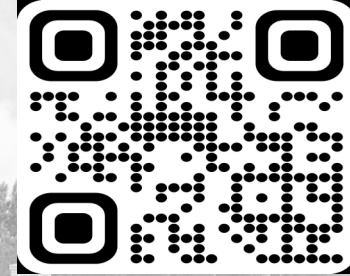


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# THE MESSENGER




*"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**

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.

**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

**Sundays**

- Children's Sunday School .....10 a.m.  
*Sis. Jameka Taylor (lower level)*
- Young People's Class .....10 a.m.  
*Bro. Ej. Taylor (upper level)*
- New Christians' Class .....10 a.m.  
*Bro. Webster (upper level)*
- Sun. Adult Bible Class.....10 a.m.  
*Bro. Lightfoot (main auditorium)*
- Sunday A.M. Service .....11 a.m.
- Sunday P.M. Service .....6 p.m.

**Wednesdays**

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

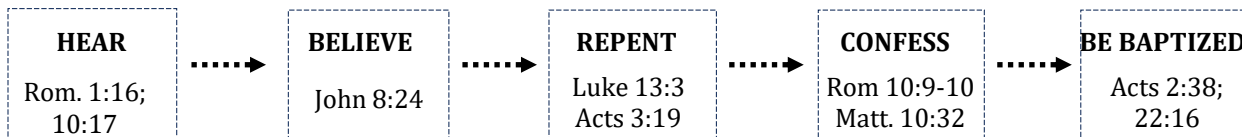
**Thursdays**

- Men's & Ladies Classes .....6:30 p.m.

**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

## Little Is Much When God Is in It

In a world that often values abundance and greatness, the phrase "Little is much when God is in it" serves as a wonderful reminder of the power of faith, humility, and God's intervention in our lives. This is taken from a song which is rooted in God's word, as it tells us that God can take the smallest offerings and amplify them for His greater purpose.

The story of the little boy who offered his five loaves and two fish to Jesus is a perfect illustration of this truth. In John 6:9-13, we see a multitude gathered in need, and while the disciples were disheartened by the vastness of the crowd and the insignificance of the offering, Jesus took what seemed inconsequential and performed a miracle. He fed about five thousand men, excluding women and children, with a meager lunch. It was a strong reminder that size does not limit God; what matters is our willingness to offer what we have.

Many Christians today may feel that their contributions to their church are too small to make a difference. Maybe you're a busy parent with little time to spare, or perhaps you're a retiree living on a fixed income. It's easy to assume that because our resources or skills seem limited, our impact will be small as well. Yet, when we present our humble offerings to God, He has a unique way of using them for His glory.

**Instead of seeking grand achievements, we are encouraged to focus on faithfulness in the small things.**

The concept of stewardship is central to this message. God invites us to bring our talents, time, and treasures to Him, no matter how small they may seem. Whether it's volunteering for a few hours a week, sharing a word of encouragement, or giving financially, God can take these small investments and multiply their impact. He uses our actions to spread His love and grace, reminding us that every effort counts in His kingdom.

Furthermore, God's ability to work miracles through little things calls us to re-examine our perception of success. Instead of seeking grand achievements, we are encouraged to focus on faithfulness in the small things. This perspective not only transforms our understanding of what it means to serve but also allows us to participate in God's work in a profound way. So, let us remember that little is much when God is in it. Our seemingly insignificant contributions are often the very things that God will use to bring about substantial change. So, take heart, and step forward in faith, knowing that your little can lead to much when offered to the Lord.


~Bro. 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-  
[westhammondco@gmail.com](mailto: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.

## 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 BIRTHS IN CHRIST

Continue to pray for and encourage all our new converts for 2024.

## CONDOLENCES

The funeral arrangements for Cynthia Harris, the niece of Sis. McGee, are as follows: Viewing 11/11 4 - 6pm, visitation 11/12 9:30 - 10am, funeral 10 - 11 am. All at Callahan Funeral Home, 7046 S Halsted St. Chicago

## FOR PRAYERS

Sis. Tene & Sis. Andria Mendenhall, Sis. Thigpen, Sis. Hardy, her mother and her niece, Dava Goumbala, Bro. Kristopher Strickland, Sis. Della White, Bro. Baggett & family from Alabama, Stacey Forrest, Bro. & Sis. Davis,

the Boles family, Sis. Ricks, Quince Dixon, Sis. Lightfoot, Sis. Angelice Cunningham, Sis. Brantford, Sis. Ellis, Bro. Tomlinson and family and the entire Webster family.

## NO BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

## ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

#32 BRO. & SIS. WEBSTER  THURS. 11/14

## 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](http://www.ladieslectureshipretreat.org)

\*\*\*See Sis. Webster for group information\*\*\*

**Information about scholarships, awards and registration is on the notice board in the foyer.**



With Respect, Honor & Gratitude  
**Thank you Veterans**

Immediately after service, each veteran among us today will be recognized. Please remain seated to show our love, support and appreciation to them.

## TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY

Contact Bro. Mendenhall if you, or anyone you invite to church, will need a ride to get here.

## ACADEMIC RECOGNITION

Bro. EJ would like parents to share their children's 1st quarter grades by Sunday, 11/17, to be announced and celebrated with the congregation.

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

### Last Week's Record

Sunday AM Worship	83
Sunday PM Worship	23
Wednesday Bible Class	44
Last Sunday's Offering	\$6,534.00
<b>Weekly Budget</b>	<b>\$4,069.13</b>

