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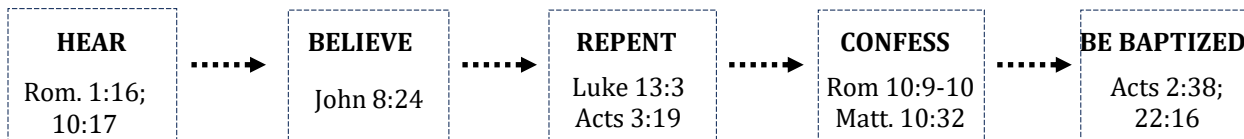
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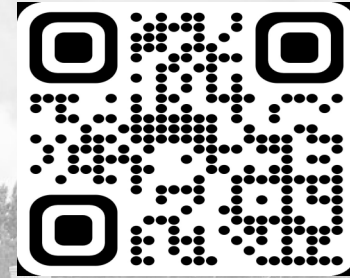
ORDER OF SERVICE

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?



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 located at the front on the communion table.

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

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

CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

Our Compassionate High Priest

In a world filled with hurting, lonely and forgotten people, the writer of Hebrews introduces us to the great High Priest who is both compassionate and understanding. Jesus Christ, our eternal Mediator, bridges the gap between our sinfulness and God's holiness.

The role of the High Priest must be properly understood. In the Old Testament, the High Priest held a sacred position. He interceded for the people and offered sacrifices on their behalf (Lev. 16:14-15). His garments bore the names of the tribes (Heb. 28:29)—a visual reminder that he represented the entire twelve tribes before God. But this earthly office was a mere shadow of the ultimate High Priest to come. Hebrews 4:14-16 introduces Jesus as our compassionate High Priest: *"Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need."*

He does not just sympathize, He advocates. He pleads our case before the Father, reminding The Father of His sacrifice—the ultimate atonement.

In Him we see compassion in action. For example, His understanding of our struggles is indicative of His divine nature. Jesus walked this earth experiencing hunger, fatigue, and rejection. He wept at Lazarus's tomb and felt the weight of our brokenness. His compassion isn't theoretical; it's deeply personal. When life overwhelms us, we can approach Him, knowing He understands. His advocacy and mercy also define who He is (1 John 2:1). He does not just sympathize, He advocates. He pleads our case before the Father, reminding The Father of His sacrifice—the ultimate atonement. When guilt weighs us down, Jesus offers mercy, not condemnation. His grace is inexhaustible.

Through Him we have the confidence to approach God's throne of grace (Heb. 4:16). The torn veil in the temple symbolized access to God through Christ. We no longer need an earthly mediator; Jesus is our direct link. We can boldly approach the throne of grace, knowing we won't be turned away.

Finally, in our moments of need—whether in joy or sorrow—we find grace waiting. The book of Hebrews informs us that "...He is able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them" (Heb. 7:25).

~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-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.

Bro. EJ Taylor's Young Christians' class, located on the upper level will re-convene on Sunday, August 11th.

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

The Connors are traveling this week for a family reunion.

FOR ENCOURAGEMENT

Continue to pray for and encourage our newer members.

FOR PRAYERS

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.

NO BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

#24-BRO. & SIS. EDDIE TAYLOR  MON. 8/4

Annual Giveaway Day

Heartfelt gratitude to all who contributed to making this another successful event. Those who donated, sorted and especially those who labored from beginning to end yesterday in the extreme heat. Praise The Lord we were able to make _____ contact cards filled out. Let's do our part with these prospects and pray that The Lord will give the increase

ATTENTION

Sunday morning Zoom has been discontinued with immediate effect. 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	77
Sunday PM Worship	21
First Sunday's PM Worship	26
Wednesday Bible Class (Zoom)	37
Last Sunday's Offering	\$3,327.00
Weekly Budget	\$4,069.13