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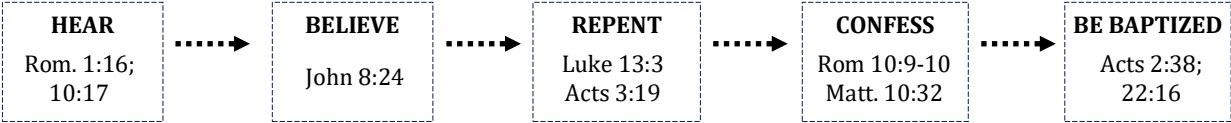
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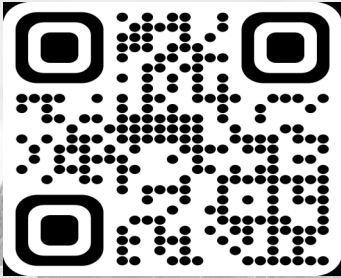
ORDER OF SERVICE

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." **1 John 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

Unprofitable Servants We Are!

We all appreciate accolades and praise, and while there is nothing inherently wrong with them, the danger lies in what they can produce: pride and arrogance in our own abilities and wisdom. Therefore, we are instructed to do everything for the glory of God, as stated in Ephesians 2:8-9: *“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.”*

The early disciples understood their role as servants of Christ and were relentless in their work. In fact, Hebrews 6:10 tells us that the Lord takes note of our *“labor of love.”* There is much to be done in the Lord’s church, and like Isaiah, we must say, *“Here I am, send me”* (Isaiah 6:8). Today, the church stands on the shoulders of those who have worked tirelessly for God. For the church to continue impacting lives, we at West Hammond must see ourselves as humble servants, honored and privileged to work in this divine institution.

Instead of striving for *"bonus points"* from our Lord for our work in the church, we need to remember that, according to Luke 17:10, we are *“but unprofitable servants,”* merely fulfilling our required duties. Everything we possess and all that we accomplish stem from God's grace. Our abilities, opportunities, and even our desire to serve are gifts from Him. Therefore, any good we achieve is fundamentally a reflection of His goodness working through us. Even when we diligently follow God's commands and labor in His service, we should neither boast nor feel entitled to praise; we are simply fulfilling our duty as those blessed by Him. Our motivation for serving God should not be based on the expectation of earthly rewards or recognition. We serve because we love Him and desire to participate in His work in the world (Col. 3:23).

Luke 17:10 is not intended to discourage us; rather, it grounds us in a proper perspective. It frees us from the burden of seeking human validation (John 12:42-43), and directs our focus toward pleasing God. When we approach service with this understanding, it nurtures a spirit of gratitude, dependence on God, and a genuine desire to honor Him in all we do. It serves as a reminder that we are stewards of what God has given us, and our greatest joy should come from faithfully using those gifts for His glory, without expecting personal gain or accolades. We are simply doing what we have been called to do.

Bro. Webster

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REMINDERS

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

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.

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.

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.

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

PRAYERS

Bro & Sis. A. Davis & Hamilton families, Zheng family, Sis. Brooke Gamble's friends, Sis. Martina Davis, Sis. Lightfoot's daughter-in-law, Janell & Jacob Thompson, daughter and grandson of the Carters, Bro. Simmons, Bro. & Sis. Eddie Taylor & family, Sis. Thigpen, the Mendenhall family, Levell Chaff, brother of Sis. Chaff, Sis. Simpson, Bro. Darrell Hicks, Sis. Elsie Gilliam of N.C, Sis. Lennon's mother, the Brantfords, the Goldmans, Sis. Brooke Gamble, Sis. Lightfoot, Sis. Ellis, Sis. Angelice Cunningham, Sis. Laurene Cunningham, Irene Herron, Quince Dixon, and Vera Johnson, (re-admitted) sisters of Sis. Laurene Cunningham are all facing some serious health issues.

TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY

This position has become vacant and we are in need of volunteers. In the interim, let Bro. Webster know if you or anyone you invite to church needs a ride.



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



Sis. Laurene Cunningham - Today April 27th

NO ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

LADIES CLASS NEWS

Yesterday, the Ladies Class group had their first lunch outing for 2025. It was a wonderful time of food, laughter, encouragement and relationship building. Next event will be a brunch.

NEW CHRISTIANS' CLASS

Bro. Webster is teaching this class for all new Christians dating back to 2022.

CONDOLENCES

Denise Hicks, the sister of Bro. Darrell Hicks, passed away last Sunday. Information regarding funeral arrangements to come.

WHERE ARE THESE N.T. PASSAGES FOUND?

- I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. _____
- We know and trust that God is love. _____
- Jesus wept. _____
- Rejoice always, _____
- One Lord, one faith, one baptism; _____
- Abstain from every form of evil. _____
- Brethren, pray for us. _____
- For with God nothing will be impossible. _____
- And they glorified God in me. _____
- Greet all the brethren with a holy kiss. _____

Last Week's Record

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|------------------------|-------------------|
| Sunday AM Worship | 102 |
| Sunday PM Worship | 21 |
| Wednesday Bible Class | 43 |
| Last Sunday's Offering | \$4,724.00 |
| Weekly Budget | \$4,069.13 |