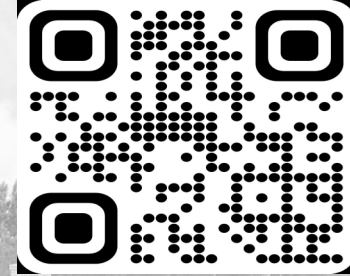


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THE MESSENGER



*"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

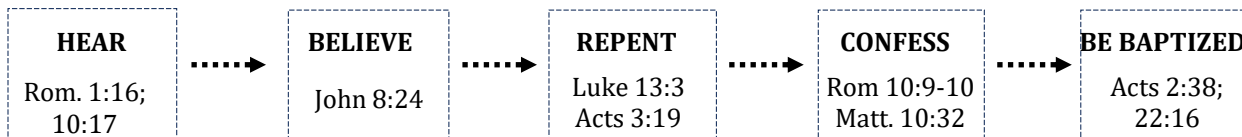
- Men's & Ladies Classes6:30 p.m.

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

Why Me?

The question, "Why me?", is often on our minds and frequently travels across our lips. We wonder why certain travesties befall us. We wonder why we find ourselves in so many storms. We wonder why the wicked seem to prosper, while the faithful continue to perish. Why me? But when we think about the ultimate sacrifice made on our behalf, how often do we sit and wonder, "why me"?

In Romans 5:8, Paul reminds us that while we were in our sins, Christ died for us. The previous verse highlights the fact that for a good man, some of us might die, but how many of us would die for someone sinking in sin? God gave His only Son for you. He sacrificed His Son for me. In humility and curiosity I ask the question, "why me"? John 3:16 provides an answer in that it was because of God's love that He made that sacrifice. Still, I find myself wondering what I could have done to deserve such love. As Paul mentioned, for a good man one might entertain the thought of dying but if I'm honest with myself, I've never been that good. In John 15:14, Jesus claims us as his friends and in Ephesians 5:25, Paul describes us as Jesus's bride. Albeit, I am His friend and espoused unto Him I still find myself unworthy.

It is my unworthiness that makes this love so grand. For the answer to my question, "why me" is simple. Grace. Grace is defined as "unmerited favor". Many teachers today are asked to show "grace" when grading and assessing their students, but the grace that God bestows upon us is much more valuable than an 'A' on a biology midterm. God's grace deems me worthy of His love, not because I deserve it, but because He chose me. He chose me. So when Paul closes the book of Ephesians with, "Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ" I understand that Paul is reminding me that though I am unworthy of Christ's friendship, I am a benefactor of His love. While I am unworthy of the blood shed on Calvary, through grace I am found worthy of His love. It is by God's grace and mercy that we find ourselves in showers of love and blessings. We may never understand why, but we are forever grateful.

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~Bro. Eddie Taylor, Jr.

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- westhammondco@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

Bro. Webster is teaching 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**.

***** All donations are expected today, Sunday, October 27th *****

Volunteers are needed for next Sunday, November 3rd, immediately after service to deliver bags to the homeless.

A sign-up sheet is on the ledge.

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.

TRAVELING

Sis. Mickles along with daughters, Cierra and Paris, is traveling this week.

NEW BIRTH IN CHRIST

Continue to encourage Bro. Deonte 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

Bro. Darrell Hicks

Today, Sun. 10/27

NO ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

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.

LADIES' DAY EVENT

The Northlake Church of Christ will be hosting their **Ladies' Day** this Saturday, November 2.

Theme: **Following in the Footsteps of Jesus**

Speaker: Sis. Patrice Payne of Harvey CoC

Colors: Lavender and White

Address: 1000 E 21st Ave, Gary, IN. 46407

8:30am: Continental Breakfast

9:15am: Start of Program

Last Week's Record

Sunday AM Worship	72
Sunday PM Worship	25
Wednesday Bible Class	38
Last Sunday's Offering	\$3,599.00
Weekly Budget	\$4,069.13