

CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

Understanding the Sins of Commission and Omission

As followers of Christ, we are called to live righteously, avoiding sin and pursuing holiness. However, sin is not just what we do—it can also be what we fail to do. The Bible distinguishes between sins of commission (wrong actions we commit) and sins of omission (right actions we neglect). Both separate us from God and require repentance.

Sins of Commission: Willful Disobedience

Sins of commission are deliberate acts that violate God’s commands. These include lying, stealing, adultery, hatred, and other behaviors that the scriptures explicitly forbid. 1 John 3:4 says, *"Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness."* When we knowingly engage in sinful actions, we rebel against God’s will.

Jesus warned that even sinful thoughts can condemn us (Matthew 5:28), and James taught that *"...to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin."* (James 4:17). Whether in actions or attitude, willful disobedience grieves the Holy Spirit and damages our relationship with God.

Sins of Omission: Neglecting God’s Will

Sins of omission occur when we fail to do what God commands. This includes ignoring opportunities to show love, to share the Gospel, or to help those in need. In the Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:30-37), the priest and Levite sinned by omission—they saw the wounded man but refused to help. Their lack of action was sinful.

James 2:15-17 warns that if we see a brother in need and refuse to help, our faith is dead. Similarly, Jesus rebuked the Pharisees for neglecting *"justice, mercy, and faithfulness"* (Matthew 23:23). God does not only warn to avoid evil, but also to actively pursue righteousness.

Thankfully, God offers forgiveness for both types of sin. 1 John 1:9 assures us, *"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."* We must examine our hearts daily, turning from sinful actions and embracing God’s commands with obedience and love.

Let us pray for wisdom to recognize both sins of commission and omission, striving to live fully according to God’s will. As Psalm 139:23-24 says, *"Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties; And see if there is any wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting."* May we walk in repentance, grace, and active faith, glorifying God in all we do—and in all we choose not to neglect.

~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.

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

Elle Cardone, classmate of Sis. Brooke, Bro. Powell's grandmother, Crystal Ricks, Bro. Matthews, Bro. & Sis. Hardy, Sis. Whitney Taylor, Bro. Lightfoot, Malachi and Sis. Shannon Payne, CJ Johnson, friend of Bro. Brantford, the Mendenhall family, Bro & Sis. A. Davis, the Hamilton & McLaurin families, 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 and Christians young in faith.



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



Bro. Craig Conner

Wed, 6/18

LADIES CLASS NEWS

The topic of discussion this week will be "Finding Your Purpose" Eph. 2:10, 1 Cor. 7:17. This will be led by Sis. Whitney Taylor.

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

Willeva Harris the aunt of Sis. Carter was laid to rest yesterday. Bro. Darrell Hicks lost his sister, Denise Hicks. Lyric Dyson, the granddaughter of Sis. Ellis, lost her father, Anthony Dyson. Sis. Pam Lennon lost her mother, Mattie Yarbrough. Sis. Washington lost her cousin, Willie Pendleton. Sis. Matthews lost her sister, Jessie Mae Rhymes.

CONGRATULATIONS— CLASS OF 2025



We enjoyed a wonderful evening of excellence yesterday as we celebrated our graduates. Thanks to all who came to give them support and to be a part of celebrating their milestones.

NEW HOURS-WORSHIP SERVICE & BIBLE STUDY

Beginning Sunday, July 6th, the new time for worship service will begin at 10:00–11:45AM. There will be a 15 minutes break and then bible study will begin at 12:00. Please make careful note of these changes.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The sermons are recorded and can be accessed via the church's YouTube channel. Go to YouTube and type in West Hammond Church of Christ.

For this Wednesday's Bible class we will continue with the study of 1 Corinthians. If you have not yet read the book, you are being encouraged to do so.

SUPPORT FOR YOUNG 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.

Last Week's Record	
Sunday AM Worship	72
Sunday PM Worship	19
Wednesday Bible Class	43
Last Sunday's Offering	\$ 7,197.00
Weekly Budget	\$4,069.13