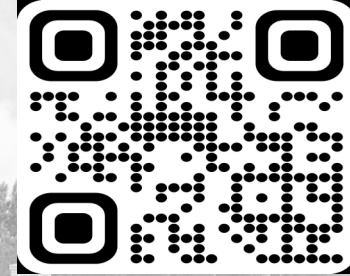


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**Sermon Notes**



# 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 School ....10 a.m.  
*Sis. Carter (lower level)*
- Young Christians' Class .....10 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**

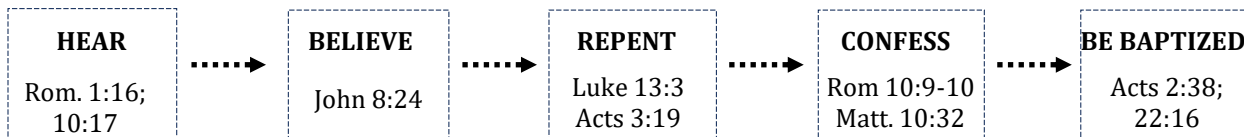
- Bible Study (on Zoom)...7:00 p.m.  
*Access through the website*

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

## Love Him Like You Know Him

Reflecting on my childhood, I remember waking up on Saturday mornings to the sounds of my parents laughing together. On Sunday mornings, as my mom sang in the shower my father could be heard cheering and edifying her as he walked around the house getting ready for church. I remember Stevie Wonder's "Knocks Me Off My Feet" coming on the radio and my parents smiling as they danced and sang together. Even if the song was playing in the car as my father drove! They would dance together to this musical testament of love. While my siblings celebrated our birthdays one day a year, my parents would spend a week celebrating each other's birthday. A week of dinners, gifts, outings, and laughter. Mother's Day and Father's Day were given equal honor in our house. When having a disagreement, they never insulted each other, nor denied the other's intelligence. It was, and still is, clear to me that my parents have great love for each other.

Bearing this in mind, I can't help but wonder how obvious it is that we as Christians love the Lord? In trying to present a facade of dignity, we act as if we are ashamed to praise and worship our God. Maybe it's not an act for some of us. Paul made it clear that he loved the Lord. Like The Temptations, he let us know that he wasn't too proud to beg and that he has sunshine on a cloudy day (2 Corinthians 12:8-10)! When we gather to worship, we gather to display our affection for God. He is no stranger to us and we know that we are not strangers to Him (Luke 12: 7, 16:15). He has a special love for us, shouldn't we have a special love for Him as well? When we sing, should not our voices be raised and our hearts be opened? Why do we mumble as if we are speaking to a stranger? If you know God, and you love God, show it! Gospel singer Fred Hammond wrote: "When we praise there should be a fire in our hearts". Like Jeremiah, it should be painful for us to hide our love for God (Jeremiah 20:9). In both Matthew 10:32-33 and Luke 12:8-9, Jesus tells us that we must confess Him before men. This is true for salvation (Acts 8:37) and also for our daily lives. Our love can't be restrained to Sunday morning worship. Like Major Harris our love won't let us wait until Sunday to give God praise but our daily lives must be a living testament of our love for God. His love for us is made plain for all to see (John 3:16; Matthew 6:26-32). Won't He do it? Didn't He do it? Ain't He doing it?


**When we sing, should not our voices be raised and our hearts be opened? Why do we mumble as if we are speaking to a stranger? If you know God, and you love God, show it!**

Let's open our mouths, open our hearts and show God some love!

~Eddie Taylor, Jr.

# 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](mailto:westhammondcc@gmail.com).

Please make sure you are accessing the church's *Online Member Directory App* for the most recent member information. Please contact Sis. Gamble with any questions or concerns.

We are in *need of volunteers* on, Sat. June 1st from 10a-2p to assist with organizing and setup for the upcoming Evangelism Training.  
*Please notify Sis. Gamble if you are able to assist.*

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* *this week* will be having a *Bible Trivia night complete with food and beverage.*

## 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](http://www.ladieslectureshipretreat.org)  
\*\*\*Online registration link is not yet open.

## TRAVELING

The McKnight family is traveling this weekend

## CONDOLENCES

To the Oddman family on the unexpected passing of the brother of Bro. Rohan Oddman, who lived in Jamaica.

## FOR ENCOURAGEMENT

Praise the Lord! **Bro. Darrell Hicks** was baptized this past Tuesday.  
Please continue to pray for and encourage Sisters Paige & Ahmaya Richardson, Sis. Brooke Gamble, Bro. Tyler and all our other new members.

## FOR PRAYERS

With joy and thanksgiving we announce that **Sis. Lightfoot** was discharged this past Friday and will be receiving skilled services at home.

Bro. & Sis. Stanley Woodard of the Lansing church. The Mack family, Sis. Hardy and her mother, Vladis Reynolds, Stacye Forrest, Tanika McBride, and Quince Dixon, family members of the Cunningham/Gamble family who are battling cancer. Beautilyn Forbes, friend of Sis. White, whose cancer has returned, as well as Sis. White's nephew who has been ill for several months. The Carter family, the Mendenhall family, Sis. Sims & her daughter Ebony Sims, the Young family, Sis. Della White, Sis. Simpson, Sis. Angelice, Sis. Ellis, and Sis. Brantford.

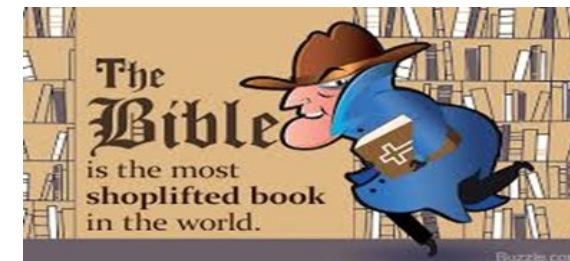


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## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

SAT. 5/25

## NO ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK



## Last Week's Record

Sunday AM Worship & Zoom	96
Wednesday Bible Class (Zoom)	37
Last Sunday's offering	\$3,741.32
<b>Weekly Budget</b>	<b>\$4,069.13</b>