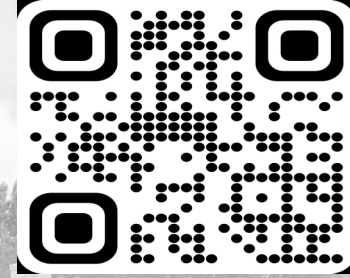


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THE MESSENGER



*"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

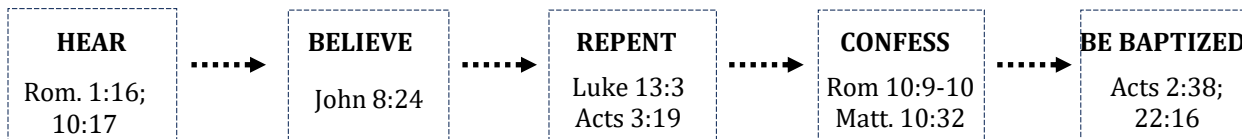
- Bible Study (on Zoom)...7:00 p.m.
Access through the website

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

Interesting Sayings in Hosea

I have given some attention to what I think are interesting sayings in Jeremiah and Isaiah. Today I would like to give some attention to some sayings in Hosea that I think are interesting. Probably the best-known passage in this Book of the Bible is found in Hosea 4:6. *My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I also will forget thy children* (ASV).

The passage doesn't need much explanation because it's readily understood as one reads it. It may not need much attention, but any devoted student of Scripture can't fail to note that, in fact, it needs much attention. It has often been said that those who refuse to learn from history are doomed to repeat it. This means that if we fail to learn from the experiences of those who lived before us, we fall into the same traps they did because we are doing the same as they did. Peter made it very clear that while he lived, he was going to remind the brethren to pay attention to those things that are of God, and by doing this we can avoid snares that spring up from everywhere (2 Peter 1:3-15).

How can anyone be destroyed by lack of knowledge? Knowledge is instruction in a specific area that is supposed to benefit the recipient. From the Lord He imparted to us His Word whereby we can learn the ways of God and travel the path of Jesus. If one does not learn from God, upon what path will he travel? Later, the Lord, through Hosea, gave a stern rebuke to the people of Israel because they refused to learn from Him. For they sow the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind: he hath no standing grain; the blade shall yield no meal; if so, be it yield, strangers shall swallow it up (8:7). To sow the wind is to sow emptiness, it is to sow seed that has its origin in man and to have the wind blow it wherever it will. In Hosea 10:13, the Lord said this is what they did, You have plowed iniquity; you have reaped injustice; you have eaten the fruit of lies. Because you have trusted in your own way and in the multitude of your warriors (ESV).


Are any of us guilty of something similar? We may be more than we think! When one sows the wisdom / thinking of man, he's not sure what he has sown because the quaint expression today may not have the same impact tomorrow. With the Lord, however, the bedrock of His thinking is sure (firm) when man lives in a sea of doubt. Instead of sowing emptiness, let us be reminded that we need to *Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap according to kindness; break up your fallow ground; for it is time to seek Jehovah, till he come and rain righteousness upon you* (10:12).

How can anyone be destroyed by a lack of knowledge?

- Ron Thomas (Rio Grande Church of Christ)

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.

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.

Bro. EJ Taylor's Young Christians' class located on the upper level has re-convene today.

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

See Sis. Webster for registration details

This year it's literally at our doorstep, eliminating the cost of air fare to go to another state. Do make the effort to attend.

TRAVELING

Prayers for the Cavitts in their travels.

NOTICE

The Cossom and Young families have placed membership with the Harvey congregation.

FOR ENCOURAGEMENT

Continue to pray for and encourage our newer members.

FOR PRAYERS

Sis. White had a successful knee surgery this past week. Jade Neal, the granddaughter of Sis. Ellis has been admitted to the hospital. Malik McNeil, Andriana and the entire Mendenhall family. Sister Ricks & family. Sis. Hardy's mother, Vladis Reynolds. Quince Dixon, family member of the Cunninghams. Sis. Lightfoot, Sis. Angelice Cunningham, Sis. Brantford, Bro. Oddman, Sis. Harley-Simpson Sis. Janece Carter, Sis. Conner and Sis. Ellis.



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

BRO. ROBERT LIGHTFOOT	TUES.	8/13
SIS. BROOKE GAMBLE	THURS.	8/15
SIS. MICHELLE METEVIA	SAT.	8/17

NO ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

BIBLE FACTS

The last word in the Bible is AMEN

ATTENTION

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

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

Last Week's Record

Sunday AM Worship	90
Sunday PM Worship	21
Wednesday Bible Class (Zoom)	41
Last Sunday's Offering	\$5,692.00
Weekly Budget	\$4,069.13