means to do good and help each other regarding our physical needs. Again, Paul says, "As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith." Gal. 6:10. Let us continue to have our hearts attuned to the needs of those around us. It is quite easy to slack off in this very critical area of our church life, so let remember the words of the apostle who said, "And do not be weary in doing good, for in due season, we shall reap if we faint not." Gal. 6:9.

Bro. R. Webster

The Lord's church must focus on three critical areas in 2024 to fulfill our mission for Christ.

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 accuracy of member information. Please send any corrections to: 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.

The American Red Cross will be taking blood donations, Jan. 17th & 18th from 7a.m.-7p.m. Visit redcross.org for locations near you.

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, bedding and canned goods. No perishable items please.

FOR PRAYERS

Quince Dixon, the sister of Sis Laurene Cunningham, Sis. Angelice Cunningham-Johnson,

Sis. Andria Mendenhall & family, 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, Sis. Simpson & family, the Strickland family, Sis. Ellis, 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

BRO. MICKLES
SIS. SIMPSON

MON, JAN. 8TH
WED, JAN. 9TH



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. WebsterReal Estate Agent
Sis. Debra WoodardFinancial Advisor
GamblesProperty Preservation & Custom Wood Work Décor/Signs (Home/Business)

Last Week's Record

Sunday AM Worship & Zoom	73
Wednesday Bible Class (Zoom)	33
Last Sunday's offering	\$4,074.09
Weekly Budget	\$4,069.13