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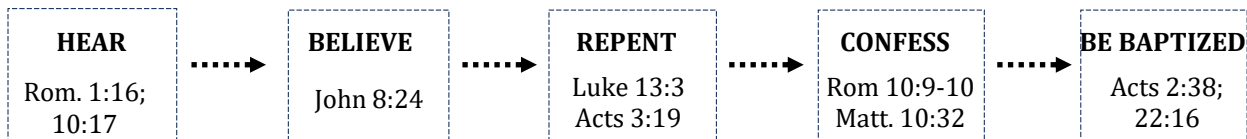
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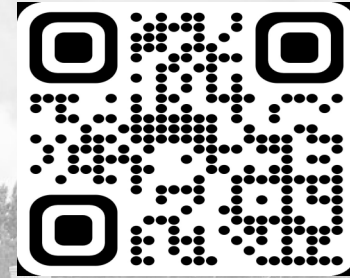
ORDER OF SERVICE

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?



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 School10 a.m.
Sis. LaDonna Carter (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.

CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

Thy Word

As I stood at the door welcoming students entering my room, I overheard a female student yelling at a male student to return her pencil. The female student was visibly upset, while the male student, wearing a boyish grin, was only beginning his game of annoyance. A friend of the female joined in, advocating for her friend and demanding, with strong language, that the boy returned the pencil. I looked up, called the male student's name, made eye contact and simply said, "Bro, give her the pencil and quit playin". The student laughed but returned the pencil. While the girl pleaded incessantly for her pencil, I only had to ask once. My word had power.

The one hundred seventy-six verses in Psalm 119 are broken up into 22 sections. Each section begins with a verse that references God's word or law. Psalm 119:1 states, "Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the LORD". Verse 57 states, "Thou art my portion, O LORD, I have said that would keep thy words" and verse 89 declares, "Forever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven". While scholars and researchers cannot ascertain the author of Psalm 119, one thing is certain, God's word has significance in the lives of those who love Him and seek to do His will. In Nehemiah 8:1-5, when Ezra stands before God's people and begins to read God's law, as he reads, the people stand. This display of reverence illustrates the respect one should have for God's word and also the power that it yields.

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One afternoon, while eating lunch at work with my colleagues, we began speaking about decorating bathrooms with framed scriptures (don't ask me how or why). Two of my Muslim colleagues explain that their religion deems it disrespectful to have holy scriptures and texts in the same place as excrement. To have God's word, whether in part or the entire Bible, in the same room where we dispose of human waste is sacrilegious. Though I am a Christian, I had to agree. Further, our respect for God's word goes beyond where we keep it in our homes, it provokes us to keep it in our hearts. Psalm 119:97 states, "O how I love thy law! It is my meditation all the day" while verse 105 proclaims, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path". God's word is not a decoration, nor an accessory to our Sunday morning suit and dress. God's word is our source of direction and correction (2 Timothy 3:16), and a refuge and protection when we are tempted and tried (Matthew 4:1-11; Ephesians 6:17). The more we respect and heed God's word, the less we become lost and wayward (Acts 2:40).

In John 10:27, Jesus tells the Jews that His sheep know His voice and follow Him. How are we to know the voice of Christ, without hearing His word? Let us strive to be of the **word** and not the **world**.


~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.

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 Bell family on the passing of Bro. Bell's aunt. Conrad Kelly, friend of Bro. Hardy, who recently lost his mother.

TRAVELING

The Websters, Denee and Sis. Whitney Taylor as they return home this evening from the funeral service for Bro. Romeo Tomlinson who passed away two weeks ago in AL. Sis. Mickles and the Bell family are also traveling this week.

FOR PRAYERS

Bro. Bell and his father who is ill. Sis. Robin Stewart of CT. friend of Sis. Norman. Sis. Chaff's cousin, Sis. Depieza, Veronica Smith, Sis. McGee and the Harris family, Sis. Tene & Sis. Andria Mendenhall, Sis. Thigpen, Sis. Hardy, her mother and her niece, Dava Gumbala, Bro. Kristopher Strickland, Sis. Della White, Bro. Baggett & family from AL., Bro. & Sis. Davis, the Boles family, Sis. Ricks, Quince Dixon, Sis. Lightfoot, Sis. Angelice Cunningham, Sis. Brantford, Sis. Ellis, the Tomlinson family and the entire Webster family.



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

SIS. CECEILA WILLIAMS



FRI. 11/29

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

#2 THE HARDYS
#41 THE SIMMONS



TODAY, 11/24
TUES. 11/26

TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY

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

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

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

ACADEMIC RECOGNITION

Bro. EJ is planning a celebration for the students' 1st quarter grades. Please see Bro. EJ if you have not yet done so.



Last Week's Record

Sunday AM Worship	74
Sunday PM Worship	21
Wednesday Bible Class	47
Last Sunday's Offering	\$3,595.91
Weekly Budget	\$4,069.13