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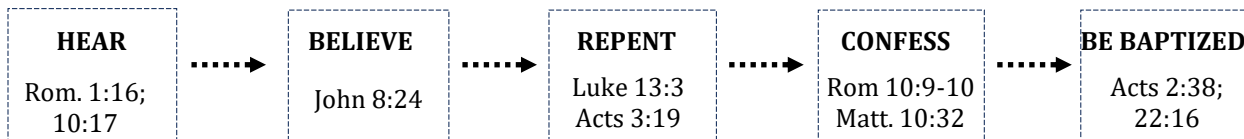
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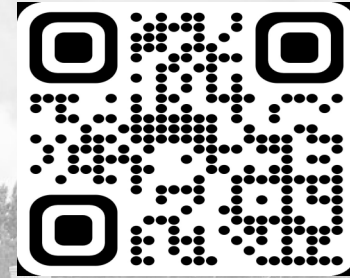
**ORDER OF SERVICE**

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

## Greatness Is Serving

In God's Kingdom, true greatness comes from serving. Jesus Himself exemplified this truth. He declared that the last shall be first, and those who choose to be servants in this brief life will be rewarded for all eternity. The essence of greatness lies not in self-promotion or power, but in selfless service.

What does it mean to serve? It means spending yourself—your time, talents, resources, and energy—for the good of others and the church. Jesus, the Son of Man, set the ultimate example. He didn't come to be served but to serve, even giving His life as a ransom for many. His love for humanity and His Father fueled His sacrificial service.

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Each Christian has received a gift/talent, unearned and by God's grace. We are, therefore, responsible to use it for the benefit of others and God's glory. Peter wrote, "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms" (1Pet. 4:10). However, he went on to tell them what their ultimate objective should be in the next verse, "...If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory and the power for ever and ever."

We must never forget that we are able to be of service because of who the source of our strength is. This is what Paul said in Phil. 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." This alone should humble us as we seek to serve not just some, but every single member in the body of Christ. It is truly a reflection of the modus operandi of our Master.

Greatness, therefore, is found in serving others, especially within the church. As we follow Jesus' example, **let us joyfully spend ourselves for the benefit of God's people, knowing that true greatness lies in selfless love and service.**

Bro. R. Webster

# 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-  
[whcocsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:whcocsecretary@gmail.com).

Please send any **requests** and **announcements** to be made or to be included in the bulletin to Sis. Ruthie Gamble at [whcocsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:whcocsecretary@gmail.com) or Text 708-336-3120.

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The **Men's Class** meets **every** Thursday at 6:30 p.m.  
The **Ladies' Class** is scheduled to resume the first Thursday in April, 2024.

## 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](http://www.ladieslectureshipretreat.org)

## HOSPITALIZED

Sis. Lightfoot suffered a stroke and is currently in ICU at the University of Chicago. Contact Bro. Lightfoot for visitation protocols.

## TRAVELING

Sis. Webster & Sis. Taylor left for Jamaica this past week.

## FOR PRAYERS

The Woodard family, the Gaddis family, the Young and Mabry families, the Bell family, Sis.

Lightfoot & family, Sis. Thigpen & Brown families. Stacye Forrest, the cousin of the Gamble/Cunningham families, Sis. Hardy's mother, Vladis Reynolds. Sis Debra Ellis, Quince Dixon, the sister of Sis Laurene Cunningham, has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Sis. Angelice Cunningham-Johnson, Sis. Simpson, Sis. Brantford and Ms. Callahan, a friend of Sis. Webster.

## FOR ENCOURAGEMENT

Please welcome Sis. Heather Mack who placed membership last Sunday.  
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

Bro. Gamble Wed. Feb. 14th  
Sis. Taylor Thurs. Feb. 15th  
Bro. Andre Mendenhall, Jr. Fri. Feb. 16th



## ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

#36-The Carters  Tues. Feb. 13th

## Last Week's Record

Sunday AM Worship & Zoom	84
Wednesday Bible Class (Zoom)	36
Last Sunday's offering	\$4,422.51
<b>Weekly Budget</b>	<b>\$4,069.13</b>