

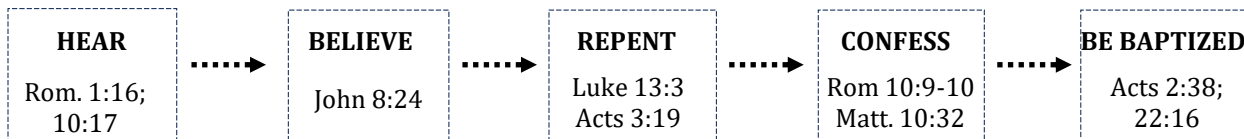
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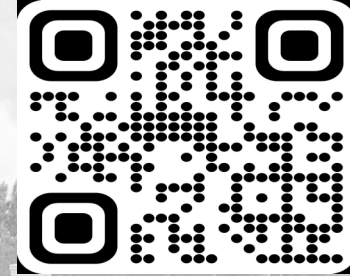


ORDER OF SERVICE
Song ~ Announcements ~ Song ~ Opening Prayer ~ Song ~ Scripture Reading ~ Song ~ Sermon ~ Song ~
Lord's Supper ~ Offering ~ Song ~ Closing Prayer

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?



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

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.

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

*I rejoiced with those who said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the LORD."
Psalms 122:1*

CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

"The Apple of My Eye"

Have you ever heard the phrase "the apple of my eye?" It's an expression often used to describe someone or something that is cherished, loved, and held in high esteem. In the Bible, we find this phrase mentioned several times, highlighting the deep and tender affection that God has for His people. In Deut. 32:10, Moses reminds the Israelites of God's watchful care over them, saying, "He found him (the Israelites) in a desert land, and in the howling waste of the wilderness; He encircled him, He cared for him, He kept him as the apple of His eye." This beautiful imagery illustrates how God protected and nurtured His people, and treated them as His most precious possession.

As Christians, we are also the apple of God's eye. Just as a loving mother watches over her child, so God watches over us with unwavering love and attention. He sees us, knows us, and cares deeply for us. We are not forgotten or overlooked; we are cherished by the Creator of the universe. In Psalm 17:8, David writes, "Keep me as the apple of Your eye; hide me in the shadow of Your wings." In times of trouble or uncertainty, we can take comfort in knowing that God shelters us under His protective wings. He shields us from harm and provides a safe refuge during life's storms.

Furthermore, the phrase "apple of my eye" also reminds us of the value God places on our lives. Just as the eye is a delicate and vital part of the body, we are precious in God's sight. He has given us unique gifts, talents, and purposes, and He desires to see us flourish and impact the world around us.

Let us remember that being the apple of God's eye comes with responsibilities. As recipients of His love and grace, we are called to reflect His love to others. We are called to love our neighbors, show kindness to the brokenhearted, and extend forgiveness to those who have wronged us. By doing so, we become a living testimony of God's love and care.

What a privilege it is that we are cherished, loved, and held dear by our Heavenly Father. We are the apple of His eye, and He will never cease to watch over us, protect us, and guide us as we make our pilgrimage through this barren land.

~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-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.

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 link is not yet open.

TRAVELING

Prayers for Sis. McGee who will be going out of town this week.

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

Sis. Hardy and her mother Vladis Reynolds, Stacye Forrest, Tanika McBride, and Quince Dixon who are 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. Darryl Hicks, a good friend of Bro. Cunningham. The Carter family, the Mendenhall family, Sis. Sims & her daughter Ebony Sims, Sis. Lightfoot, the Young family, Sis. Della White, Sis. Simpson, Sis. Angelice, Sis. Ellis, and Sis. Brantford.

NO BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

#27 The Gambles



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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	89
Wednesday Bible Class (Zoom)	26
Last Sunday's offering	\$ 4,463.12
Weekly Budget	\$4,069.13