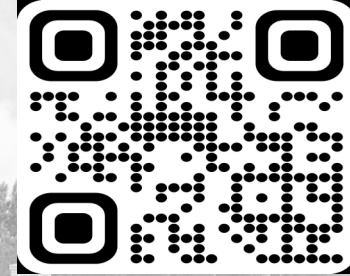


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THE MESSENGER



*"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

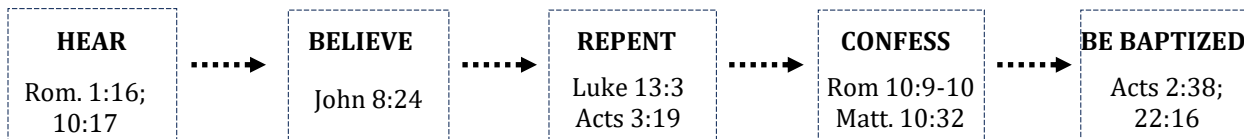
- Bible Study (on Zoom)...7:00 p.m.
Access through the website

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

Remembering the 1st Century Christians

As we observe Memorial Day, our thoughts naturally turn to those who have sacrificed their lives in service to our country. While we honor those brave men and women, let us also take a moment to remember the early Christians who laid down their lives for their faith. Those 1st-Century believers endured immense persecution and martyrdom while standing firm in their devotion to Christ.

The book of Acts provides a vivid account of the challenges faced by the early Church. Stephen, the first Christian martyr, boldly proclaimed his faith before being stoned to death (Acts 7:54-60). His unwavering commitment to Christ, even in the face of death, exemplifies the spirit of sacrifice that marked the early Christian community. Similarly, the apostle Paul, once a persecutor of Christians, became one of Christianity's most ardent defenders, ultimately giving his life for the gospel.

In Revelation 2:10, Jesus encourages the church in Smyrna, saying, "Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life." This promise of eternal life for those who remain faithful unto death was a source of strength and hope for the early Christians, and it remains a cornerstone of our faith today.

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As we reflect on the courage of the 1st-Century Christians, we are reminded that the blessings we enjoy to worship and study God's word are privileges not to be taken lightly. The early Christians' sacrifices laid the foundation for the growth of the Church and the spread of the gospel. "For you remember, brethren, our labor and toil; for laboring night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, we preached to you the gospel of God" (1 Thess. 2:9). As we remember their steadfast faith and ultimate sacrifices, let us renew our commitment to live sacrificially for Christ. May their example encourage us to persevere in the face of adversity and have the boldness to share the gospel to the lost.

I pray that we will be ever grateful for their sacrifices and strive to live lives worthy of their legacy.

~ 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 NOTE****

Children are not allowed in the kitchen without adult supervision.

We are in *need of volunteers* this Saturday, June 1st, from 10:00-2:00 to assist with organizing and setup for the upcoming Evangelism Training Seminar. *Please notify Sis. Gamble if you are able to assist.*

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.

The *Men's Class* and *Ladies' Class* meet *every* Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

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
Online registration is now open.

WELCOME

A warm welcome to Bro. & Sis. Cavitt who placed membership with us last week Sunday.

FOR ENCOURAGEMENT

Continue to pray for and encourage Bro. Darrell Hicks, Sisters Paige & Ahmaya Richardson, Sis. Brooke Gamble, Bro. Tyler and all our other new members.

FOR PRAYERS

Malachi and Sis. Payne, Sharon Mason, friend of Bro. Conner, Bro. Mendenhall & family, Bro. Oddman & family on the passing of his younger brother who lived in Jamaica. Sis. Lightfoot, Bro. & Sis. Stanley Woodard of the Lansing church. Sis. Hardy and her mother, Vladis Reynolds. Quince Dixon, family member of the Cunningham/Sis. Angelice, Sis. Ellis, and Sis. Brantford.



BRO. NORMAN

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



TUE. 5/28

NO ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK



Instead of a physical membership directory, we are asking members to download the "Online Member Directory" from the App or Google Play store. This makes it easier for each member to have the most updated information as our directory is constantly changing. For those who need help, please see Sis. Ruthie Gamble or Bro. Webster.



Last Week's Record

Sunday AM Worship & Zoom	98
Wednesday Bible Class (Zoom)	37
Last Sunday's offering	\$4,784.92
Weekly Budget	\$4,069.13