

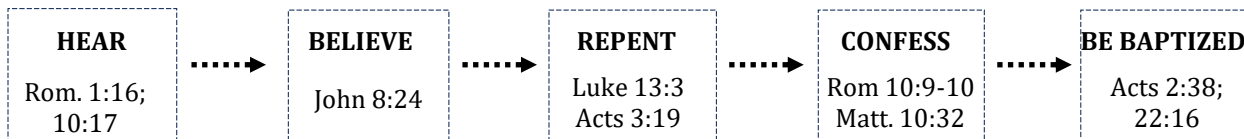
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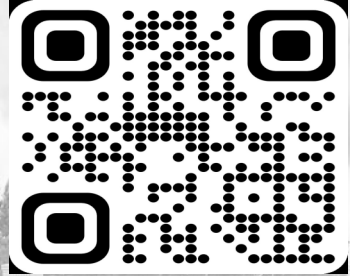


ORDER OF SERVICE
Song ~ Announcements ~ Song ~ Opening Prayer ~ Song ~ Scripture Reading ~ Song ~ Sermon ~ Song ~
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WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?



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

The Threat of Re-Enslavement

As most countries celebrate Black History in the month of February, one can easily recall one of the most famous speeches ever given. It was on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington DC, back in 1963, that the noted civil rights leader Martin L. King Jr. delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech. It ended with the words: "...free at last, free at last, thank God, Almighty, we are free at last." His message of freedom centered on civil liberties, fairness, and justice for all, which still resonates with people on a global scale.

The value of freedom is best felt by those who were once denied it. Since we, as servants of Christ, were all slaves to unrighteousness, the experience of freedom is something to be treasured, and it gives us reasons to also rejoice that we too, are free at last. (Rom. 6:17) Paul went on to say that it is by obeying "that form of doctrine" that we gained our deliverance from sin. Our spiritual freedom involves the Lord Jesus Christ. He, Himself, taught that when the Son makes people free, they are indeed free. (John 8:36) This freedom comes when we believe in Him and obey His gospel. (8:32) In fact, only Jesus can break the chains of sin and set people free!

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Let us, therefore, treasure our freedom in Christ...

There is, however, an ever clear and present danger that children of God should be aware of—re-enslavement! Paul cautioned the Galatian Christians about this ever clear and present danger in Gal. 5:1 that they should "Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage." In II Pet. 2, Peter talks about false teachers and the consequences of those who turn away from the truth "having known it," and to seduce others to follow the same. He made it clear that these men had, for a while, been freed from the pollutions of the world, but like a dog returning to its own vomit, they went right back into bondage again! They professed to be saved but had never really been redeemed (set free) at all! As a result, they were enslaved to money. (2 Peter 2:3, 14) They were slaves to covetousness resulting in them using every kind of deceptive technique to exploit innocent people. They were also in bondage to fleshly lust (2 Peter 2:10, 14) and their own pride. (2 Peter 2:10–12)

Let us, therefore, treasure our freedom in Christ by learning from the sinful deeds of these false teachers. The more we study the better we will be able to "discern both good and evil" (Heb. 5:14) so that we can know and avoid those things that will pull us back into bondage.

Bro. R. Webster

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-westhammondcc@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 in 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 April 4, 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. Hardy had a recent foot surgery. Sis. Davis has had a few bad falls recently. Katherine Bynum, friend of Sis. Sims. Nicky Mancini, friend of Sis. Bell. Sis. Lightfoot & family, Quince Dixon, the sister of Sis Laurene Cunningham. Sis. Ellis, Sis. Simpson, Sis. Simmons and Sis. Brantford.

Bro. AJ and Sis. Angelice are traveling and will return this Thursday.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Sis. Payne Mon, Feb. 26th

*Malachi Payne Fri. Mar. 1st

*DENOTES NOT A MEMBER

NO ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

True or False		
Philemon wrote the book of Philemon.	T	F
Paul's occupation was a tentmaker.	T	F
Lazarus was Mary & Martha's brother.	T	F
9 lepers thanked Jesus for healing them.	T	F
The N.T. has the 10 Commandments.	T	F
Noah's ark rested on Mt. Sinai.	T	F
Cain killed his brother Abel.	T	F
Saul was the first king of Israel.	T	F
David comforted Saul with the harp.	T	F
Joshua led the Israelites into the Promised Land.	T	F

ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S T or F

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BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

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WORD LIST

ACTS	EZRA	JOB	LUKE
DANIEL	GENESIS	JOHN	MARK
ESTHER	HEBREWS	JONAH	PSALMS
EXODUS	HOSEA	JOSHUA	ROMANS
EZEKIEL	ISAIAH	JUDGES	RUTH

Homemade GIFTS MADE EASY

Last Week's Record

Sunday AM Worship & Zoom	95
Wednesday Bible Class (Zoom)	37
Last Sunday's offering	\$3,126.93
Weekly Budget	\$4,069.13