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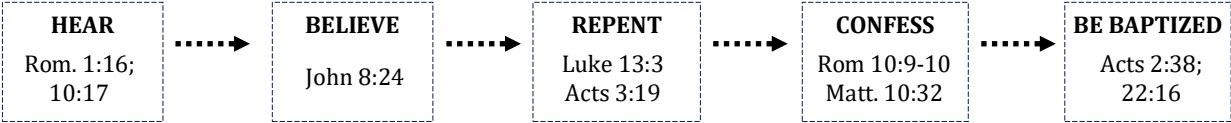
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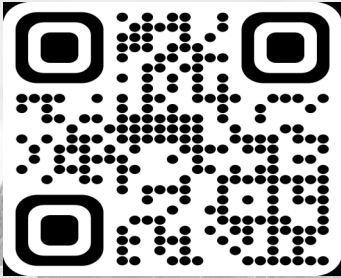
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WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?



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 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.
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.

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

A Time of Reflection

This Memorial Day weekend, we pause as a nation to honor the brave men and women who gave their lives in service to our country. Their sacrifice calls us to reflect on the profound cost of freedom and the values of courage, love, and selflessness.

As Christians, this day also invites us to look to the ultimate example of sacrificial love in Jesus Christ, who laid down His life for all. Scripture reminds us that *“scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”* (Rom. 5:7-8). The fallen men and women we honor this weekend represented a similar love, laying down their lives for others. Jesus, however, gave His life not just for friends or country, but for all humanity—even those who rejected Him. His sacrifice transcends time and circumstance, offering eternal redemption to all who believe. In John 15:13, Jesus declares, *“Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one’s life for his friends.”* Memorial Day compels us to remember those who lived out this principle in the most literal sense. Their courage mirrors the heart of Christ, who calls us to love sacrificially in our daily lives—through serving, forgiving, and advocating for peace (Matt. 5:9). As we honor their memory, let us also ask: How can we reflect Christ’s selfless love in our families, communities, and world?

The losses we remember on Memorial Day leave families heavy with grief. Yet, as God’s children, we cling to the hope of God’s comfort and the promise of eternal peace. Phil. 4:7 assures us that *“the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”* This divine peace does not erase pain, but it sustains us through it. It reminds us that death does not have the final word, for Christ’s resurrection guarantees a day when He *“...will wipe every tear from [our] eyes”* (Rev. 21:4).

This weekend, let us pray for the families mourning loved ones and thank God for the freedoms secured through their sacrifice. But let us also re-commit to living with purpose and gratitude. Just as we honor the fallen, may we honor Christ by godly lives—loving boldly, serving humbly, and sharing the hope of the His gospel. *“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.”* (Matthew 5:4).

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-
westhammondcoc@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.
- ◆ 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

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

TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY

We are in need of volunteers for this position. In the interim, let Bro. Webster know if you or anyone you invite to church needs a ride.

NEW CHRISTIANS’ CLASS

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

TRAVELING

The Conners and Sis. Washington are out of town.



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



Sis. Trussell

Bro. Norman

Today 5/25

Wed. 5/28

LADIES CLASS NEWS

This week’s topic –**Why & How to Keep God First**.
Luke 14:26

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. Sign-up by June 1st. Please reference the sign up sheet in the foyer or Sis. Jameka for further details.

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 preparations for this big event. A meeting with the ladies after church will be announced soon.

CONDOLENCES

Bro. Darrell Hicks lost his sister, Denise Hicks, a few weeks ago. Lyric Dyson, the granddaughter of Sis. Ellis, recently lost her father, Anthony Dyson. Sis. Pam Lennon lost her mother, Mattie Yarbrough of TX. Sis. Washington lost her cousin, Willie Pendleton, this week.

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 Sat., May 31, starting at 9:00am. Please arrange your calendars accordingly. Breakfast and lunch will be arranged.

CONGRATULATIONS— CLASS OF 2025

Sis. Akeelah Webster and Bro. Ahmad Powell will both graduate next Sunday, June 2nd from Homewood-Flossmoor High School. Please let us know if there are any other 2025 graduates.



Last Week’s Record

Sunday AM Worship	64
Sunday PM Worship	23
Wednesday Bible Class	38
Last Sunday’s Offering	\$6,543.00
Weekly Budget	\$4,069.13