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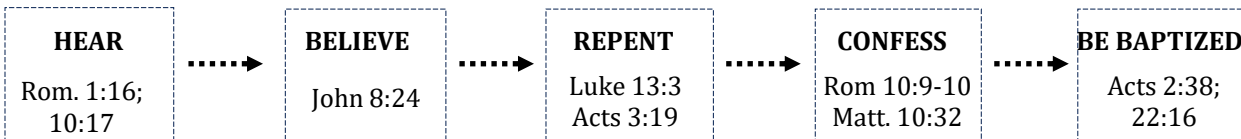
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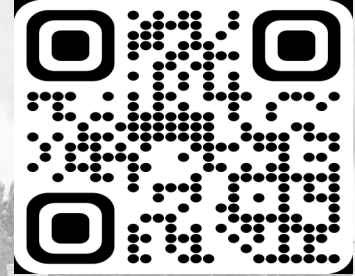
ORDER OF SERVICE

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

Overcoming the Challenges of Winter

Winter is a season that brings with it a unique set of challenges. As the days grow shorter and the temperatures drop, we often find ourselves facing both physical and emotional struggles. However, as a church family, we can find ways to support one another and navigate these challenges together.

One of the most immediate challenges of winter is the cold weather. For many, this means higher heating bills, the need for warmer clothing, and the potential for dangerous conditions like ice and snow. These physical challenges can be particularly difficult for the elderly, those with health issues, and families with limited financial resources. As a church, I would like for us to be more attuned to the needs of the most vulnerable among us.

Winter can also take a toll on our emotional and mental health. The lack of sunlight and the tendency to stay indoors can lead to feelings of isolation and depression. Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) is a real condition that affects many people during the winter months, causing symptoms like fatigue, sadness, and a lack of motivation. To combat these feelings, it's important for us to stay connected with each other. We should create opportunities for fellowship and support. Participating in regular gatherings where we come together in person, can help maintain a sense of fellowship and togetherness. Encouraging members to reach out to one another with phone calls, messages, and visits can also provide much-needed emotional support.

Winter can also present spiritual challenges. The busyness of the holiday season, followed by the quiet of January and February, can sometimes leave us feeling spiritually drained or disconnected. It's important to remember that our faith can be a source of strength and comfort during these times. We can offer resources and activities to help members stay spiritually engaged. This might include Bible study groups, prayer meetings, or devotional materials. Our weekly Men's and Ladies' classes are also designed to help members stay connected to their faith.

While winter brings its own set of challenges, it also offers us opportunities to come together as a body. By supporting one another through the physical, emotional, and spiritual difficulties of the season, we can exemplify the love and compassion of Christ. Let us commit to being a source of warmth and light for each other during these cold months, trusting that God is with us in every season.

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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-
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.

If you would like a **year-end contribution statement**, send an email request to 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 last week during Sunday evening service.

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.

PRAYERS

Denise Day, Sis. Conner's sister, recently underwent a heart transplant. Janell Thompson, daughter of the Carters. Brennen & Chloe Davis, the son and granddaughter of Sis. Lightfoot. 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. 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, Sis. Lightfoot, Sis. Angelice Cunningham, Sis. Ellis, Sis. Thigpen and the Brantfords.



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Bro. Cephas Mickles
 Sis. Laura Simpson



Wed. 1/8
 Thurs. 1/9

NO ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY

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

TRAVELING

Sis. Washington will be away until January 9, 2025.

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	66
Sunday PM Worship	30
Wednesday Bible Class	—
Last Sunday's Offering	\$4,203.00
Weekly Budget	\$4,069.13