

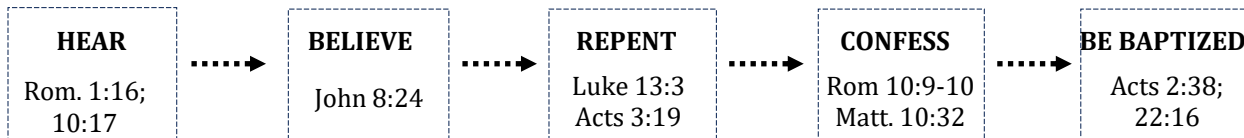
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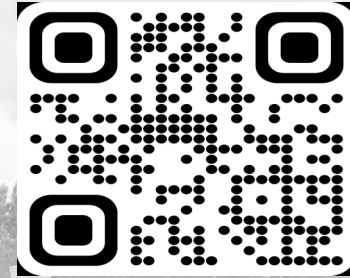


ORDER OF SERVICE
Song ~ Announcements ~ Song ~ Opening Prayer ~ Song ~ Scripture Reading ~ Song ~ Sermon ~ Song ~
Lord's Supper ~ Offering ~ Song ~ Closing Prayer

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

The Battle Belongs to the Lord

In 1 Samuel 17:47, we read the powerful words spoken by young David: "All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the Lord saves; for the battle is the Lord's, and He will give all of you into our hands." This declaration, made in the face of the giant Goliath, captures a profound truth about the nature of God's sovereignty and the power of faith.

The story of David and Goliath is one of the most well-known stories in the Bible. David, a young shepherd boy, volunteered to fight the Philistine giant, Goliath, who has been taunting the armies of Israel. Armed only with a sling and a few stones, David confronted Goliath, not with the strength of man-made weapons, but with unshakable faith in God. David's courage stemmed from his understanding that the battle he faced was not merely a physical confrontation but a spiritual one. He recognized that his true strength came from God, not from the might of his own hand. This realization is a pivotal lesson for us as we face our own giants in life. David's words remind us that our battles, whether they be personal struggles, challenges at work, or spiritual conflicts, ultimately belong to the Lord. It is easy to rely on our own abilities, resources, and strategies, but David's example teaches us that true victory comes when we place our trust in God's power and provision. When David declared that "the battle is the Lord's," he acknowledged that God is in control. This trust freed him from fear and allowed him to face Goliath with confidence. In our lives, this same trust can free us from anxiety and empower us to tackle challenges with faith and assurance. David's victory over Goliath was not just a personal triumph but a demonstration of God's power to the entire nation of Israel. It showed that with God, even the seemingly impossible can be achieved. Our faith in God's ability to fight our battles for us can have a profound impact not just on our own lives, but on those around us. Our trust in God should serve as a testament to God's faithfulness and His ability to deliver us from any adversity.

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As we reflect on 1 Samuel 17:47, let us remember that whatever battles we face, we are not alone. The same God who empowered David stands ready to support us. By placing our trust in Him, we can face any challenge with the assurance that the battle belongs to the Lord. Let us lean on His strength, embrace His promises, and walk in the victory He provides.

~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

Sis. Doris Davis and Sis. Jesseann Taylor both had successful surgeries. Sis. Washington and family, Sis. Mickles, Sis. Chambers and family, Sis. Woodard and her mother. Carla King, the niece of Sis. Webster. Sister Glenda McKnight, Brennan Davis, son of Sis. Lightfoot, Sis. Depieza, 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., Sis. Ricks, Quince Dixon, Sis. Lightfoot, Sis. Angelice Cunningham,

Sis. Brantford, and Sis Ellis.



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

BRO. AHMAD POWELL	TODAY	12/15
SIS. BLACHE MENDENHALL	THURS.	12/19



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 is planning a celebration for the students' end of semester. Please see Bro. EJ if you have not yet responded with your child's progress report.

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.

SKILLS BANK

Remember to submit your information to be added to the skills bank and be diligent to do your verification for relevant licensing.

Sis. WebsterReal Estate Agent

Sis. Debra WoodardFinancial Advisor

GamblesProperty Preservation & Custom Wood Work Décor/Signs (Home/Business)

*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	18
Wednesday Bible Class	39
Last Sunday's Offering	\$3,874.00
Weekly Budget	\$4,069.13