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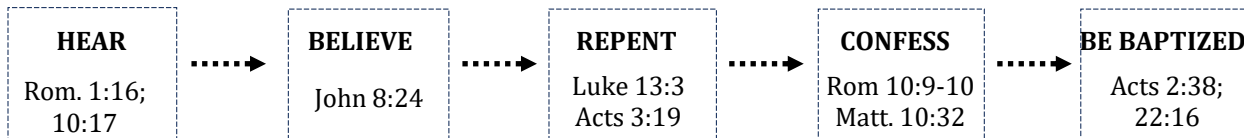
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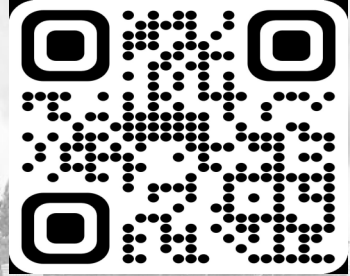
**ORDER OF SERVICE**

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**

**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

## O To Be Like Thee!

The word “*moved*” appears 133 times in the New King James Version and carries several different meanings. For example, in Acts 17:24 in speaking to the people of Athens, Paul said, “...*in Him we live and move...*” Here it means “*to be in motion*” as a result of having life. Then in Acts 7:4 Stephen said God “...*moved...*” Abraham to the land of Canaan, this conveys the idea of resettlement. It also means to be “*stirred up*” as seen in Matthew 21:10 that says when Jesus entered Jerusalem “*all the city was moved...*” when they saw Him. Then we find Paul encouraging Christians to be steadfast and “... *are not moved away from the hope of the gospel...*” Col. 1:23. Here it means to “*remove or shift away.*”

A very interesting meaning of the word is used in reference to Jesus and His ministry on several occasions. Matt. 9:36 tells when Jesus “...*saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd.*” Jesus saw the great tragedy of the crowd in that, beyond their physical needs, they were spiritually destitute of leadership. The word “*move*” here means to have an intense pity or compassion, which carries the original idea of “*from the intestines or bowels.*” What that the gospel writer wants to us comprehend is that Jesus was physically moved by a stomach-wrenching compassion for the spiritual state of the people. He was sickened by the poor leadership they had experienced which led to their ignorance about God.

The religious atmosphere is not much different today compared to the time of Jesus. Most people are lost today having their spiritual lives mired in false teachings and ignorance. The need, then, for a relentless and deliberate effort to evangelize our communities and cities could not be greater. However, unless we too are “*moved*” from within our bowels by the spiritual state of people around us as Jesus was, we will never feel compelled to share with them the good news. An excerpt from a song written by Thomas O. Chisolm says:


*O to be like Thee! full of compassion,  
Loving, forgiving, tender and kind,  
Helping the helpless, cheering the fainting,  
Seeking the wand'ring sinners to find.*

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

Send request for **year-end contribution statements**, send an email request to [whcocsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:whcocsecretary@gmail.com)- 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 & MEMBERSHIP PLACEMENT

Continue to pray for and encourage all our new converts.  
Martina Davis was baptized into Christ recently during Sunday evening service.  
Bro. Eddie Taylor placed his membership with us on Jan. 5th

## TRAVELING

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

## PRAYERS

Bro. Goldman, Mendenhall family, Bro. Hardy, Sis. Brooke Gamble, Sis. Lightfoot, Sis. Angelice Cunningham, Sis. Ellis, Sis. Thigpen and the Brantfords. Denise Day, Sis. Conner's sister. Quince Dixon, relatives of the Cunningham family. Sis. Doris Davis and her brother, Norman Hamilton. Sis. Washington's daughter, Yasha O'Neal. Sis. Chambers' grandson, Danny, & family. Sis. Woodard's mother. Carla King, the niece of Sis. Webster. Mason Gardner, the grandson of the Mickles.



## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Sis. Salazar  
Sis. Norman



Mon. 1/20  
Fri. 1/24

## ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

#13-Sis Fannie & Jose Salazar  Tues 1/21

## TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY

Contact Bro. Mendenhall 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.  
**Please do not leave today without indicating on the sign-up sheet in the foyer to give us an idea how much to cater for.**

## 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.**

## Last Week's Record

Sunday AM Worship	68
Sunday PM Worship	17
Wednesday Bible Class	41
Last Sunday's Offering	\$3,227.00
<b>Weekly Budget</b>	<b>\$4,069.13</b>