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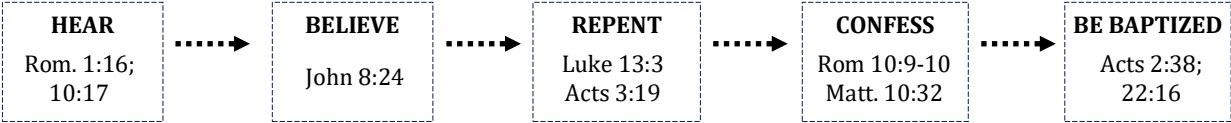
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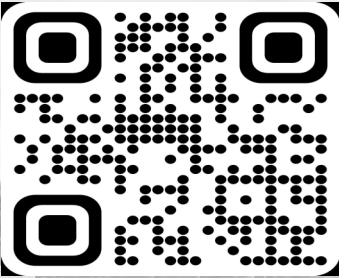
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WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?



# 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

## Learning to Lean on Each Other

The annual Jamaican Boys and Girls High School Track and Field Championships are regarded as the best in the world due to the high level of competitive performance, support, and enthusiasm it generates. These championships also produce world-class athletes such as Usain Bolt, Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce and others. The organizers deliberately schedule the relay events last because of the excitement it produces, showcasing how each team member depends on the other to get the baton safely around the track to the finish line.

The concept of collaboration is contrary to today's culture that often glorifies individualism. However, this principle aligns with biblical teachings as designed by Christ for His church. The New Testament emphasizes this truth repeatedly; Hebrews 10:24-25 urges believers, *"And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching."* Gathering together is a spiritual necessity rather than a mere tradition. When individuals isolate themselves, they become vulnerable to discouragement, temptation, and weakened faith. Conversely, unity fosters strength, accountability, and encouragement. The early church exemplified this interdependence beautifully. Acts 2:44-46 describes how members *"...were together, and had all things in common, and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need. So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart."* Their unity was not superficial—it was a vital lifeline of reciprocal encouragement, shared resources, and collective purpose. Even the apostle Paul, known for his bold and independent missionary work, relied on the support of fellow Christians. He wrote to the Romans, *"For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift, so that you may be established—that is, that I may be encouraged together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me"* (Rom. 1:11-12). If Paul yearned for the support of others, how much more do we?

Christ designed the church in which members learn to lean on each other for support (1 Cor. 12:12-27). A hand cannot function without the arm, and an eye is useless without the body. Similarly, we need each other's words of encouragement, prayers, and presence. Whether in times of joy or hardship, we are called to *"bear each other's burdens"* (Gal. 6:2).

Let us therefore reject the fallacy of self-sufficiency and embrace the beauty of learning to lean on each other.

~Bro. R. 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.

## 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.

## TRAVELING

Sis. McGee will be in Colorado for the funeral service of a family member.

## CONDOLENCES

Sis. Doris Davis mourns the loss of her beloved brother, Norman Hamilton. The arrangements are as follow:

**Visitation: Friday, April 11, 2025- 4-8 PM:**

Nabors Family Funeral Home  
470 West 172nd Street, Thornton, IL 60476

**Wake: Saturday, April 12, 2025-10 AM & Funeral 11 AM:**

New Friendship M.B. Church  
3620 139th St., Robbins, IL 60472

**Repast: 3PM**

Robbins Community Center  
13800 S. Trumbull, Robbins, IL. 60472

**Interment:** Mount Hope Cemetery

## PRAYERS

Conrad Morgan, the grandson of the Hardys, Bro. Lanz Cossom of Harvey CoC, Bro. Oddman and the Willory family, Sis. Jesseann Taylor, Sis. Mack's brother was in an accident, Sis. Thigpen, the Mendenhall family, Levell Chaff, the brother of Sis. Chaff, Sis. Simpson, Bro. Darrell Hicks, Sis. Mickles co-worker who is diagnosed with cancer. Sis. Elsie Gilliam of N.C, the chairperson of the Ladies' Lectureship Retreat, Sis. Lennon's mother who broke her leg, the Brantfords, the Goldmans, Vladis Reynolds, the mother of Sis. Hardy, Sis. Brooke Gamble, Sis. Lightfoot, Sis. Ellis, Sis. Angelice Cunningham, Bro & Sis. Arthur Davis, Sis. Davis' brother, Denise Day, Sis. Conner's sister, Sis. Laurene Cunningham, Quince Dixon, Vera Johnson and Johnny Bailey, relatives of the Cunningham family who are all facing some serious health issues.



## BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK



Sis. Bell	Tue. 4/8
Bro. Eddie Taylor	Fri. 4/11
Bro. Shelton	Sat. 4/12

## ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

#51 The Normans	Tue. 4/8
#32 The Mickles	Thur. 4/10



## TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY

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

This week Thursday through Saturday, some of our ladies will be in attendance at the 38th Annual Ladies' Lectureship Retreat at the Sheraton Hotel in Chicago.

## Last Week's Record

Sunday AM Worship	62
Sunday PM Worship	24
Wednesday Bible Class	40
Last Sunday's Offering	\$6,826.00
<b>Weekly Budget</b>	<b>\$4,069.13</b>