

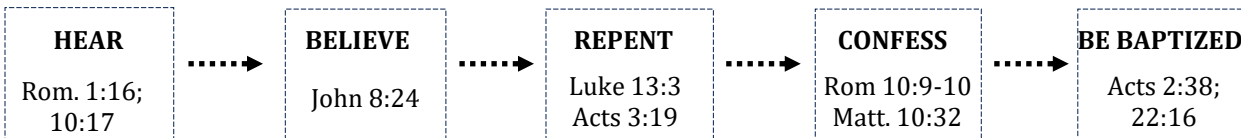
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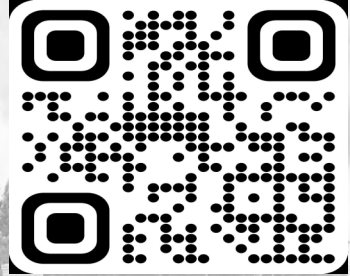


ORDER OF SERVICE
Song ~ Announcements ~ Song ~ Opening Prayer ~ Song ~ Scripture Reading ~ Song ~ Sermon ~ Song ~
Lord's Supper ~ Offering ~ Song ~ Closing Prayer

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 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.

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

CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

Now That You Have Prayed...

There may be many doctrinal disagreements among professed Christians today, but there is certainly consensus on the importance and necessity of prayer. In fact, it dominates the lives of God's people throughout every dispensation because of the spiritual benefits that one derives from it.

Jesus, knowing that we are prone to getting discouraged especially because of the relentless challenges of this life, says that "...men ought always to pray and not to lose heart;" (Luke 18:1) Paul followed up this same issue and exhorted the Philippian Christians that they should "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God." (Phil. 4:6)

But what happens after we have prayed? Are we not guilty many times of sitting back and waiting to see if God will grant us our "wishes" now that we have "rubbed the genie bottle of prayer?" For many of God's people, prayer is nothing but a substitute for action. We find it easier to pray than to act. The scriptures' teaching on the efficacy of prayer could not be more different.

When Nehemiah heard that the walls of Jerusalem were still broken down more than half a century after the temple of God was rebuilt, he "sat down and wept, and mourned for many days" and engaged in "fasting and praying before the God of heaven." (Neh. 1:4) Just as Ezra faced opposition in rebuilding the temple of God, so did Nehemiah. Neh. 4:8 says, "They all plotted together to come and fight against Jerusalem and stir up trouble against it." So, what did the servant of God do? "But we prayed to our God and posted a guard day and night to meet this threat." (Neh. 4:9) He did not just pray, he also acted! The Lord then led he and his workers to complete the work of rebuilding the wall. (Neh. 6:15)

If we pray for a job, we must get ourselves qualified, write a résumé, and apply for it. If we have wronged someone, we pray that God will forgive us, but we must go and make it right by apologizing that person in repentance. If we pray for spiritual growth we must make the sacrifice to attend Bible study and worship service, and engage in personal study and application of God's Word.


So, now that you have prayed, what then? It is up to you!

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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

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

FOR PRAYERS

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, Sis. Simmons and Sis. Brantford.

Sis. Angelice returned safely from MS. This past Wednesday. Bro. Cunningham will return at a later date.



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Sis. Goldman	Today, Mar. 3rd
Sis. Strickland	Thurs. Mar. 7th
Sis. McKnight	Sat. Mar. 9th

NO ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

True or False

Isaac was Abraham's first son.	T	F
God sent Jonah to Nineveh.	T	F
John the Baptist baptized Jesus.	T	F
Jesus healed Lazarus of his blindness.	T	F
Luke was a medical doctor.	T	F
God gave Moses the law on Mt. Sinai.	T	F
The New Testament has 27 books.	T	F
God created man on the second day	T	F
David and Johnathan were both enemies.	T	F
Peter betrayed Jesus.	T	F

ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S T or F

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

Did you know?

The Bible is the best selling book of all time with an estimated sale of 5 billion.

The longest verse in the Bible is Esther 8:9 with over 80 words in English and 367 characters.

The shortest verse in the Bible is John 11:35 which simply says, "Jesus wept."

The Bible contains 66 books, written by over 40 different authors.

John the Baptist was sentenced to death and beheaded by Herod Antipas around AD 30.

Largest contributor—While Paul wrote most of the New Testament books (13), in terms of percentage, Luke's two books (Gospel of Luke and Acts) accounted for more than all of Paul's 13. In fact, Luke's contribution stands at 27.48% or 37,932 words to Paul's 23.48% or 32,408 words.

Last Week's Record

Sunday AM Worship & Zoom	95
Wednesday Bible Class (Zoom)	36
Last Sunday's offering	\$4,683.07
Weekly Budget	\$4,069.13