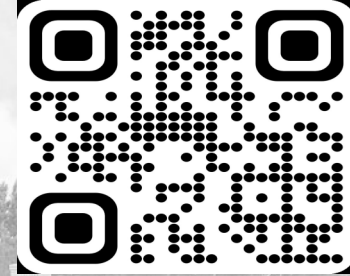


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THE MESSENGER





*"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

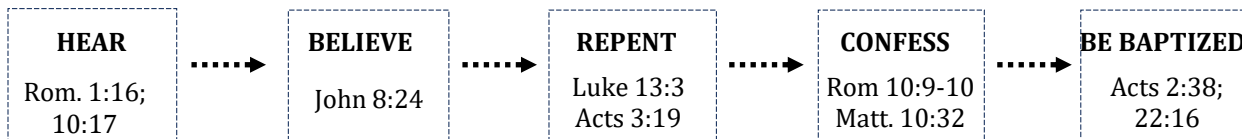
- Bible Study (on Zoom)...7:00 p.m.
Access through the website

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

What Does the Death, Burial and Resurrection Mean For Me Today?

As much of the religious world “observes” annually the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus, the West Hammond Church of Christ does so weekly. Our intention is not to appear unique but to ensure that we are in sync with the scriptural practice of the apostles’ doctrine (Acts 20:7). This is the bedrock on which our faith stands, which eliminates the thought that this was just another glorified event in history. An especially important question to be asked, however, is what benefits are there to be had because of this profound event that can help shape our lives today?

Firstly, we are reminded of the magnitude of God's love for us. We see Jesus willingly embracing the weight of mankind’s sins while enduring unimaginable pain and separation from God. Through His sacrifice, we witness a love that surpasses all understanding, one that made Him willing to lay down His life for the sake of others.

Secondly, this event offers us hope and assurance. As His body lay in the tomb, there was a sense of mourning and loss among His followers. However, little did they know that this was merely a prelude to the most remarkable event in human history. Through Christ's resurrection, we find the promise of new life and eternal fellowship with God. The resurrection serves as a beacon of hope, assuring us that death is not the end, but a doorway to eternal glory.

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Lastly, the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus call us to a response. They beckon us to embrace the Gospel's message and to live transformed lives. We are called to die to ourselves, to bury our old ways, and to be raised with Christ in the newness of life. Through this response, we participate in the ongoing story of redemption, sharing the love and hope of Christ with a world that is broken.

As we reflect on the significance of Christ's death, burial and resurrection, let us be humbled by the magnitude of God's grace and love. May we never lose sight of the hope and assurance that the resurrection brings. May we continually respond to the call to live transformed lives, proclaiming the Good News to all who will listen. May the power of Christ's sacrifice resonate within us and guide our every step.

Bro. Robert 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. 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 8 after worship to discuss the resumption of the *Ladies’ Class*. It 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

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

FOR PRAYERS

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

Sis. Lightfoot had a successful procedure last Tuesday. She is currently admitted at the Univ. of Chicago. For more information please contact Bro. Lightfoot.
Ms. Callahan, a friend of Sis. Webster, Sis. Simpson Sis. Angelice, Sis. Cotton & family, the Conners, Sis. Lightfoot & family, Quince Dixon, the sister of Sis. Laurene Cunningham. Sis. Ellis, the Simmons and Sis. Brantford.

NO BIRTHDAYS OR ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Bible Trivia!

- Which apostle told Christ he had left all to follow him?
A. Matthew B. James C. John D. Peter
- Who took Judas’s place among the twelve?
A. Matthias B. Stephen C. Jude D. Paul
- Which of the apostles first suffered martyrdom?
A. Andrew B. Thomas C. James D. Paul
- How long were the children of Israel in captivity?
A. 70 years B. 49 years C. 59 years D. 100 years
- Where was an altar erected “to the unknown God”?
A. Athens B. Capernaum C. Thessalonica D. Jericho
- What was Paul’s occupation?
A. Carpentry B. Tentmaking C. Stonemasonry D. Fishing

Last Week’s Record

Sunday AM Worship & Zoom	111
Wednesday Bible Class (Zoom)	40
Last Sunday’s offering	\$5,104.51
Weekly Budget	\$4,069.13