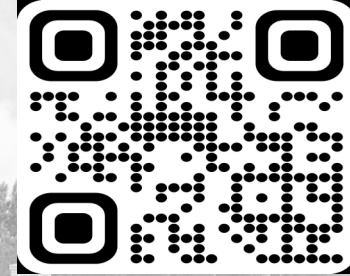


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Sermon Notes



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 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

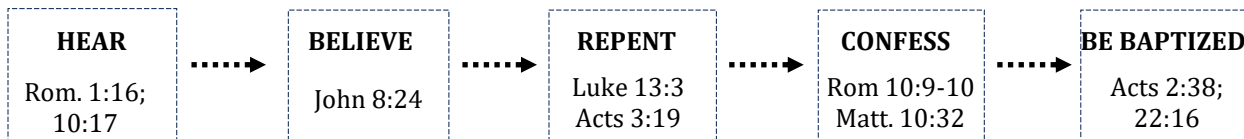
- Bible Study (on Zoom)...7:00 p.m.
Access through the website

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."
Psalms 122:1*

CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

Superman Faith

Clark Kent is a news reporter for the Daily Planet. Raised in Smallville, this country boy moved to the big city of Metropolis for opportunity and a change of scenery. Clark Kent has a secret that only a few people know. He is Superman. Faster than a speeding bullet. More powerful than a locomotive. Able to leap tall buildings in a single bound. Look! Up in the sky! It's a bird! It's a plane! It's Superman! Clark Kent spends most of the day as Clark, and is only Superman when he needs to be.

Like Clark Kent, many of us live double lives, only being Christians when we need to be. We keep our Christianity a secret. A preacher once said that if our friends and family knew where we were every Sunday, we wouldn't have to silence our phones-they should know where you are! Many of our friends don't know we are Christians until they are in crisis. A family member dies, we offer to pray for them. A friend or coworker is having trouble in their marriage, you have scriptures and advice. We are quick to quote Proverbs 22:6 when someone is having trouble with their children. But if there is no emergency, we are quiet...unless we got some gossip.

No crisis, no Christian. This should not be so. Matthew 5:14-16 tells us that "A city on a hill cannot be hidden." and further instructs us to let our light shine before men. The life of a Christian should be a light, guiding others to Christ. How can we guide others to Christ if we keep our light hidden under a bushel, or basket? Like Clark Kent's Superman suit, we wear Christ (Galatians 3:27) but hide Him underneath a disguise.

We are called to be better than Superman. We are to be heroes all day, showing others the way to safety and salvation. Just as Clark Kent was worried about how his life would change if others found out he was Superman, we worry how life for us will change when others discover that we are Christians. We must, however, trust in Christ and that He will always be with us (Matthew 28:20) and that we can do anything through Him (Philippians 4:13). While Superman's powers have limits, we serve an all-powerful and limitless God. His limitless power is in us (Ephesians 3:20) but we place limits on ourselves.


When we limit ourselves, we limit the glory we bring to God and limit the souls we can bring to Christ. Our doubts and fears limit us, and keep us in our disguise. Our doubts and our fears are our kryptonite.

Bro. Eddie Taylor, Jr.

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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-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.

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 GRADUATES

Congratulations to Bro. Tyler Mack, Emmanuel Cossom, Bryce Bell and Sis. Brooke Gamble who all graduated from the 8th grade, and will be entering high school this Fall.

Please inform Sis. Gamble if there are any other 2024 graduates.

TRAVELING

Emmanuel Cossom, son of the Cossom's is away with his teammates. Sis. McKnight, Sis. Webster, Sis. Lennon, Bro. Cunningham, Sis. Mack & family, and Sis Chaff.

FOR ENCOURAGEMENT

Continue to pray for and encourage our new members: Sis. Jesseann Taylor, Sis. Joy Washington Sis. Fannie Salazar, Sis. Alexis McLaurin, Bro. & Sis. Cavitt, Bro. Darrell Hicks, Sisters Paige & Ahmaya Richardson, Sis. Brooke Gamble and Bro. Tyler Mack.

FOR PRAYERS

Linda Williams, niece of the Youngs who is having problems walking. Bro. Hardy who is experiencing some back issues. Bro. Mendenhall's daughter, Andriana Mendenhall and son, Bro. Mendenhall, Jr. Sis. Jameka Taylor, Bro. Oddman and family, Sharon Mason, friend of Bro. Conner, Sis. Lightfoot, Bro. & Sis. Stanley Woodard of the Lansing church, Sis. Hardy and her mother, Vladis Reynolds. Quince Dixon, family member of the Cunninghams, Sis. Angelice Cunningham, Sis. Ellis, and Sis. Brantford.



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



SIS. JANECE CARTER	TODAY, SUN. 6/23
SIS. PAIGE RICHARDSON	MON. 6/24
SIS. CLAUDIA CHAMBERS	MON. 6/24
SIS. HEATHER MACK	FRI. 6/28
SIS. JAMEKA TAYLOR	FRI. 6/28
*MALIK SIMS	FRI. 6/28

*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	95
Wednesday Bible Class (Zoom)	41
Last Sunday's offering	\$7,535.51
Weekly Budget	\$4,069.13