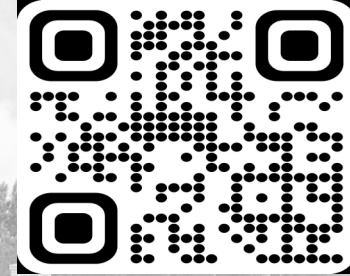


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**Sermon Notes**



# 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 School ....10 a.m.  
*Sis. Carter (lower level)*
- Young Christians' Class .....10 a.m.  
*Bro. Webster (main auditorium)-Temporary*
- 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**

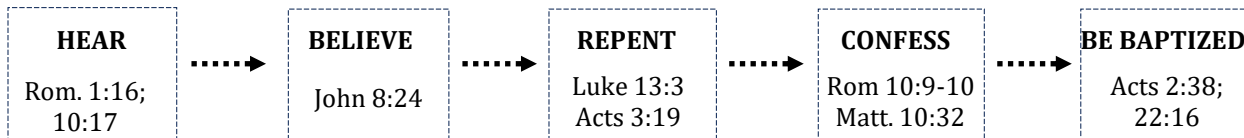
- Bible Study (on Zoom)...7:00 p.m.  
*Access through the website*

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

## The Sum of God's Word is Truth!

One of the most profound questions ever asked in all the Scriptures is "Do you understand what you are reading?" It was asked of the Eunuch of Ethiopia, by the Evangelist Philip in Acts 8:30, as the Eunuch was traveling in his chariot and reading from Isaiah. Implicit in the question is the fact that one can be reading the Holy Scriptures without understanding it. The Bible, more than any other book, demands of us a proper approach to understanding it. So much misunderstanding, distortion, and false teachings have resulted from a failure to approach it with the right understanding.

Here are a few examples:

In Acts 16:30-31, the Philippian Jailor asked Paul and Silas "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" to which they responded, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household." Why would Paul and Silas tell him to believe, and he would be saved when Peter and the rest of the apostles told the Pentecost crowd in Acts 2:38 to "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit?" Both incidents seem to be giving different answers which would lead to some concluding that the Bible contradicts itself. Also, for one to be saved, Jesus says, "He who believes and is baptized will be saved, but he who does not believe will be condemned" Mk. 16:16. Are we to conclude that belief and baptism only will lead to salvation? Again, we find Peter telling his Jewish brethren about his encounter with the Gentile, Cornelius, and his household, he said "...God has also granted to the Gentiles repentance to life" Acts 11:18. Is this saying that "repentance" only leads to "life" or eternal life? How about Romans 10:10 "For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." Is Paul saying that only belief and confession will lead to salvation?

What we are seeing here is the use of figures of speech known as synecdoche, where a part is used to represent the whole. To understand the sum of what a person needs to do to be saved, one needs to look at all the passages that teach this subject and put them all together. That is, bring the parts together to make the whole. In doing so we now find the scriptures telling us that for one to be saved, one needs to believe in the Lord Jesus, repent of one's sins, confess Christ as Lord, and be baptized for the forgiveness of one's sins.


We must be diligent in our handling of God's word (2 Tim. 2:15). The psalmist states this quite clearly when he says in Psa. 119:160 "The sum of Thy word is truth..."

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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](mailto:westhammondcc@gmail.com).

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.

### **\*\*PLEASE NOTE\*\***

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

## OUR CONGREGATION'S EVANGELISM PROGRAM

We implore every member to pray for the successful implementation of this program, which will allow each and every member to play an integral role.

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](http://www.ladieslectureshipretreat.org)

**\*\*\*Do not wait for the last minute to register\*\***

## FOR ENCOURAGEMENT

Continue to pray for and encourage our new members: Sis. Jameka Taylor 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

Bro. Oddman had a successful surgery last Wednesday. Jermaine McDowell, the son of Sis. Chambers. Tristan Neal, the newborn grandson of Bro. & Sis. Davis. Linda

Williams, niece of the Youngs. Andriana Mendenhall and the Mendenhall family. Sharon Mason, friend of Sis. Hardy and her mother, Vladis Reynolds. Quince Dixon, family member of the Cunninghams, Sis. Lightfoot, Sis. Angelice Cunningham, the Conners, Sis. Janiece Carter, Sis. Brantford and Sis. Ellis.



## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



**BRO. WEBSTER**  
**SIS. WEBSTER**  
**SIS. DORIS DAVIS**  
**SIS. ELLIS**  
**SIS. MCGEE**

**MON. 7/15**  
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**TUES. 7/16**  
**SAT. 7/20**

## NO ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

## Annual Giveaway Day

**Sat. Aug. 3, 11am - 4pm**

New or very gently used items only. Bring in your donations by July 26 to give enough time to be sorted.

This will be another community evangelistic effort.

Volunteers are needed. Refreshments will be served.



Instead of a physical membership directory, we are inviting 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	84
Wednesday Bible Class (Zoom)	43
Last Sunday's offering	\$3,781.51
<b>Weekly Budget</b>	<b>\$4,069.13</b>