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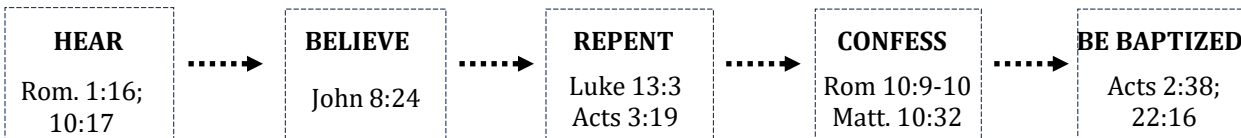
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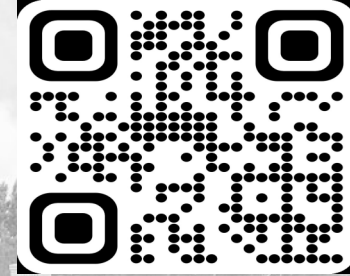
ORDER OF SERVICE

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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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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)
Sunday A.M. Service11 a.m.
Sunday P.M. Service6 p.m.

Wednesday

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

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.

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

CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

The Art of Standing Still

I have fond memories as a child playing freeze tag. If you have never played, a player who is “it” chases other players in an attempt to tag them. Once touched by the “it” player, the individual must stop moving, in effect frozen in whatever position they were in when touched. More recently, there was a “Mannequin Challenge” on TikTok where people stood completely still, often in outrageous positions. This challenge and freeze tag were challenging because it requires participants to stand still.

How often do we find ourselves praying for God to bless us, but when we feel He is moving too slowly we take matters into our own hands? We pray to God for wisdom, but when we feel like his word isn't doing it for us, we turn to other books, other people, even other beliefs. We don't stand still long enough to realize that God is working. In Exodus 14:13-14, we find the children of Israel frantic and afraid. They question why Moses brought them out of bondage and into bewilderment. Moses tells them in verse 13, “Do not be afraid, stand still” (NKJV). In verse 14, Moses says, “The LORD shall fight for you; you need only to be still” (NIV). As Moses speaks to the children of Israel, he also speaks to us. We must, with our whole heart, trust God and believe that he is on our side (Proverbs 3:5; Psalm 124:1). This trust may require us to stand still, no matter the discomfort. The influences of the world will have us to act now and apologize later, but that is not the life we are called to live. Let us continue to step only when and where we are ordered (Psalm 27:23). Let our steps be preceded with prayer (Philippians 4:6).

We live in a world that tells us, “Don't just stand there, do something!”, but God often tells us, “Don't just do something, stand there!”. For it is in our stillness that we begin to witness the movement and wonder of God.

By Bro. EJ Taylor

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

REMINDERS

~Please silence your *phones*. 
~**No eating nor drinking** inside the auditorium.

PARDON OUR DUST

Over the next few weeks, we will undergo several phases to install two new restrooms.



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.

OUR CONGREGATION'S EVANGELISM PROGRAM

We implore every member to pray for the success 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.



FALL HOMELESS MISSION

We are accepting canned goods, bottled water, toiletries, **gently** used **men's** clothing & outerwear items **only**. Donations can be placed in the donation room on the lower level.

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.

FOR ENCOURAGEMENT

Continue to pray for our newest members Sis. Tiarra Thompson and Bro. Ahmad Powell. Also, continue to encourage and pray for all our new members.

CONDOLENCES

Funeral arrangements for Sis. Denyale Boles Sheldon Heights Church of Christ
11325 S Halsted St. Chicago IL 60628
Today- Sun. Sept. 15th, **Wake:** 2pm & **Service:** 3pm

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 PRAYERS

The Boles family, Sis. Chambers and her son, Jermaine. The Oddman family. The Mendenhalls and nephew, Legend McNeal. Bro. Hardy's daughter, Catrice Hardy. Sis. Hardy's mother Vladis Reynolds. Quince Dixon, sister of Sis. Cunningham. Sis. Lightfoot, Sis. Angelice Cunningham, Sis. Brantford, Sis. Washington, Sis. Ellis, Bro. Romeo Tomlinson and the Baggetts of AL.

NO BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

NO ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Appointing Elders

The two-day lesson on “The church and Eldership” was held this past week by Bro. Eddie Taylor. This is very important to our congregation as we aspire to appoint qualified men as elders to oversee the church, here, at West Hammond.

ATTENTION

We are planning a whole church trip to **Goebbert'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 **today**. Cost is \$25 at the gate and \$23.50 online.

Last Week's Record

Sunday AM Worship	65
Sunday PM Worship	30
Wednesday Bible Class	30
Last Sunday's Offering	\$3,997.91
Weekly Budget	\$4,069.13