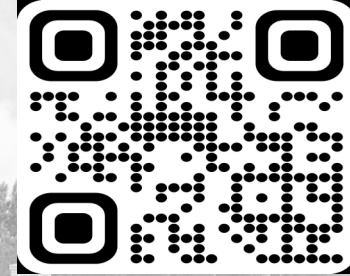


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THE MESSENGER



*"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

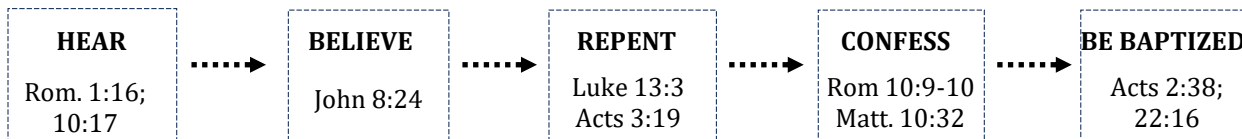
- Bible Study (on Zoom)...7:00 p.m.
Access through the website

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."
Psalms 122:1*

CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

Jesus' Compassion for the Lost

If there is one central theme of the 4 gospel accounts, it is the deep compassion Jesus has for the lost, which was the driving force behind His ministry. Even a cursory glance is sufficient to see this in His interactions with others.

One of the most moving illustrations of Jesus' compassion is found in the Parable of the Lost Sheep (Luke 15:1-7). Here, Jesus tells of a shepherd who leaves ninety-nine sheep to search for one that is lost. This parable highlights the great value Jesus places on every individual soul. He does not want even one to perish, but desires all to come to repentance (1 Tim. 2:4; 2 Pet. 3:9). This story reveals the heart of Jesus as one that actively seeks and rejoices over the return of the lost, emphasizing that no one is beyond the reach of His love.

Jesus' interaction with the Samaritan woman at the well (John 4:1-26) also shows His compassion. Despite societal norms and prejudices, Jesus engages with her, addressing her spiritual thirst and revealing Himself as the Messiah. This encounter underscores His willingness to cross cultural and social boundaries to reach the lost and to offer them the living water of eternal life.

As followers of Christ, we are called to emulate His compassion for the lost. Let us open our hearts to see the needs around us, extend grace and love, and actively participate in bringing the lost to Jesus.

In Matt. 9:35-38, we see Jesus ministering to the crowds, healing every disease and sickness. As He looks upon the multitudes, He is moved with compassion because they are helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. This passage not only shows Jesus' deep sympathy but also His call to His disciples to join Him in the mission of reaching the lost. He instructs them to pray for workers to be sent into the harvest field, highlighting the urgency and importance of this task.


Jesus' compassion for the lost is also evident in His final act of self sacrifice on the cross. In Luke 23:34, even as He suffers, He prays for those who crucify Him, saying, "*Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.*" This ultimate act of love and forgiveness represents His deep compassion and desire for the salvation of all humanity.

As followers of Christ, we are called to emulate His compassion for the lost. Let us open our hearts to see the needs around us, extend grace and love, and actively participate in bringing the lost to Jesus. May His compassion inspire us to reach out, just as He did, with a heart full of love and mercy.

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.

Please stay behind after worship for a very important presentation.

EVANGELISM TRAINING SEMINAR

Brother Whitacre conducted a three-day seminar last week which was incredibly impactful, inspiring, and educational, focusing on the importance of **evangelism**. We are grateful to God for him and his family. We had an average attendance of 40 each evening.

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 Bryce Bell and Sis. Brooke Gamble who both graduated from 8th grade and will be entering high school this Fall.

Please inform Sis. Gamble of any other 2024 graduates.

TRAVELING

Sis. Fanny Salazar is currently in Texas and is expected to return next week. Sis. Webster leaves tomorrow for 3 weeks.

FOR ENCOURAGEMENT

Continue to pray for and encourage our other new members 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

Bro. Craig Conner had a medical procedure this past Friday. Bro. Oddman and family, 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 Cunninghams, who is scheduled for a cardiac procedure this Monday, Sis. Angelice Cunningham, Sis. Ellis, Bro. Cossom and Sis. Brantford.



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

*EMMANUEL COSSOM	MON. 6/10
BRO. CROOM	MON. 6/10
*ADDISON WOOLFOLK	FRI. 6/14

*DENOTES NOT A MEMBER

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

#9 THE COSSOMS 	TUES. 6/11
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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	99
Last Sunday's offering	\$ 6,148.51
Weekly Budget	\$4,069.13