

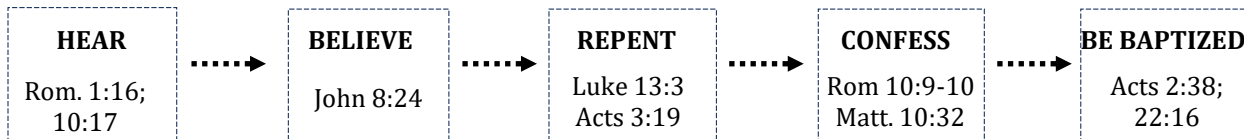
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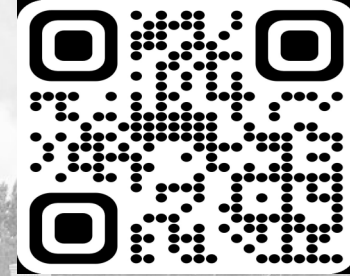


ORDER OF SERVICE
Song ~ Announcements ~ Song ~ Opening Prayer ~ Song ~ Scripture Reading ~ Song ~ Sermon ~ Song ~
Lord's Supper ~ Offering ~ Song ~ Closing Prayer

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

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday

- Children's Sunday School10 a.m.
Sis. Carter (lower level)
- Young Christians' Class10 a.m.
Bro. Taylor. (upper level)
- Sun. Adult Bible Class.....10 a.m.
Bro. Webster (main auditorium)
- Fortifying the Christian Class.. 10 a.m.
Bro. Ed. Davis (lower level)
- Worship Service 11a.m.

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.

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

CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

Claim it or Else!

As we look throughout history, we see instances where white lies are painted over Black history. We have, in previous articles, discussed how Black Americans were reading and writing before emancipation, which contrasts the narrative that literacy did not occur until “given permission” by white legislation (Bacon, 2007). Black students are told the stories (pronounced as *lies*) that claim that their history begins on slave ships and that their every success can be credited to the graces of white saviors. When the facts are read and studied, the truths of ancient royalty, spirituality, intellect, and ingenuity are revealed (Asante, 2003).

Such practices of deception are also seen within the religious realm. A rainbow is taught and explained to be the symbol for homosexuality, when it is clearly explained in biblical text to be an emblem created by God to remind us of a promise he made ages ago (Genesis 9:13). Too often, Christians shy away from calling each other “saints” since it is a term that is used by denominations (as is bishop and pastor) while scriptures tell us that these words belong to us (1 Corinthians 16:1; 1 Timothy 3:1-6; Titus 1:5-7 KJV). We must be careful not to surrender what is rightfully ours as children of God. We are given and entitled to many blessings being heirs as children of God (Romans 8:16-17) and we must claim them. We even fool ourselves into thinking that our worship service cannot be filled with joy and passion as denominational worship has claimed the right to joyfully proclaim victory in Christ. Don't we as Christians have the victory? (This eerily mirrors the behavior of confederate states that wave their flags in celebration even after their defeat!) We claim victory (1 Corinthians 15:57) and we will sing praises from our hearts in thanksgiving because it is our right and responsibility to do so (Ephesians 5:19). Victory is ours! Our God and Father is gracious and shows His unending, undying love to us! How can we sit silently and allow others to take and (attempt to) claim what is ours?

We must be careful not to surrender what is rightfully ours as children of God.

We must claim and defend what rightfully belongs to us. If we are not careful, we will delude ourselves into believing a lie, thus surrendering our inheritance.

Bro. Eddie Taylor, Jr.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REMINDERS

~Please silence your *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-
westhammondco@gmail.com.

Please contact the church's secretary for any of the following:

- ◆ *Requests* or *announcements* to be made or to be included in the bulletin.
- ◆ Corrections or updates to your information on the church's online directory.
- ◆ Year-end contribution statement.

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

When: March 28-31, 2024 in Orlando, FL.
Theme: *Christian Women: A Steadfast Extraordinary Journey*. Registration is still open.
Website: www.ladieslectureshipretreat.org

FOR PRAYERS

Sis. Lightfoot & family, Sis. Thigpen & Brown families. Quince Dixon, the sister of Sis Laurene Cunningham, has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Sis. Simpson and Sis. Brantford.

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

CONGRATULATIONS

Brooke Gamble received a proclamation from the House of Representatives for her achievement in the Science Olympiad Competition where she came in 1st place.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Sis. Hardy	Today, Feb.18th
Sis. Andria Mendenhall	Wed. Feb. 21st
Sis. Ricks	Thurs. Feb. 22nd
*Galvin Bell	Sat. Feb. 24th

*DENOTES NOT A MEMBER

NO ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

True or False

Mary laid Jesus in a manger.	T	F
Peter was the only disciple of Jesus who walked on water.	T	F
There are 4 gospel accounts in the N. T.	T	F
Adam built the ark.	T	F
Jesus chose 14 disciples.	T	F
Peter betrayed Jesus with a kiss.	T	F
Moses' mother was Sarai.	T	F
Lazarus was raised from the dead.	T	F
Paul wrote most of the epistles in the New Testament.	T	F
God made land on the 5 th day.	T	F

BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

V D V P R U T H G J
D J H F J L U K E O
E Z R A O P A B J H
G C U D B H U T E N
X V H J H O S E A T
L S U X B F G D C J
O J O N A H W N T M
D H Q Q R W W H S A
M D A N I E L W F R
N A O N T Z I F M K



WORD LIST

ACTS	JOHN
DANIEL	JONAH
EZRA	LUKE
HOSEA	MARK
JOB	RUTH

Homemade GIFTS MADE EASY

Last Week's Record

Sunday AM Worship & Zoom	101
Wednesday Bible Class (Zoom)	22
Last Sunday's offering	\$3,897.52
Weekly Budget	\$4,069.13