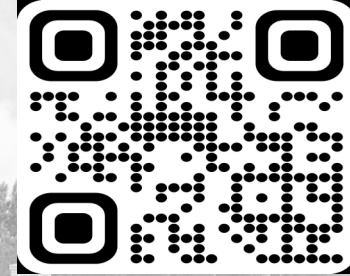


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THE MESSENGER



*"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. 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

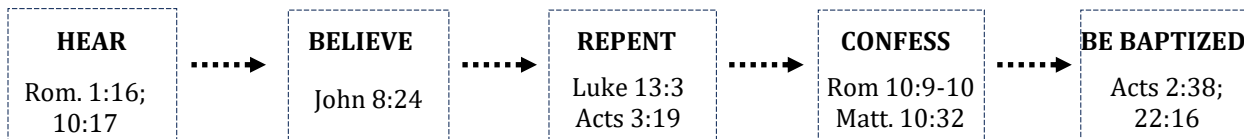
- Bible Study (on Zoom)...7:00 p.m.
Access through the website

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

Remember Lot's Wife

Back to School. These three words engender relief for some parents and panic for some educators. With this time of year comes new school supplies, new outfits, new friends, and for some even new schools. Yet, with all this newness, the tradition of the first day of school pictures live on. Parents compile photos from pre-K to high school and "remember when". I recently saw a social media post where a mother shared the first day of kindergarten and the first day of senior year for her son. There is nothing wrong with looking back and remembering things of the past. Jeremiah encourages us to ask for the "old paths" for they are good and provide rest (Jeremiah 6:16-19). The first gospel sermon preached by Peter in Acts 2 is full of "remember when" as Peter spoke of King David and his connection to Jesus Christ. But, in Luke 17:31-32, Jesus seems to caution looking back, warning us to "remember Lot's wife" (read Genesis 19:17-26).


Writer, poet, activist, and scholar Dr. Maya Angelou is often quoted as saying, "Once you know better, you do better". As we grow in wisdom and knowledge, our actions and way of living should reflect our growth. While it is good to reflect on the past, we cannot live in it. Paul teaches us this in Romans 6:1-4 and Romans 15:4. We can draw parallels between Lot and his family leaving Sodom and Gomorrah and repentance. When one repents, the expectation is that once he or she turns away from that sin, there will be no returning. Often, when we find ourselves in trying situations we say "they're lucky I'm a Christian" or "you lucky I'm saved" as a passive threat and an invitation to try us even further. Let us take Jesus's words seriously in our daily walk. Let us remember Lot's wife and the consequence of going back on our promise to Christ. As the song says, "We have come too far to turn around. Satan is on our track, trying hard to turn us back. We have come too far to turn around."

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Bro. Eddie Taylor, Jr.

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.

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

*****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

Jermaine McDowell, the son of Sis. Chambers. Andriana Mendenhall and the Mendenhall family.

Sis. Hardy's friend, Sharon Mason, and mother, Vladis Reynolds. Quince Dixon, family member of the Cunninghams. Sis. Lightfoot, Sis. Angelice Cunningham, Sis. Brantford, Bro. Oddman, Sis. Harley-Simpson and Sis. Ellis.



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



*AMIR SIMS	TUES. 7/23
SIS. JEASSEANN TAYLOR	WED. 7/24
SIS. DENEE WEBSTER	WED. 7/24
*DENOTES NOT A MEMBER	

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

#12-BRO. & SIS. LIGHTFOOT		FRI. 7/26
#7- BRO. & SIS. EJ TAYLOR		SAT. 7/27

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.

ATTENTION

Sunday morning Zoom has been discontinued with immediate effect. However, Wednesday evening Bible class will continue on Zoom.

Sunday morning sermon will be recorded and uploaded to YouTube by the end of day each Sunday.

Last Week's Record

Sunday AM Worship	58
Wednesday Bible Class (Zoom)	41
Last Sunday's Offering	\$3,594.71
Weekly Budget	\$4,069.13