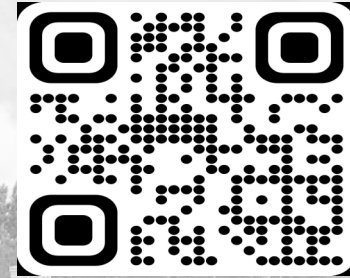


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THE MESSENGER




*"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

Sundays

- Children's Sunday School10 a.m.
Sis. Jameka Taylor (lower level)
- Young People's Class10 a.m.
Bro. Ej. Taylor (upper level)
- New Christians' Class10 a.m.
Bro. Webster (upper level)
- Sun. Adult Bible Class.....10 a.m.
Bro. Lightfoot (main auditorium)
- Sunday A.M. Service11 a.m.
- Sunday P.M. Service6 p.m.

Wednesdays

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

Thursdays

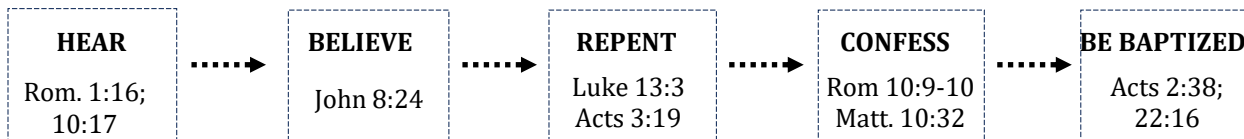
- Men's & Ladies Classes6:30 p.m.

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

He Is Like a Roaring Lion!

1 Peter 5:8 states; *"Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour."*

In this passage, Peter warns us of the devil's nonstop pursuit to lead us, and to spiritually destroy us. He uses the imagery of a roaring lion to convey a sense of imminent danger. Just as a lion stalks its prey, the devil seeks to attack us at our most vulnerable moments, exploiting our weaknesses and doubt. Therefore, it is crucial to remain vigilant and steadfast in our faith. Being sober-minded and watchful means staying alert to the spiritual battles around us and within us. It means grounding ourselves in prayer, immersing in God's Word, and seeking His guidance in every aspect of our lives.

We must remember that we are not alone in this struggle, in fact 1 Pet. 5:9b says "...that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world." Thankfully, the church provides strength and support, which allows us to share our burdens and victories with one another, hence, fortifying us against Satan's schemes. Let us, therefore, not isolate ourselves, but draw closer to our fellow Christians, encouraging and uplifting each other in love.

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Furthermore, we have the assurance that God is greater than any adversary. Psalm 18:2 reminds us, *"The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer."* In Christ, we have the ultimate victory. His death and resurrection have already defeated the powers of darkness. While the devil may roar, he cannot overcome the power of Jesus in our lives. Let this truth embolden us to stand firm. When faced with trials and temptations, we can resist the enemy by recalling those powerful divine promises found in God's word. When we trust in His strength, we will find courage to confront our fears and overcome any challenge.

So, this week, let us take time to meditate on the ways we can remain watchful and resilient in our faith, how we can better support one another in our spiritual journey and how can we actively engage in practices that strengthen our relationship with God. Together, as the body of Christ, we can face the roaring lion with unwavering hope and trust in our Lord.


~ Robert Webster

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.

NEW CHRISTIANS' CLASS

Starting today, Bro. Webster will teach this class for all new Christians dating back to 2022.

OUR CONGREGATION'S EVANGELISM PROGRAM

We implore every member to get involved in the evangelistic mission of the church. Following Jesus' example and teachings we, too, are expected to seek and save the lost. Luke 19:10

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. Please indicate "**mission**" on **checks and electronic payments**.

*****8 days left- All donations due by, Sunday, October 27th*****
Volunteers are needed for next Saturday from 12-2pm to bag and organize items for the mission.

Our target outreach date to deliver bags is scheduled for Sunday, November 3rd, immediately after worship. Volunteers are needed. Please mark your calendars!

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.

NEW BIRTH IN CHRIST

Continue to encourage Bro. Deonté Rice, who was baptized 10/6, and for all our other new converts.

FOR PRAYERS

Sis. Hardy's niece, Dava Gumbala, Bro. Kristopher Strickland, Sis. Della White, .Bro. Baggett & family from Alabama, Stacey Forrest, Bro. & Sis. Davis, the Boles family, Sis. Ricks and Sis. Hardy's mother, Vladis Reynolds. Quince Dixon, Sis. Lightfoot, Sis. Angelice Cunningham, Sis. Brantford, Sis. Ellis, Bro. Tomlinson and family and the entire Webster family.



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

*Tavian Sims Tues, 10/22
Bro. Ed. Davis Tues, 10/22
Bro. Darrell Hicks Wed, 10/23

*DENOTES NOT A MEMBER

NO ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Goebbert's Farm Adventure

Our first ever church trip to Goebbert's Farm and Garden Center was a huge success! It was a beautiful day to be outdoors. Thanks to Bro. EJ for initiating and organizing this event.



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.

Last Week's Record

Sunday AM Worship	74
Sunday PM Worship	23
Wednesday Bible Class	47
Last Sunday's Offering	\$3,569.30

