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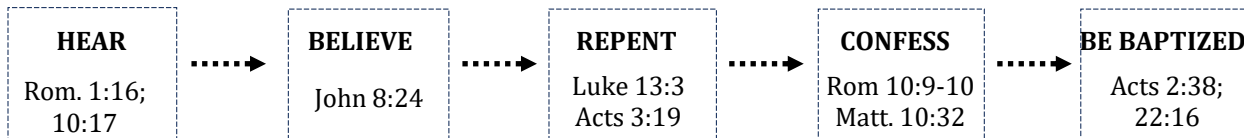
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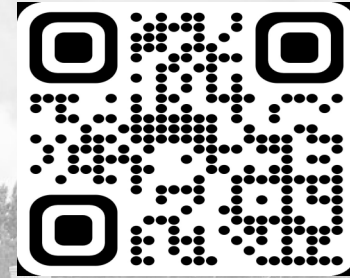
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**WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?**



# 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

## Set Your Minds...

In a world filled with distractions, uncertainties, and competing priorities, the call to set our minds on what truly matters is more relevant than ever. As Christians, we are reminded that our thoughts shape our actions, our attitudes, and ultimately, our spiritual walk. The Bible repeatedly emphasizes the importance of fixing our minds on God's truth and His eternal promises.

Colossians 3:2 instructs us, "Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth." This verse challenges us to shift our focus from the temporary concerns of this world to the eternal realities of God's kingdom. When we fix our minds on heavenly things, we gain perspective, peace, and purpose. Earthly troubles may press in, but a mind anchored in Christ remains steadfast and hopeful. The apostle Paul further reinforces this idea in Philippians 4:8, where he provides a blueprint for godly thinking:

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"Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things." This passage encourages us to intentionally direct our thoughts toward what aligns with God's character and will. By doing so, we guard our hearts and minds against negativity, fear, and sin.

Setting our minds on Christ also involves renewing our thought patterns. Romans 12:2 urges, "And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God." Renewing our minds is a daily discipline that requires immersing ourselves in scripture, prayer, and fellowship with other believers. As we do this, our thoughts become aligned with God's truth, enabling us to discern His will and live in obedience. Jesus Himself emphasized the importance of focusing our minds on spiritual priorities. In Matthew 6:33, He said, "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you." When we prioritize God's kingdom in our thoughts and actions, we experience His provision and guidance in every area of our lives.

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As we navigate the challenges of life, let us heed the call to set our minds on Christ. By fixing our thoughts on His Word, His promises, and His eternal kingdom, we can live with clarity, confidence, and peace. Let us strive to think as He thinks, love as He loves, and live as He calls us to live—for His glory and our good.

~ 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**, upon *each* visit, 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

Every member is encouraged 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

Sunday evening worship service needs the support of the members. It starts at 6:00pm, and 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 additions to the body of Christians who meet here at West Hammond Church of Christ. Martina Davis of CA. was baptized into Christ recently during Sunday evening service.

## PRAYERS

Bro. Carter, Sis. Thigpen, the Brantfords, Sis. Payne & son, Malachi, Bro. & Sis. Goldman, Mendenhall family, Bro. Hardy, Sis. Brooke Gamble, Sis. Lightfoot, Sis. Ellis,

who had a recent accident. Sis. Angelice Cunningham and her daughter, Shanyiah who was discharged from the hospital last week Thursday. Sis. Doris Davis and her brother, Norman Hamilton. Sis. Woodard's mother. Carla King, the niece of Sis. Webster. Lonnie Hollaway, friend of Sis. Chaff is in need of a liver. Denise Day, the sister of Sis. Conner, who has been re-admitted to ICU. Quince Dixon and Johnny Bailey, relatives of the Cunningham family are both battling cancer diagnosis.

## NO BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

## NO ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

## TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY

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

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

## SKILLS BANK

Remember to submit your information to be added to the skills bank and be diligent to do your verification for relevant licensing.

- Sis. Webster** .....Real Estate Agent
- Sis. Debra Woodard** .....Financial Advisor
- Gambles** .....Property Preservation & Custom Wood Work Décor/Signs (Home/Business)

## 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	19
Wednesday Bible Class	42
Last Sunday's Offering	\$4,601.00
<b>Weekly Budget</b>	<b>\$4,069.13</b>