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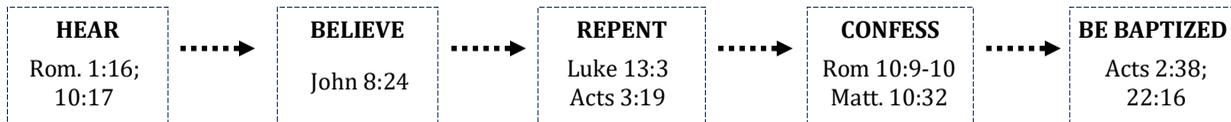
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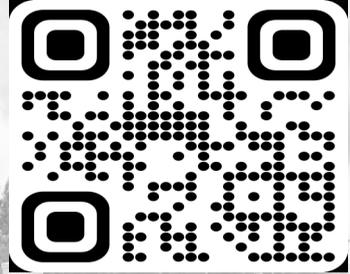
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**WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?**



# 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." **1John 1:5***

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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.

**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.  
*Access YouTube- West Hammond Church of Christ*
- 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.

# CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

## Celebrating Graduation: A New Phase of Faith and Purpose

Graduation marks a significant milestone—a time of celebration, reflection, and anticipation for what lies ahead. Whether stepping into higher education, a career, or a new season of life, graduates stand at the threshold of opportunities.

As Christians, we recognize that every new phase is guided by God's sovereign plan, hence the importance of trusting God's direction. Proverbs 3:5-6 reminds us, *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct your path."* Graduation teaches us to rely not on our own strength but on God's wisdom as we navigate uncertainty. Just as Joshua was called to be strong and courageous (Joshua 1:9), graduates can move forward with confidence, knowing God goes before them.



It is a time of growth, yes, growth through change, and this can be daunting! However, Paul assures us that God uses changes to shape us. Romans 8:28 says, *"And we know that all things work together for good to those who love Him."* Every challenge, success, and detour is part of God's refining process. Like Joseph, whose journey led him from the pit to the palace (Genesis 50:20), graduates, who put God first, can trust that God's purpose will prevail.

For our graduates who are also Christians, graduation isn't just about personal achievement—it's a commissioning where our Lord Jesus has commissioned you to be *"the salt of the earth"* and *"the light of the world"* (Matthew 5:13-14), representing Him in every area of your lives. So, you are called to make a difference in other people's lives by influencing them through your words and actions.

For those who have not yet been baptized into Christ, this season is an invitation to seek Him. Ecclesiastes 3:1 reminds us, *"To everything there is a season, A time for every purpose under heaven."* Now is the time to pursue God's purpose for your lives.

As we celebrate our graduates, let us encourage them to walk faithfully, serve boldly, and trust the One who holds their future. Congratulations, graduates of the West Hammond Church of Christ family! May your next chapter brings glory to God and blessings to others.

**Ahmad Powell, Akeelah Webster, Ahmaya Richardson and Deonte Rice**

~ 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](mailto: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.
- ◆ 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

Malachi and Sis. Shannon Payne, Sis. Janece Carter-Riley, 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 Hardys are expected to return today from vacation.  
The Websters are worshipping at Park Forest this morning.



## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



*Ethan Palmer	Wed. 6/4
Sis. Cotten	Wed. 6/4
*Santiago Salazar	Thurs. 6/5

\*Denotes not a member

## LADIES CLASS NEWS

The ladies are having a **"Paint and Snack"** at **Gratefully Painted**. Venue: 737 169th St. Hammond. June 7th from 10:30 am-1:30 pm. See Sis. Jameka for further details.

We are planning on hosting a **Ladies' Day** this year. The proposed 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 and Sis. Linda lost her sister, Jessie Mae Rhymes.



## CONGRATULATIONS— CLASS OF 2025

Sis. Ahmaya Richardson graduated last week from 8th grade. Sis. Akeelah Webster and Bro. Ahmad Powell will both graduate this afternoon from Homewood-Flossmoor High School. Bro. Deonte Rice will graduate Morton High School in Hammond, June 7th. Please let us know if there are any other 2025 graduates.

Tentative date to celebrate our graduates is Saturday, June 14. Details 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).

## Last Week's Record

Sunday AM Worship	74
Sunday PM Worship	27
Wednesday Bible Class	46
Last Sunday's Offering	\$6,445.00