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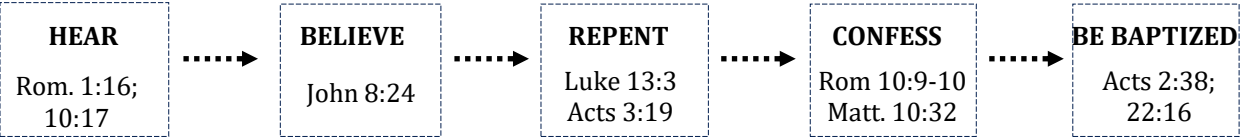
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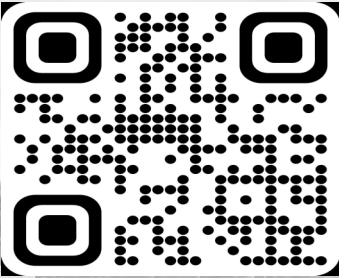
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WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?



# 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." **1 John 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

## Shining as Lights

Philippians 2:15 *“that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world...”*

The fact that Paul wrote this letter to the Philippians from behind bars makes his call for us to be beacons of hope, shining brightly with the light of Christ, even more significant. He told them in Phil 2:15, that they were to be *“blameless and harmless, the children of God, without fault.”* This is not an easy thing to do considering that the world around us is often *“crooked and perverse,”* filled with confusion, negativity, and a departure from God’s truth. Yet, amid this darkness, we are not to yield to the world’s attractions. Instead, just as light differentiates itself from darkness, we are to rise and *“shine as lights in the world.”*

What does it mean to shine as lights? It means demonstrating the love, grace, and truth of Jesus Christ in our daily lives. It means living with integrity, showing compassion to those in need, and speaking words of encouragement and hope. It means being a living sacrifice through the help of the Holy Spirit. We are not the source of this light; it is the light of Christ which is reflected through us. Just as a lamp needs a power source to shine, we need to remain connected to Jesus, the true Light of the world (John 8:12). Through prayer, Bible study, and fellowship, our relationship with Him is nurtured, allowing His light to shine brightly through us.

Our society often celebrates self-centeredness and selfishness, hence, our light as Christians, should be a powerful difference-maker. A kind word, a helping hand, a forgiving heart – these small acts of love can make a significant impact, drawing others to the source of true light. This is exactly what Christ is saying in Matt. 5:16 *“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.”*

Let us ask ourselves: Where can I shine brighter? How can I be a more effective light in my family, my church family, my workplace, my community? Let us strive to live lives that glorify God, reflecting His love and truth to a world desperately in need of hope.

May we, as a family of Christians, embrace our calling to be lights in the world. Let us shine brightly, dispelling the darkness and drawing others into the marvelous light of Jesus Christ.

~Bro. R. Webster

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## REMINDERS

~Please silence your *phones*.  
~**No eating nor drinking** inside the auditorium.

## NEW BATHROOM FACILITIES

Great news! The bathrooms are finally completed and ready to use. Thank you all for your patience these past few months.

**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 our 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.

## CONDOLENCES

Sis. Glenda & Keith McKnight share the loss of Keith’s twin brother, Kelvin McKnight.

## Arrangements:

First Community Baptist Church– March 8, 2025  
1332 W. 69th St. Chicago, IL 60636,

**Visitation:** 10:00-11a.m. **Funeral:** 11:00-12 p.m.

## PRAYERS

Levell Chaff, the brother of Sis. Chaff has been diagnosed with renal cancer. Sis. Norman, Sis. Paige Richardson, Sis. Simpson, Bro. Darrell Hicks, a co-worker of Sis. Mickles who has been diagnosed with cancer. Sis. Lennon’s mother, Bro. Carter, the Brantfords, the Simmons, Bro. & Sis. Goldman, Vladis Reynolds, the mother of Sis. Hardy, the Hardys, the Mendenhall family, Sis. Brooke Gamble, Sis. Lightfoot, Sis. Ellis, Sis. Angelice Cunningham, Sis. Doris Davis and her brother, Norman Hamilton, Denise Day, the sister of Sis. Conner, Enrique Duncan, Quince Dixon and Johnny Bailey, relatives of the Cunningham family who are all facing some serious health issues.



## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Bro. Goldman	Mon. 3/3
Sis. Tierra Thompson	Wed. 3/5
Sis. Strickland	Fri. 3/7



## 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*

## 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	73
Sunday PM Worship	26
Wednesday Bible Class	38
Last Sunday’s Offering	\$4,270.00
<b>Weekly Budget</b>	<b>\$4,069.13</b>