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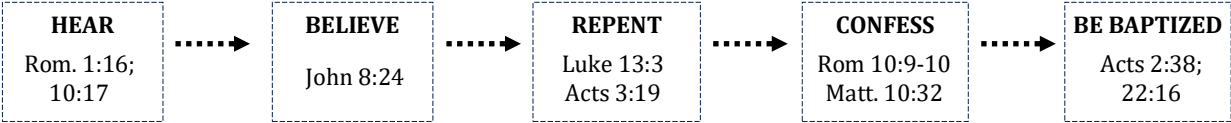
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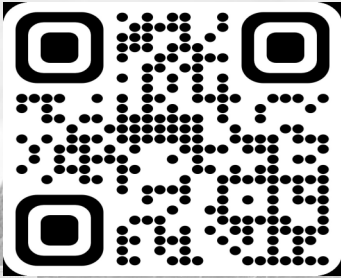
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Song ~ Announcements ~ Song ~ Opening Prayer ~ Song ~ Scripture Reading ~ Song ~ Sermon ~ Song ~
Lord's Supper ~ Offering ~ Song ~ Closing Prayer

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

The Heart of the Matter!

One of my favorite fruits is watermelon. I love it year-round, especially in the summer, because it's thirst-quenching and has valuable nutrients. The challenge, however, is knowing which one to buy when you go to the grocery store. Whether you knock or tap it, you still cannot tell what it is really like on the inside until you purchase it and take it home.

In Mark 7:1-8, we find Jesus' disciples eating without washing their hands. This was observed by the Pharisees, who became extremely angry that they were breaking a long-held tradition of their fathers. These Jewish religious leaders were now openly hostile toward the Lord and His ministry. It was not unusual for them to follow Him from place to place to watch for something to criticize. In this case, they accused the disciples of failing to practice the Jewish ceremonial washing. These washings had nothing to do with personal hygiene, nor were they commanded in the Law. They were a part of the tradition that the scribes and Pharisees had given to the people to add to their burdens (Matt. 23:4). Jesus responded, *"All too well you reject the commandment of God, that you may keep your tradition"* (Mark 7:9). Our Lord had called them *"hypocrites"* in v. 6 explaining that what defiles a person is not what's on the outside but on the inside (Mark 7:14-23).

We all want to look good on the outside; however, in doing so, we risk ignoring the inside, which is our heart. The heart determines and regulates how we live and even how we look on the outside. Prov. 4:23 warns, *"Keep your heart with all diligence, For out of it spring the issues of life."* The Hebrew word for "keep" means to "guard, maintain, preserve." It is clear then that our heart is the cornerstone of our lives and must be paid keen attention. Neglecting it can lead to arrogance and being highly critical and judgmental of others – the things that the Pharisees were guilty of.

Let's prayerfully and carefully ensure that our thoughts and actions come from pure hearts molded and guarded by the holy scriptures.

Bro. Webster

It is the heart that determines and regulates how we live and even how we look on the outside!

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.

PRAYERS

Sis. Sims, Sis. Thigpen, Sis. Brenda Brown, the sister of Bro Eddie Taylor, the Mendenhall family, Levell Chaff, the brother of Sis. Chaff, Sis. Simpson, Bro. Darrell Hicks, Sis. Mickles co-worker who has been diagnosed with cancer, Sis. Lennon's mother, the Brantfords, the Goldmans, Vladis Reynolds, the mother of Sis. Hardy, the Hardys, Sis. Brooke Gamble, Sis. Lightfoot, Sis. Ellis, Sis. Angelice Cunningham, Bro & Sis. Arthur Davis,

Sis. Davis' brother, Norman Hamilton who is placed

on hospice care, Denise Day, Sis. Conner's sister, Sis. Laurene Cunningham, Quince Dixon and Johnny Bailey, relatives of the Cunningham family who are both facing some serious health issues.



SIS. MICKLES
SIS. DANA DAVIS

BIRTHDAYS

TODAY, SUN. 3/23
THURS. 3/27



NO ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY

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

ANNUAL LADIES LECTURESHIP RETREAT

Date: April 10th-13th in Chicago, IL.

Theme: **Christian Women: Surrendering All**

Website: www.ladieslectureshipretreat.org

Motivation for the Week

Hebrews 12:1-2: "Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus." This scripture encourages us to remain focused on Christ, keeping our motivations aligned with His purpose.

Last Week's Record

Sunday AM Worship	76
Sunday PM Worship	17
Wednesday Bible Class	42
Last Sunday's Offering	\$ 2799.00
Weekly Budget	\$4,069.13