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# Sermon Notes



"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." <u>I John 1:5</u>

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#### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES Sunday

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



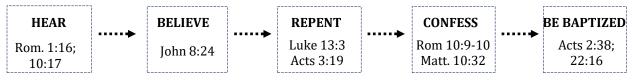
### WELCOME VISITING FRIENDS

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.



#### 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?



# **CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH**

# **Tearful Prays**

I spoke to God yesterday, on my knees and in tears, Begging Him to take away feelings of doubt, insecurity, and fear I ask Him to forgive the anger in my heart My anger is kindled toward Him, though He's alpha and omega, finish to start.

I'm angry because I feel ignored, overlooked, and forsaken I felt by putting my trust in God, I was making a huge mistake and No matter how much I pray, despite the days I fast It seems like a lifetime of putting God first always ends in me coming last.

I spoke to God yesterday, on my knees and in tears, When I began to feel this calm, to hear reassurance in my ears. I remember every time I stumble and each time I fall I call my God because I know He hears me when I call.

I reflect on all the friends that used to be around, But when I began to ugly cry, they were nowhere to be found. I remember His words comforted me, wiped my eyes and my nose He told me He not only hears me, He understands and knows.

I spoke to my God today, on my feet and in tears, Shouting countless hallelujahs, smiling from ear to ear. I thank Him for His compassion, I praise Him for His care Letting Him know I appreciate Him always being there.

I'm thankful to God today, though I still have a few unanswered prayers I'll keep on believing! I'll keep on praying! I ain't going nowhere! He may not have granted yet, in the way I think He should But that doesn't change the fact that my God is always good!

By: Eddie Taylor, Jr.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

# <u>REMINDERS</u>

~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

*New guests* please complete A Welcome Card. *Returning guest* please *print* your name in the Returning Guest Log in the foyer.

A  $\it Suggestion Box$  and  $\it Prayer Request$  cards are located in the foyer.

*Contributions* can be made electronically via **Zelle** (*recommended*) using the church's email*westhammondcoc@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 <u>every</u> Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

## FALL HOMELESS MISSION

We are accepting canned goods, bottled water, toiletries, <u>gently</u> used <u>men's</u> clothing & outerwear items **only**. Donations can be placed in the donation room on the lower level. Please indicate "*mission*" on *checks and electronic payments*.

#### checks and electronic payments. \*\*\*All donations due by, Sunday, October 27th\*\*\*

Our target outreach date to deliver bags is scheduled for Sunday, November 3rd, immediately after worship.

Volunteers are needed. Please mark your calendars!

#### 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. Teara Thompson and Bro. Ahmad Powell. Also, continue to encourage and pray for all our new members.

### CONDOLENCES

To Dominique Williams who laid her 19 year old daughter, DeMarie Williams to rest this past week. DeMarie was a college student and the oldest of 9 children. She was a victim of domestic violence and the relative of the Cunningham family.

#### 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

Sis. Ricks was in a recent car accident. The Boles family, Sis. Chambers and her son, Jermaine, the Oddman family, 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, Sis. Webster and Bro. Tomlinson and Bro. & Sis. Baggett of AL.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Bro. Cunningham Bro. Mendenhall, Sr. Tues. 9/24 Wed. 9/25

NO ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

# 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 the head count **cut-off was last week Sunday**. <u>You are</u> <u>required to buy your own tickets</u>.

#### Cost is \$25 at the gate and \$23.50 online. \*\*\*See Bro. EJ Taylor if you wish to be added to or taken off the list\*\*\*

Last Week's Record	
Sunday AM Worship	83
Sunday PM Worship	26
Wednesday Bible Class	48
Last Sunday's Offering	\$2,695.00
Weekly Budget	\$4,069.13