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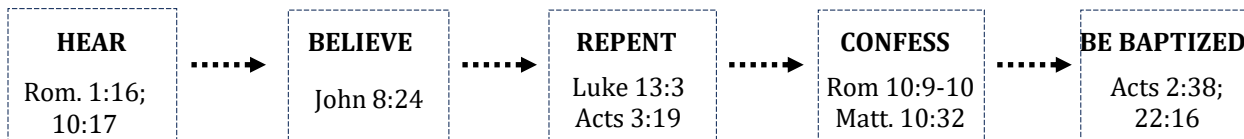
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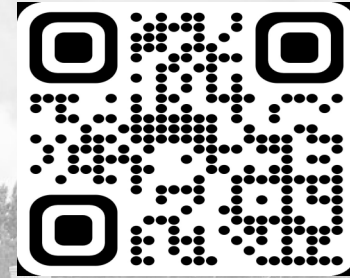
ORDER OF SERVICE

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 (resumes 1/8/25)**
- Bible Study (on Zoom).....7 p.m.
Access through the website
- Thursdays (resumes 1/9/25)**
- Men's & Ladies Classes6:30 p.m.

CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

Reflections for Directions

As we draw to the close of another challenging year, and are getting ready for our spiritual journey ahead, it would do us well to do some reflections on some critical areas of our lives. The Webster's dictionary defines "reflection" as *a thought, idea, or opinion formed, or a remark made as a result of meditation.* It is through reflection that we gain insight, direction, and a deeper understanding of God's will for our lives. This is an ideal time to take time out of our busy schedules and do some reflections.

One of the most powerful ways we can reflect is by **meditating on God's Word**. Psalm 119:105 says, *"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."* When we take time to read and meditate on the Scriptures, we allow God's Word to radiate our path and guide our steps. Reflecting on the Bible helps us to understand God's character, His promises, and His commands. It gives us direction in our decision-making and strengthens our faith. In addition to reflecting on God's Word, it's important to **reflect on our own lives**. Taking time to evaluate our actions, thoughts, and attitudes can reveal areas where we need to grow and change. 2 Corinthians 13:5 encourages us to *"examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves."* Through self-examination, we can identify habits and behaviors that may hinder our relationship with God and others. This reflection can lead to repentance, renewal, and a closer walk with the Lord. Reflection also involves remembering and **celebrating God's faithfulness** in our lives. Psalm 77:11-12 says, *"I will remember the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago. I will consider all your works and meditate on all your mighty deeds."* When we reflect on God's faithfulness, we are reminded of His goodness and provision. This reflection builds our trust and confidence in God, especially during challenging times. It reassures us that the same God who was faithful in the past will be faithful in the future.

As we stand on the verge of another new year, let us make reflection a regular practice. By reflecting on God's Word, our lives, and His faithfulness, we gain the direction and guidance we need to navigate life's challenges and fulfill God's purposes for us. May we always take the time to pause, reflect, and let God lead us on the path He has set before us.

~Bro. 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-
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** resumes Thursday, January 9, at 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY ZOOM BIBLE STUDY

To accommodate the holiday, class will resume, Wednesday, January 8, 2025

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.

TRAVELING

Sis. Washington will be away until January 6, 2025. Sis. Deneé Webster returns to Florida tomorrow.

CONDOLENCES

Sis. Cotton recently lost her mother, Sis. Donna Carter, who was a member of the Harvey Church of Christ.

PRAYERS

Janell Thompson, daughter of the Carters. Brennen & Chloe Davis, the son and granddaughter of Sis. Lightfoot. Robert Bailey, a relative of the Cunningham family, was recently diagnosed with liver cancer. Sis. Doris Davis who is facing some new health challenges as well as her brother, Norman Hamilton. Sis. Washington's grandson, Dawson, and her daughter, Yasha O'Neal. Sis. Chambers' grandson, Danny & family. Sis. Woodard and her mother. Carla King, the niece of Sis. Webster. Sis. Hardy, her mother, niece, and sister, Ms. Boyd, who recently had a back surgery. Sis. Brooke Gamble, Sis. Jesseann Taylor, Sis. Della White, Sis. Ricks, Quince Dixon, Sis. Lightfoot, Sis. Angelice Cunningham, Sis. Ellis and the Brantfords.



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Sis. Ahmaya Richardson Tues. 12/31
Sis. Pam Lennon Tues. 12/31

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

#7-Bro. & Sis. Conner  Tues. 12/31

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.

TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY

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



Last Week's Record

Sunday AM Worship	87
Sunday PM Worship	14
Wednesday Bible Class	—
Last Sunday's Offering	\$3,484.00
Weekly Budget	\$4,069.13

