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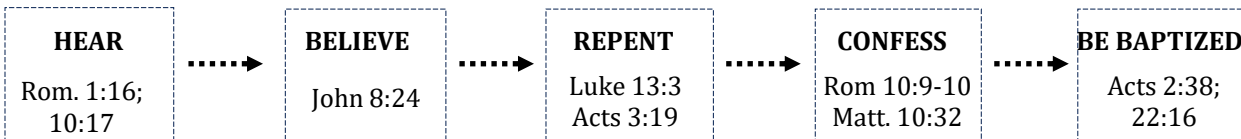
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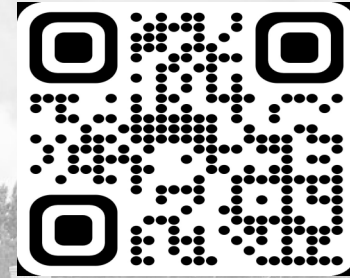
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WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?



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

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.

CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

An Unshrinkable Faith

In the hustle and bustle of our daily lives, we often find ourselves grappling with challenges that test our faith. Whether it's personal struggles, societal pressures, or global crises, our faith can sometimes feel like a flickering candle in a storm. Yet, in those moments of adversity, we are called to cultivate a faith that will not shrink.

A faith that will not shrink stands firm in the face of trials. It is a faith that remains steadfast and unmovable like a tree planted by the waters. This kind of faith is not easily swayed by the winds of doubt or fear. Instead, it draws strength from the deep roots of trust in God's promises. The Bible has plenty of examples of individuals who exhibited unwavering faith. Consider Abraham, who left his homeland and journeyed to an unknown land, trusting in God's promise of a great nation (Gen. 12:1-4). Or think of Daniel, who continued to pray to God despite the threat of being thrown into the lion's den (Dan. 6:10). These stories remind us that a faith that will not shrink is anchored in a deep relationship with God.

But, how do we cultivate such faith in our own lives? It requires a commitment to regular prayer and meditation on God's Word. Just as a plant needs water and sunlight to grow, our faith needs the nourishment of God's presence and His promises. By praying and studying the Bible, we allow our faith to be strengthened and deepened (Rom. 10:17). Also, a faith that will not shrink is nurtured through fellowship. Surrounding ourselves with fellow Christians who can encourage, support, and pray for us is crucial. In times of doubt or difficulty, the faith of others can serve as a beacon of hope and a reminder of God's faithfulness (Heb. 10:24-25). Unshrinkable faith is not about never experiencing doubt or fear. Rather, it is about choosing to trust God even in the midst of uncertainty. It is about holding on to the belief that God is with us, even when we cannot see the way forward. As Prov. 3:5-6 reminds us, *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths."*

May our faith be like a tree planted by the waters, steadfast and unmovable, even in the face of life's storms.

~R. Webster

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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-
westhammondcoc@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 would like to thank everyone for their support. These missions are so impactful to the underserved and you can really see the need when we have these opportunities to serve.

Volunteers are needed today following worship service to deliver the bags to the homeless.

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. Deonte Rice, who was baptized 10/6, and for all our other new converts.

FOR PRAYERS

Cynthia Harris, the niece of Sis. McGee is in hospice. Sis. Tene & Sis. Andria Mendenhall, Bro. Oddman, Sis. Thigpen, Sis. Hardy, her mother and her niece, Dava Gumbala, 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.



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



Sis. LaDonna Carter	Thurs. 11/7
Sis. Ruthie Gamble	Thurs. 11/7
Bro. Tyler Mack	Thurs. 11/7
Sis. Tene Mendenhall	Fri. 11/8

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 Coc** hosted their **Ladies' Day** yesterday. Some of our ladies were able to travel together, as a group, thanks to our newly acquired church van. Those ladies are the first to use the van for a church-related event.

*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	81
Sunday PM Worship	19
Wednesday Bible Class	43
Last Sunday's Offering	\$2,617.71
Weekly Budget	\$4,069.13