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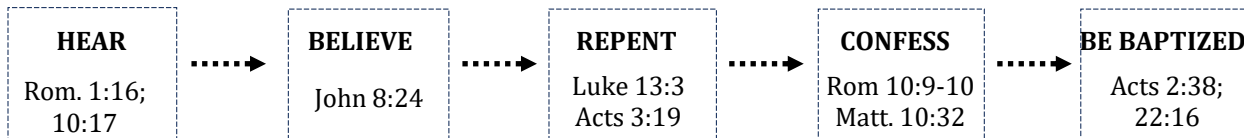
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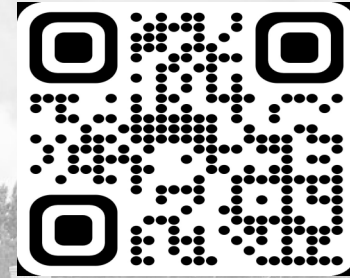
ORDER OF SERVICE

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 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.

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

You Have What It Takes!

The journey of the Israelites, from the time they were freed from Egyptian bondage in 1447 BC to entering the land of Canaan in 1407, is a most fascinating one. A journey that could have taken as little as two weeks was stretched over 40 years. It was mixed with good times and bad times, they experienced the thrill of victories to the agony of defeats, from lacking food to having more than enough. One cannot escape the fact that thousands of those who started out on this trek never made it for various reasons. Paul tells us that because of disobedience, **“twenty-three thousand fell in a single day...”** (I Cor. 10:8)

In a nutshell, the Israelites’ journey is symbolic of our spiritual journey, as Christians. We tend to begin our Christian journey with much enthusiasm and hope but then doubts about our ability to complete it begin to set in. It is not unusual, then, to hear a Christian say, *“I don’t think I have what it takes to live this life,”* or *“This is not for me,”* or *“I don’t have the discipline.”*

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God never calls us on a journey without giving us the necessary tools to make it, which makes all of us ideally suited for the journey. (2 Pet. 1:3) He makes available the necessary equipment for this journey. We have forgiveness, since unforgiveness is a huge burden to carry on any journey. He tells us that **“...if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin”** (I John 1:7). We can talk with Him 24/7 through prayer. (I Pet. 3:12) He provides spiritual strength. (Phil. 4:13) He empowers us with faith, so we don’t get depressed by what’s happening around us. (II Cor. 5:7) We are uplifted in an environment of encouragement, so He provides a body of believers called the church so we can fellowship regularly, (Heb. 10:24-25) and most importantly, He gives us the Holy Spirit who daily intercedes for us. (Rom. 8:26)

Despite what Paul went through, he has taught us that we have what it takes to finish the course. (II Tim. 4:7) This fact is reinforced by that great promise Jesus gave His disciples and by extension all of us when He said, **“...and to I will be you always, even to the end of the age”**. (Matt. 28:20)

~ 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**.

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**- 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 of CA. was baptized into Christ recently during Sunday evening service.
Bro. Eddie Taylor placed his membership with us on Jan. 5th

CONDOLENCES

Sis. Gloria Richardson of the South Holland CoC will be traveling to funeralize her brother, who recently passed away.

TRAVELING

Sis. Salazar is expected to return from Mexico today, January 26th.

PRAYERS

Bro. & Sis. Goldman, Sis. Simmons, Mendenhall family, Bro. Hardy, Sis. Brooke Gamble, Sis. Lightfoot, Sis. Ellis, Sis. Thigpen and the Brantfords. 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. Sis. Angelice Cunningham and her daughter, Shaniyah who was recently admitted to the hospital. Lonnie Hollaway, friend of Sis. Chaff is in need of a liver. Denise Day, the sister of Bro. Conner. Quince Dixon, relatives of the Cunningham family.



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Bro. JW Kinds
Sis. Bria Gamble
*Kristopher Anderson



Sat. 1/25
Thur. 1/30
Fri. 1/31

* Denotes not a member

NO ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

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 today, Sunday, January 26, after worship service.

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.

Last Week’s Record

Sunday AM Worship	67
Sunday PM Worship	16
Wednesday Bible Class	41
Last Sunday’s Offering	\$4,009.00
Weekly Budget	\$4,069.13