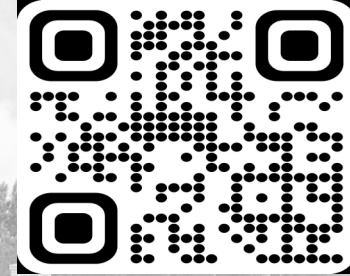


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THE MESSENGER




*"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

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 11 a.m.

Wednesday

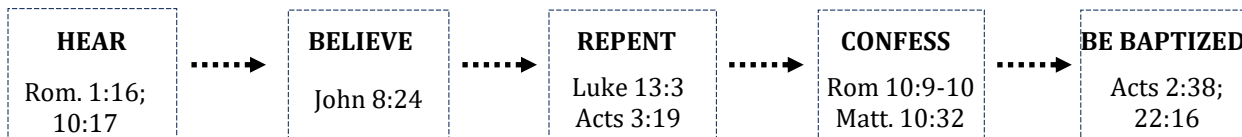
- Bible Study (on Zoom)...7:00 p.m.
Access through the website

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.

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

No Retreating, No Surrendering!

In our daily walk with God, there are times when we may face challenges, obstacles and opposition. In these moments, it's tempting to retreat or surrender in the face of adversity. However, as followers of Christ, we are called to stand firm and persevere with unwavering faith, trusting in God's strength and provision. The Bible is filled with stories of courageous individuals who refused to retreat or surrender in the face of opposition. From David facing Goliath to Daniel in the lion's den. From Esther standing up for her people to Paul enduring persecution for the sake of the Gospel. These examples inspire us to press on with courage and determination, regardless of the obstacles before us.

One of the most powerful exhortations to stand firm comes from the apostle Paul in Ephesians 6:13, where he writes, "Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand." This symbolism of putting on the armor of God reminds us that we are engaged in a spiritual battle, and our victory comes through standing firm in God's strength and truth. No matter what challenges we may face – whether it's persecution for our faith, opposition to our values, or struggles in our personal lives – we can take comfort in knowing that God is with us and will never leave us nor forsake us. As Romans 8:31 assures us, "If God is for us, who can be against us?"

Standing firm in our faith also means remaining steadfast in prayer, seeking God's guidance, wisdom, and strength in every situation. Philippians 4:6-7 reminds us, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" (NIV). Furthermore, we are called to encourage and support one another in our Christian walk, spurring one another on to love and good deeds (Hebrews 10:24-25). Together, as the body of Christ, we can stand strong against the schemes of the enemy and advance God's kingdom with boldness and confidence as we confidently declare "no retreating, no surrendering."

Bro. R. Webster

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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

Four ladies from our congregation will be traveling to the retreat in Orlando, Florida next weekend. We pray that they will return spiritually uplifted and fortified. Pray also for their safe travels.

FOR PRAYERS

Sis. Lightfoot has been transferred to Shirley O'Ryan Rehab located at 1 Ingalls Drive, Harvey, IL. Visiting hours are 4-7p.m. daily. For more information please contact Bro. Lightfoot.

The Conner family, Sis. Angelice Cunningham-Johnson, Sis. Cotton & family, Sis. Ricks & family, Sis. Hardy, Sis. Chaff & family, Sis. Davis, 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, the Simmons and Sis. Brantford.



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Sis. Mickles Sat. March 23rd



Last Week's Record

Sunday AM Worship & Zoom	84
Wednesday Bible Class (Zoom)	40
Last Sunday's offering	\$3,853.32
Weekly Budget	\$4,069.13

NO ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

True or False

Moses parted the Red Sea.	T	F
Moses' Law was also God's Law.	T	F
Rahab hid 4 of the spies.	T	F
A Gentile is also a Jew.	T	F
The church was started under the O.T.	T	F
Job was the richest man in the East.	T	F
David eventually build the Temple of God.	T	F
Luke wrote the book of Acts.	T	F
Rehoboam was the brother of Jeroboam.	T	F
We are living in the last days.	T	F

ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S T or F

F, T, F, T, T, F, T, F, T, F

Old Testament Jumble

Unscramble these words



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WORD BANK

- ANGEL
- DELILAH
- JACOB
- JOB
- JOSEPH
- NEHEMIAH