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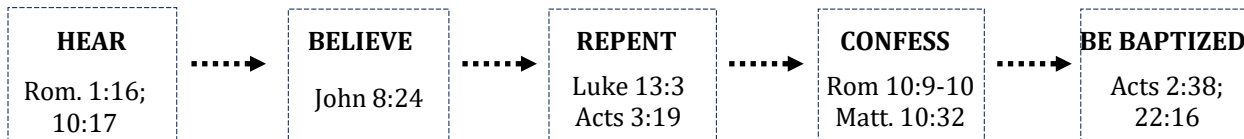
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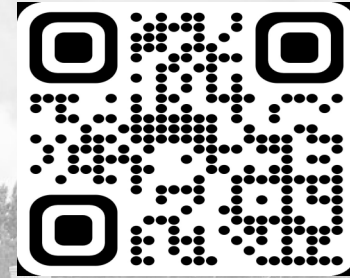
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**WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?**



# 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 School .....10 a.m.  
*Sis. LaDonna Carter (lower level)*
- Young People's Class .....10 a.m.  
*Bro. Ej. Taylor (upper level)*
- New Christians' Class .....10 a.m.  
*Bro. Webster (upper level)*
- Sun. Adult Bible Class.....10 a.m.  
*Bro. Lightfoot (main auditorium)*
- Sunday A.M. Service .....11 a.m.
- Sunday P.M. Service .....6 p.m.

**Wednesdays**

- Bible Study (on Zoom).....7 p.m.  
*Access through the website*

**Thursdays**

- Men's & Ladies Classes .....6:30 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

## What An Honor and a Privilege!

In the hustle and bustle of our daily lives, as we chase deadlines, meet responsibilities, and strive for personal goals, it's crucial to remember that the most meaningful and rewarding work we do is for the Lord.

Serving the Lord isn't merely a duty; it is a divine calling. Each of us is uniquely gifted and called to serve in various capacities. Whether through teaching, preaching, singing, helping those in need, or simply being a beacon of light in our communities, our work for the Lord reflects His love and grace. The Apostle Paul reminds us in Colossians 3:23-24, **"And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ."**

When God needed someone to deliver the message of the consequences of sin to the nation of Israel, the prophet Isaiah eagerly stepped forward, saying, **"Here I am, send me"** (Isaiah 6:8). This was after he witnessed the majesty and holiness of God in a vision in which he realized how unworthy he was to be in God's presence. He confessed, **"It's all over! I am doomed, for I am a sinful man. I have filthy lips, and I live among a people with filthy lips. Yet I have seen the King, the LORD of Heaven's Armies"** Isa. 6:5 (NLT). In Luke 5:4, the Lord commanded Simon to **"Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch."** Despite having caught nothing all night, Simon responded, **"...nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net."** Recognizing Jesus' authority, Simon was overwhelmed by the miraculous catch of fish and confessed his unworthiness, saying, **"Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!"** (Luke 5:8).


Until we truly acknowledge our own unworthiness to be His servants, we will never reach the point where we view being His disciples as an honor and a privilege. Instead of performing our tasks out of love (1 Thes. 1:3; Heb. 6:10), we might do so out of obligation or convenience. Therefore, let us embrace the honor of working for the Lord with grateful hearts. May we be diligent, joyful, and faithful in our service, knowing that our labor in the Lord is not in vain (1 Cor. 15:58). To be regarded as **"...God's fellow-workers..."** (1 Cor. 3:9), what an honor and a privilege!

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~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-  
[westhammondco@gmail.com](mailto: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.

If you would like a **year-end contribution statement**, send an email request to [whcocsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:whcocsecretary@gmail.com) or text to 219-742-9520.

### 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** are on Thursdays 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.  
 Martina Davis was baptized into Christ recently during Sunday evening service.

### TRAVELING

Sis. Salazar is in Mexico visiting family until January 26th.

### PRAYERS

Bro. Goldman, Bro. Mendehall, Bro. Hardy, Sis. Brooke Gamble, Sis. Lightfoot, Sis. Angelice Cunningham, Sis. Ellis, Sis. Thigpen and the Brantfords. Denise Day, Sis. Conner's sister. Robert Bailey and Quince Dixon, relatives of the Cunningham family. Sis. Doris Davis and 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.



### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Bro. Juan Bell  
 Sis. Goldman



Fri. 1/17  
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### NO ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

### TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY

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

### MEMBERS' MEETING

There will be a meeting for **ALL** members of this congregation on Sunday, January 26, after worship service.  
 A meal will be provided after service to refresh those who will be staying behind for the members' meeting.

*I rejoiced with those who said to me,  
 "Let us go to the house of the LORD."  
 Psalm 122:1*

### 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](http://www.ladieslectureshipretreat.org)  
 \*\*\*See Sis. Webster for group information\*\*\*

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

<u>Last Week's Record</u>	
Sunday AM Worship	86
Sunday PM Worship	27
Wednesday Bible Class	49
Last Sunday's Offering	\$4,684.99
<b>Weekly Budget</b>	<b>\$4,069.13</b>