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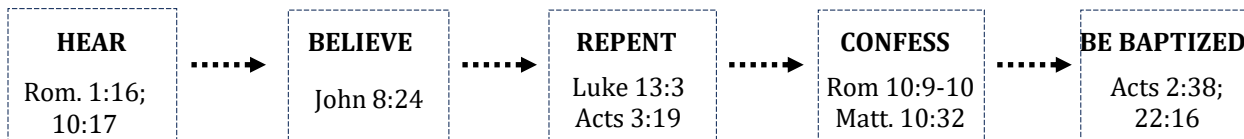
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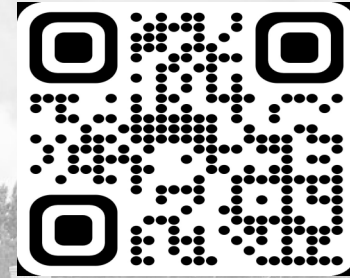
ORDER OF SERVICE

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

What Are You Ready For?

Despite living in the United States for over fourteen years, experiencing winter always seems to catch me unprepared. I am always searching for my winter gear and lagging in winterizing my home. Yet, I saw a neighbor a few days ago getting his snowblower tuned up, another covering his a/c unit, and another getting his heating system either repaired or tuned, upon observing the Heating company vehicle parked in his driveway.

The Bible encourages us to be prepared in various aspects of our faith. In 2 Timothy 4:2, Paul exhorts Timothy, *“Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction.”* This verse highlights the importance of being ready to share the gospel and minister to others at all times.

1 Peter 3:15 further emphasizes readiness: *“But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;”* As Christians, our readiness extends to defending our faith and sharing the hope we have in Jesus, doing so with humility and love.

Are you prepared to trust God’s timing and plans, even when they differ from your own?

So, what are you ready for? Are you prepared to trust God’s timing and plans, even when they differ from your own? In Proverbs 3:5-6, we are reminded to, *“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.”* Readiness involves a deep trust in God’s wisdom and guidance.

Readiness also means being equipped to face trials and challenges. Ephesians 6:10-11 states: *“Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.”* Spiritual readiness involves arming ourselves with faith, truth, righteousness, and the word of God in order to withstand spiritual battles.

Therefore, the question *“What are you ready for?”* is a call to introspection and action. It challenges us to examine our faith, our trust in God, and our willingness to step into His plans with courage and preparedness. Let us continually seek to be ready, not only for the blessings but also for the challenges that come our way, knowing that God equips and strengthens us for every good work.


~Bro. R. 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-
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.

FOR PRAYERS

The Tomlinson family in AL, the Bell family, Conrad Kelly, friend of Bro. Hardy, who recently lost his mother. Sis. Robin Stewart of CT., friend of Sis. Norman. Veronica Smith, cousin of Sis. Chaff. Brennan Davis, son of Sis. Lightfoot. 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 Goumbala, 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, and the entire Webster family.



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Sis. LATANYA LEWIS



Tues. 12/3

NO ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

TRAVELING

The Carter and Bell families are both traveling 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 is planning a celebration for the students’ 1st quarter grades. Please see Bro. EJ if you have not yet done so.


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.



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Last Week’s Record

Sunday AM Worship	74
Sunday PM Worship	20
Wednesday Bible Class	33
Last Sunday’s Offering	\$4,258.91
Weekly Budget	\$4,069.13

