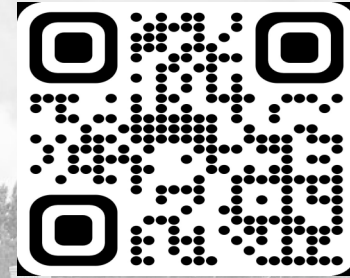


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# THE MESSENGER



*"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*

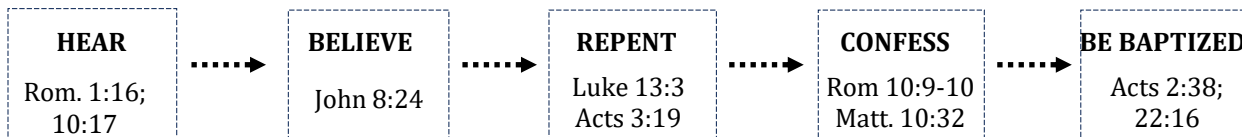
**Thursdays**

- 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

## God's Not in a Hurry, You Are!

In our fast-paced world, it's easy to feel like life is a race against time. Deadlines, appointments, and endless to-do lists leave us constantly in a rush. We often carry this urgency into our spiritual lives, expecting God to operate on our timeline. Yet, the truth is, God's not in a hurry—we are. And, understanding His timing can radically change our perspective. The Bible is filled with stories that demonstrate God's perfect timing. Take Abraham and Sarah, who waited decades for the promised son, Isaac. Or consider Joseph, who endured years of slavery and imprisonment before stepping into his God-ordained role as Egypt's leader. Even Jesus, during His earthly ministry, modeled patience and trust in the Father's timing, saying, "My hour has not yet come" (John 2:4).


Why does God make us wait? One reason is that waiting refines us. When we're forced to slow down, we have the opportunity to develop trust, patience, and character. Isaiah 40:31 reminds us that those who wait on the Lord will renew their strength, soar on wings like eagles, and run without growing weary. Waiting isn't a waste of time; it's preparation. God uses delays to shape us into the people He created us to be. Another reason God doesn't rush, is that His plans are always bigger than ours. We often want immediate solutions to our problems, but God sees the bigger picture. He's weaving a masterpiece, and each delay serves a purpose we may not yet understand. As Proverbs 16:9 says, "In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps." His timing is not only perfect; it's purposeful.

So, what can we do while we wait? First, surrender our timeline to God and trust in His sovereignty. Second, use the waiting season to deepen our relationship with God through prayer and Scripture. Finally, embrace the present moment. Often, we're so focused on the destination that we miss what God is doing in the here and now. Remember, God is never late. His timing is deliberate, designed for His glory and your good. The next time you feel rushed, take a deep breath and remind yourself: God's not in a hurry—you are. Trust Him, and you'll find peace in the wait.


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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](mailto: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

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.

## CONDOLENCES

To the family of Bro. Romeo Tomlinson who passed away last Sunday.

## FOR PRAYERS

Sis. Chaff's cousin, Veronica Smith, Sis. McGee and the Harris family, 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, Stacye 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. Donovan Bryan, is a guest of the Websters. He returns to Jamaica on Wednesday, Prayers for his safe return.

## NO BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

## NO ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

## 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 today, Sunday, 11/17, to be announced and celebrated with the congregation.

## 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.**

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## Last Week's Record

Sunday AM Worship	76
Sunday PM Worship	20
Wednesday Bible Class	44
Last Sunday's Offering	\$8,853.00
<b>Weekly Budget</b>	<b>\$4,069.13</b>