## **Sermon Notes**

Text: Topic:



#### **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?

HEAR	 BELIEVE	 REPENT	 CONFESS	 BE BAPTIZED
Rom. 1:16; 10:17	John 8:24	Luke 13:3 Acts 3:19	Rom 10:9-10 Matt. 10:32	Acts 2:38; 22:16



# 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." I John 1:5

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## **SCHEDULE OF SERVICES** Sundays

Bulldays						
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 Class10 a.m.						
Bro. Lightfoot (main auditorium)						
Sunday A.M. Service11 a.m.						
Access YouTube- West Hammond Church of Christ						
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.						

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## **WELCOME VISITING FRIENDS**

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**

# **HOW BIG IS YOUR GOD?**

Have you ever stopped to consider how big God truly is? We often limit our perception of God to the size of our circumstances, measuring His ability by what we see and experience. Yet, the Bible reminds us over and over that God is far beyond what our minds can comprehend.

Psalm 145:3 declares, "Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; and His greatness is unsearchable." The word "unsearchable" means beyond measure, beyond discovery. No matter how much we study or how deeply we contemplate, we will never fully grasp the vastness of God's power, wisdom, and love. Consider the majesty of creation. Isaiah 40:12 asks, "Who has measured the waters in the hol-



low of His hand, marked off the heavens with a span, and calculated the dust of the earth in a measure?" God's power is seen in every aspect of the natural world—from the depths of the ocean to the stars spread across the sky. He not only created all things, but He also sustains them. Colossians 1:17 reminds us, "He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together." When trials come, it's easy to focus on our problems instead of on God. But Jeremiah 32:27 reassures us, "Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh. Is anything too hard for Me?" No challenge, no struggle, no hardship is too big for Him. He is greater than our fears, stronger than our enemies, and able to do "immeasurably more than we could ask or imagine" (Ephesians 3:20).

Do you trust God with your worries? Do you believe His promises? When life gets difficult, we must remember that our God is not small, weak, or limited—He is infinitely powerful, always faithful, and endlessly loving. Let's live as though we truly believe in the greatness of God, surrendering every concern to Him and walking confidently in His care. Let us lift our eyes above our circumstances and fix them on the One who reigns over all. How big is your God? Big enough to handle anything you shall ever face.

~ Bro. R. Webster

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **REMINDERS**



# ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

~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.

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.
- If you would like a list of the *absent members*.

#### **SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP**

Sunday evening worship service needs the support of our members. It starts at 6:00 pm, 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 expected to get involved in the evangelistic mission of the church. Following Jesus' example and teachings, we are to be seeking and saving the lost. Luke 19:10

#### **PRAYERS**

CJ Johnson, friend of Bro. Brantford, Austin Bell, friend of Bryce Bell, the O'Connor & Longstreet families relatives of Sis. Tene Mendenhall, Bro. Ken. Ware III, Bro. Oddman and the Willory family, the Mendenhall family, Sis. Carter, Bro & Sis. A. Davis, the Hamilton and the McLaurin families, Zheng family, Sis. Brooke Gamble's friends, Sis. Martina Davis, Sis. Thigpen, Levell Chaff, brother of Sis. Chaff, Sis. Simpson, Bro. Darrell Hicks, Sis. Lennon's mother, the Brantfords, the Goldmans, Sis. Brooke Gamble, Sis. Ellis, Sis. Laurene Cunningham, Irene Herron, Quince Dixon, and Vera Johnson, sisters of Sis. Laurene Cunningham.

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.

#### NO BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

#2 Bro. & Sis. Edward Davis Fri. 5/23



LADIES CLASS NEWS

This week we will be having a fun, **Get to Know Each** Other, activity.

The ladies are hosting a "Paint and Snack" at Gratefully Painted, located at 737 169th St. Hammond, IN on, June 7th from 10:30 am-1:30 pm. westhammondcoc@gmail.com.

We are planning on hosting a **Ladies' Day** this year. The tentative date is October 25th. All ladies are needed to be on board to be on committees and to start the planning and preparation for this big event. A meeting with the ladies after church will be announced soon. Please get involved.

## 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 a few weeks ago. Information regarding funeral arrangements to come.

## SUPPORT FOR RISING TALENT

Sis. Deneé Webster is now a professional oil painter and specializes in figurative painting. You may commission her to get a painting done by visiting her website at *dwpaints.com*.

## **BROTHERS SAVE THE DATE**

There will be a business meeting on Saturday, May 31, starting at 9:00am. Brothers, please arrange your calendars to be present. Breakfast and lunch will be

**Gospel Broadcasting Network** is a 24/7 brotherhood sponsored television station. Go to www.GBNTV.org. You can also find very useful videos on YouTube. Just type in GBNTV.

<u>Last Week's Record</u>	
Sunday AM Worship	101
Sunday PM Worship	19
Wednesday Bible Class	48
Last Sunday's Offering	\$5,963.00
Weekly Budget	\$4,069.13