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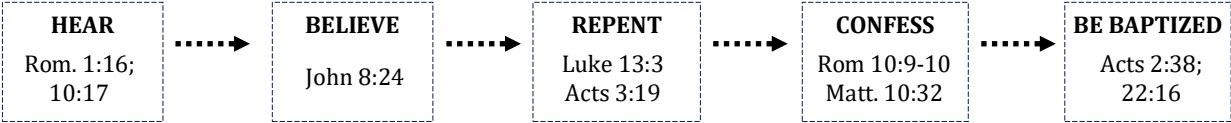
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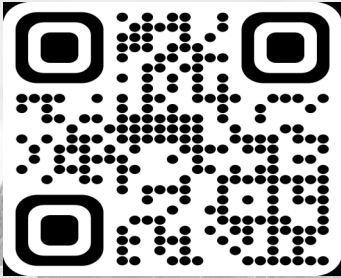
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**WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?**



# 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

## You Are Worth More Than You Think!

In a world that constantly measures worth by achievements, possessions, or social approval, it's easy to feel inadequate. You might compare yourself to others and wonder, Do I matter? Am I enough? But here's the truth: You are worth far more than you think!

The world doesn't determine your value. Society often tells us our worth is tied to our success, appearance, or productivity. But God's perspective is entirely different. Scripture says, *"Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten by God. Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows"* (Luke 12:6-7). If God cares for something as small as a sparrow, how much more does He value you? It then should come as no surprise to learn that *"... God so love the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life"* (John 3:16). This is not speaking of the things of this world but the people who inhabit it, they are the ones that God's Son died for. That is the strongest affirmation of our worth! God desires that all men be saved from the consequences of their sins, as the apostle Peter informs us in 1 Timothy. 2:3-4 *"For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth."*

Our worth and value increase indescribably when we are baptized into Christ. Peter now calls us *"... a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy"* (1 Pet. 2:9-10). John later tells us that *"and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen."* (Rev. 1:5-6).

Thankfully, our worth is determined by our Lord, who has made us worthy through obedience to His gospel.

~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](mailto: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.

## 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

Bro. Oddman and the Willory family, the Mendenhall family, Sis. Carter, Bro. & Sis. A. Davis & Hamilton families, Zheng family, Sis. Brooke Gamble's friends, Sis. Martina Davis, Bro. Simmons, Bro. & Sis. Eddie Taylor & family, 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 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

Bro. Brantford  
Bro. Deonté Rice



Today, 5/4  
Mon. 5/5

## ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

#28 The Gambles  Thurs. 5/8

## LADIES CLASS NEWS

This week the ladies will be having a workshop to put together plans for the rest of the year, and discuss the possibility of a Ladies' Day for this year. All ladies of the congregation are invited.

## 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](http://dwpaints.com).

## Motivation for the Week

**James 1:2-4:** "Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing."

"I will lift up my eyes to the hills—From whence comes my help? My help comes from the LORD, Who made heaven and earth." Psalms 121:1-2

## Last Week's Record

Sunday AM Worship	70
Sunday PM Worship	25
Wednesday Bible Class	40
Last Sunday's Offering	\$4,367.00
<b>Weekly Budget</b>	<b>\$4,069.13</b>