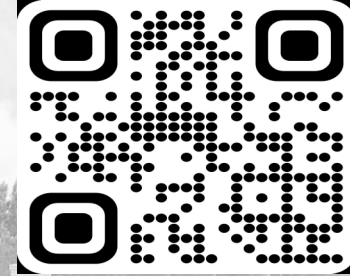


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THE MESSENGER



*"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

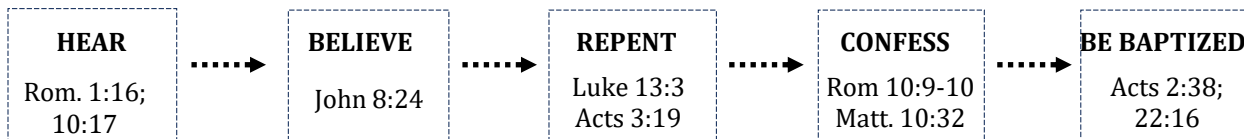
- Bible Study (on Zoom)...7:00 p.m.
Access through the website

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

The Church of Christ: Built to Last!

In a world that is constantly changing, it is reassuring to know that we are part of something that is built to last. As followers of Christ, we are members of the spiritual body, the church that He established.

Being "built to last" implies durability, strength, and longevity. When we apply this concept to the Church, we recognize that it is not a human invention or a passing trend. It is a divine institution, established by God's design and purpose. Jesus Himself declared, "I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it" (Matt. 16:18). This assurance reminds us that no matter the challenges we face or the trials that come our way, the Church will endure and prevail. Just as a building is constructed on a solid foundation, the Church is built upon the unshakeable foundation of Jesus Christ. Paul wrote, "For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 3:11). This foundation is rooted in the truth of the gospel and faith in Jesus Christ. It is a foundation that can withstand the storms of life, the shifting cultural tides, and the attacks of the enemy.

As members of the West Hammond congregation, we have been entrusted with the responsibility of being stewards of this foundation. We are called to live lives that reflect the character of Christ, to love one another, and to proclaim the good news to the world (Matt. 28:19-20). Our faith is not meant to be a fleeting experience but a steadfast commitment to follow Christ and impact the world around us (2 Cor 3:2). It is a faith that is built to last.


Furthermore, being "built to last" also speaks to the legacy we leave behind. The body of Christ is not just for the present generation, but for generations to come. We have the privilege of sowing seeds of faith, nurturing disciples, and investing in the future of the Church. Our actions today can have a lasting impact on the lives of those who will come after us. Let us be deliberate in building a spiritual heritage that will endure and inspire future generations.

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-westhammondcoc@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. Last week Thursday the men of the congregation had a wonderful time of eating and fellowshiping together in celebration of the 1 year anniversary of the Men's Class.

Sis. Webster is requesting a meeting with the sisters next Sunday, April 7 after worship to discuss the resumption of the *Ladies' Class*, which is scheduled to resume this month. Come with your ideas.

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

The sisters returned safely from the 37th annual COC Ladies Lectureship in Orlando, FL. It was a blessed time of fellowship within the sisterhood, and spiritually inspiring & uplifting.

The 2025 38th annual retreat will take place next

year, April 10 -13 in Chicago, IL.

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

FOR PRAYERS

Please continue to pray for and encourage Bro. Tyler Mack, our most recent convert, along with all of our other newest members.

Sis. Lightfoot & family, Stacye Forrest, the cousin of the Cunningham/Gamble family had an emergency surgery this past week. Ms. Callahan, a friend of Sis. Webster, Sis. Simpson Sis. Angelice, Sis. Cotton & family, the Conners, Quince Dixon, the sister of Sis Laurene Cunningham. Sis. Ellis, the Simmons and Sis. Brantford.



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Sis. Bell	MON. 4/8
Bro. Shelton	FRI. 4/12



ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

#50 The Normans	Mon. 4/8
#31 The Mickles	Wed. 4/10



Bible Trivia!

1. Every year, the Holy Bible sells over 100 million copies.
2. Non-profit organizations give out free Bibles all over the world.
3. The Bible has been translated into over 690 languages.

Last Week's Record

Sunday AM Worship & Zoom	110
Wednesday Bible Class (Zoom)	41
Last Sunday's offering	\$5,104.51
Weekly Budget	\$4,069.13