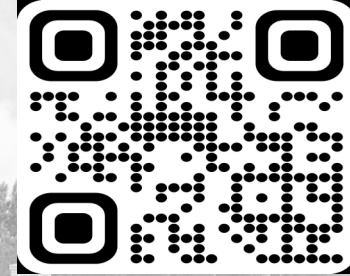


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THE MESSENGER



*"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

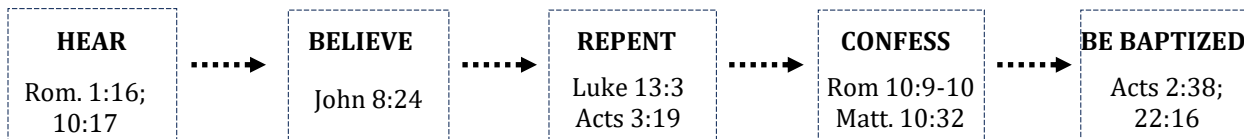
- Bible Study (on Zoom)...7:00 p.m.
Access through the website

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

If It Ain't One Thing....! (R. Webster)

Israel was facing an impending judgment from God. They were being rejected as God's special people in the old covenant because of their continuous rebellion and ungodliness. However, they needed to understand the dreadfulness of God's punishment on them, so Amos says, "It will be as though a man fled from a lion, and a bear met him! Or as though he went into the house, Leaned his hand on the wall, And a serpent bit him!" (Amos 5:18). Each animal represented a calamity which led from one to the other. There will be no escape for, "when it's not one thing, it's another."

Truly, if ever there was a man who could echo the words "If it ain't one thing it's another," it was Job. Here was one man who knew only too well what it means to be overwhelmed. While there is hardly a good time to get bad news, it does feel like the worst time is when life seems to be going well. His children were having a good time at his eldest son's house when their peace and joy turned into a series of tragedies. One servant came and told Job that his servants who were tending to his flock, had been murdered by robbers and his flock stolen (Job 1:14, 15). Job hardly had time to digest the news when more bad news came. V. 16 says,

"While he was still speaking, another also came and said, "The fire of God fell from heaven and burned up the sheep and the servants, and consumed them..." V. 17 says, "While he was still speaking, another also came and said, "The Chaldeans formed three bands, raided the camels and took them away, yes, and killed the servants with the edge of the sword..." Vs. 18-19 say, "While he was still speaking, another also came and said, "Your sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother's house and suddenly a great wind came from across the wilderness and struck the four corners of the house, and it fell on the young people, and they are dead..." Is it any wonder that the Job later acknowledge that "Man that is born of woman is of few days and full of trouble" (Job 14:1).


Most, if not all of us, can say that there have been times when it seems as if "If it ain't one thing, it's another." There have been times when we just feel like throwing in the towel. The more we learn from the word of God however, is the less surprise we ought to be regarding trials. Peter informed the Christians that this is part of what it means to be a follower of God. He says, "For what credit is it if, when you are beaten for your faults, you take it patiently? But when you do good and suffer, if you take it patiently, this is commendable before God. For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps" (1 Pet. 2:20, 21). Jesus said, "In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world" (John 16:33) Paul says, "For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us" (Rom. 8:18).

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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- westhammondcoc@gmail.com.

****PLEASE NOTE****
Children are not allowed in the kitchen without adult supervision.

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.*****

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATE!

Congratulations to Bryce Bell who will be graduating from 8th grade from the University of Chicago Lab. School on, Tuesday, June 4, 2024. 

WELCOME

Warm welcome to Sis. Joy Washington who placed membership with us last Sunday. **We have 2 new sisters, Fannie Salazar and Alexis McLaurin who were baptized last Sunday.**

FOR ENCOURAGEMENT

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

FOR PRAYERS

Bro. Craig Conner will be having a medical procedure this Friday, June 7th. The Oddman family & Bro. Oddman who had a successful surgery this past week. The Payne family, the Mickles family, Sharon Mason, friend of Bro. Conner, Bro. Mendenhall & family, 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, Bro. Cossom and Sis. Brantford.



SIS. COTTON
*ETHAN PALMER
*BRYCE BELL
BRO. SIMMONS

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



TUE, 6/4
TUE, 6/4
SAT, 6/8
SAT, 6/8

*DENOTES NOT A MEMBER

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	90
Wednesday Bible Class (Zoom)	37
Last Sunday's offering	\$ 3973.51
Weekly Budget	\$4,069.13