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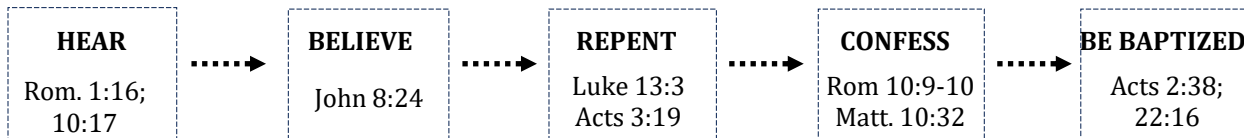
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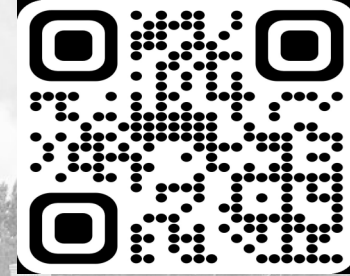
ORDER OF SERVICE

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WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?



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

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 when it is being passed around.

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

*I rejoiced with those who said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the LORD."
Psalm 122:1*

CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

Don't Stop 'Til You Get Enough!

As a biology teacher, I teach my students that one main requirement for living things is the consumption of materials for growth, development and sustenance. Plants must consume water and various nutrients in the soil. Bacteria utilize water and organic materials (be it on a dead organism or the dusty surface of a lightbulb). Christians, in order to grow, develop, and be sustained must consume righteousness. Jesus tells us in Matthew 5:6 that those who "hunger and thirst for righteousness" will be filled. Jesus further states that He is the Bread of life and those who ingest or take in his teachings will be filled (John 6:47-55). With this in mind, how can we, as Christians, refuse to eat? How can we turn down spiritual food?

An unfortunate question that is often asked by Christians is "How much is enough?". Such questions as, "Do I have to attend evening worship service?" or "Do I have to attend Bible class?" are nothing more than declarations that "I have had enough spiritual food", "I have had enough Jesus!". Matthew 5:6 says that we should hunger and thirst for righteousness, not turn it down when offered. Hebrews 10:23-25 encourages us to hold on to our faith (v. 23), to provoke one another to do good (v. 24), and to not forsake the assembling of the saints (v. 25). Verses 23 and 24 are readily accepted, but once we get to verse 25, we begin to frown. We say things like, "it doesn't say Bible class" or "it doesn't say evening service". We are right, it doesn't say those things verbatim. However, Hebrews 10:25 warns us against forsaking the assembling--any time the saints come together. This includes evening service, bible classes, gospel meetings, prayer meetings, or any gathering of the saints. The Hebrew writer goes as far as to say that we should come together more frequently, as Judgement Day approaches. Why? To help us hold fast to our faith (Hebrews 10:25), to maintain the unity of the church (Ephesians 4: 3; 1 Corinthians 1:10), and so that we may be filled with the righteous teachings of Christ (Matthew 5:6; John 6:47-55). **To continue to be filled, we must continue to be hungry for righteousness!**


Therefore, my response to the question of "how often do we have to come together?" is echoed the immortal words of Michael Jackson: "Don't stop 'til you get enough".

~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-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.

The *Men's Class* and *Ladies' Class* meet **every** Thursday at 6:30 p.m. **This Thursday the ladies will having their gift exchange and fellowship downstairs. Bring a gift if you want to participate in the gift exchange.**

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 group information

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

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP

All members are encouraged to attend Sunday evening worship service at 6:00pm, as we endeavor to abide by Hebrews 10:25 "not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together." Invite friends and families to attend.

FOR ENCOURAGEMENT

Continue to pray for and encourage our newer members.

FOR PRAYERS

Sis. Ellis has fallen ill and is recovering at home. Bro. Oddman & family, Malik McNeil, Andriana and the entire Mendenhall family. Sis. Hardy's mother, Vladis Reynolds. Quince Dixon, family member of the Cunninghams. Sis. Lightfoot, Sis. Angelice Cunningham, Sis. Brantford, Sis. Harley-Simpson, Sis. Janece Carter, Sis. Conner and Sis Della White.



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

BRO. ROB HARDY
SIS. STEPHANIE CONNER



MON. 8/26
SAT. 8/31

NO ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Appointing Elders

We will be hosting a two day lesson on "The church and Eldership" on Wednesday, September 11th and Thursday, September 12th, starting at 6:30 pm. Our presenter will be Bro. Eddie Taylor. This is very important as we aspire to appointing qualified men as elders to oversee the church, here, at West Hammond.

ATTENTION

We are planning a whole church trip to **Goebert's Farm & Garden Center** on October 19, 2024. While you may drive, we will be chartering a bus, hence we will need a head count by the 3rd Sunday in September. Cost is \$25 at the gate and \$23.50 online. More details to come.

Last Week's Record

Sunday AM Worship	75
Sunday PM Worship	19
Wednesday Bible Class (Zoom)	
Last Sunday's Offering	\$2,834.71
Weekly Budget	\$4,069.13