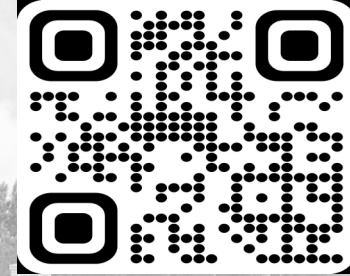


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THE MESSENGER



*"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

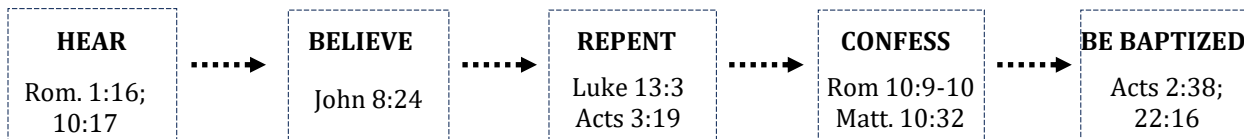
- Bible Study (on Zoom)...7:00 p.m.
Access through the website

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

Put That on My Account

The book of Philemon records an incident that took place between three people, Paul, Philemon who was a slave owner and Onesimus, his slave. Since it is one of the shortest books of the entire Bible, it is easy to miss the profound truths that are taught in it. What we learn from this inspired book is that Onesimus, the slave, ran away from his master, Philemon, who is evidently a member of the church as Paul referred to him as a “beloved friend and fellow laborer” in v.1. While fleeing, Onesimus met Paul and soon obeyed the gospel. This we know because Paul referred to him as “my son” in verse 10 and a “beloved brother” in verse 16. While the exact reasons why Onesimus fled is unknown, it appears that he had done something wrong to his master, possibly stole from him, since Paul told Philemon that “...if he has wronged you or owes anything, put that on my account” (v. 18).

What Paul said to Philemon later in that letter ought to captivate our attention. He said, “If he has wronged you or owes anything, put that on my account” (v. 18). What a way to look out for a friend, but as Paul said, he is more than that, he is a “beloved brother.” Throughout his letters, Paul has taught us that our treatment of each other should go beyond mere words. Gal. 6:1-2; Col. 3:13

Having caring brothers and sisters is vital for our spiritual survival!


The level of seriousness by which Paul approaches this matter must not be overlooked as he went on to say to Philemon “I Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it...” (v. 19). This may have also been said just to make sure that Philemon had no lingering doubt about repayment. To put it another way, Paul was saying that I am writing it with my own hand as a guarantee of payment of any amount or kind. There are not many who profess to be friends who are willing to put themselves on the line like this. Our relationship with our fellow members must be more than “just friends” but “beloved brother and sisters” as the writer of Proverbs reminds us that “a friend loves at all times and a brother is born for adversity” Prov. 17:17.

Having caring brothers and sisters is vital for our spiritual survival! Eccl. 4:9-10 “Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their labor. For if they fall, one will lift up his companion. But woe to him who is alone when he falls, for he has no one to help him up.” Onesimus benefitted from Paul’s care and concern as his brother in Christ. We can only imagine what the alternative would have been.

~ 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 at 219-742-9520 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* resumed *this past Thursday* and will meet **every** Thursday at 6:30 p.m.
A huge shout out to all who were able to make it last Thursday, and also to Sis. Taylor for leading a very thought-provoking and moving session.

CONGREGATIONAL EVANGELISM TRAINING SEMINAR

Bro. & Sis. Whitacre from House to House School of Evangelism will be presenting an impactful 3-day evangelism seminar. *Please mark your calendars!*

Topic: *Training The Saved to Reach The Lost*
Location: West Hammond Church of Christ
Time: June 5th–7th at 6:30pm

ANNUAL LADIES LECTURESHIP RETREAT

Next year’s retreat will be April 10th-13th in Chicago, IL.

The theme is **Christian Women: Surrendering All**
Website: www.ladieslectureshipretreat.org
***Check the Ladies Retreat website for updated information.

FOR PRAYERS

Sis. Mickles is traveling for work and Bro. Carter will be away assisting his brother with an out-of-state move.

FOR ENCOURAGEMENT

Please continue to pray for and encourage sisters Paige & Ahmaya Richardson, Sis. Brooke Gamble, Bro. Tyler and all our other new members.

FOR PRAYERS

Bro. Brian Gamble & the James family. Stacye Forrest and Tanika McBride, the cousins of the Cunningham/Gamble families who both are battling cancer. Quince Dixon, the sister of Sis. Laurene Cunningham. Beautilyn Forbes, friend of Sis. White whose cancer has returned, as well as Sis. White’s nephew who has been ill for several months. Darryl Hicks, a good friend of Bro. Cunningham. The Carter family, the Mendenhall family, Sis. Lightfoot, the Young family, Sis. Della White, Ms. Callahan, a friend of Sis. Webster, Sis. Simpson, Sis. Angelice, Sis. Cotton & family, the Conners, Sis. Ellis, and Sis. Brantford.



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Bro. Brantford



Sat. 5/4

NO ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

MOTHER’S DAY EDUCATION AWARDS LUNCHEON

DATE: Sunday, May 12, 2024
VENUE: Orland Chateau Banquet
14500 S LaGrange Road
Orland Park, IL 60462

COLORS: Lilac & Purple
COST: \$50.00

Proceeds in aid of educational scholarships
Sponsored by the Sheldon Heights Church of Christ
TICKETS: See Sis. Webster

Gospel Broadcasting Network is a brotherhood sponsored television station. Go to www.GBNTV.org. You can also find very useful videos on YouTube. Just type in GBNTV.

Last Week’s Record

Sunday AM Worship & Zoom	94
Wednesday Bible Class (Zoom)	34
Last Sunday’s offering	\$ 4,479.57
Weekly Budget	\$4,069.13