

CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

All that for Me?

Romans 5:6-8 (NKJV) *"For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For 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."*

Have you ever received an amazing gift that you absolutely didn't deserve? Maybe someone went above and beyond for you, sacrificing their time or resources, even when you had not done anything to earn it. That feeling of surprise and deep gratitude is just a tiny glimpse of what God did for us through Jesus. Paul reminds us of something truly incredible: "While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Think about that for a moment. We were not perfect. We were not even trying to be good. In fact, we were far from God, living our lives waywardly, making mistakes, and choosing paths that led us away from Christ. The Bible calls this being "powerless" and "ungodly."

Most people would only do something real nice for someone who they think truly deserves it, or someone they really love. Eph. 2:12-13 tells that God didn't wait for us to clean up our act. He didn't wait for us to become "good enough." No, His love is so vast and amazing that He sent His Son, Jesus, to die for us **while we were still sinners**.

All that for me? Yes! It's overwhelming, isn't it? Jesus took the punishment that we deserved because of our sins. Isaiah 53:5, **"But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed."** He died on the cross so that we could be forgiven and have a way back to God. This is not just a story; it's the greatest act of love in history, and it was done for you, and for me. It means we don't have to carry the burden of our mistakes alone. It means we can have a fresh start, a relationship with God, and the promise of eternal life.

So, when you think, *"All that for me?"* let your heart be filled with awe and gratitude. God's love is truly beyond anything we could ever imagine or deserve. May this love inspire you and I to live a life that thanks Him every day.

~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

Sis. Chambers, Deborah James, schoolmate of Sis. McKnight, Sis. Harley, Ella Cardone, classmate of Sis. Brooke, Bro. Matthews, Bro. & Sis. Hardy, Sis. Whitney Taylor, Malachi and Sis. Shannon Payne, CJ Johnson, friend of Bro. Brantford, the Mendenhall family, Bro & Sis. A. 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.

CONDOLENCES

Br. Lightfoot lost his brother, Keith Lightfoot. Bro. Cater lost his cousin, DeWayne Carter. The funeral details will follow for both family members. Sis. Matthews lost her sister, Jessie Mae Rhymes.

NEW CHRISTIANS' CLASS

Bro. Webster is teaching this class for all new and Christians young in faith.



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



Sis. Janece Riley	Mon. 6/23
Sis. Paige Richardson	Tues. 6/24
Sis. Claudia Chambers	Tues. 6/24
Sis. Heather Mack	Sat. 6/28
*Malik Sims	Sat. 6/28
Sis. Jameka Taylor	Sat. 6/28

*DENOTES NOT A MEMBER

LADIES CLASS NEWS

The topic of discussion this week will be "A Study on Love" 1 Corinthians 13. This will be led by Sis. Jesseann 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. **Ladies, please plan to meet via Zoom next Sunday afternoon at a time to be announced.**

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. YouTube is no longer live.

For this Wednesday's Bible class we will continue with the study of 2 Corinthians. If you have not yet read the book, you are being encouraged to do so.

ANNUAL GIVE-AWAY DAY

The tentative date is Saturday, July 26, 2025.

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	71
Sunday PM Worship	19
Wednesday Bible Class	54
Last Sunday's Offering	\$ 3,289.00
Weekly Budget	\$4,069.13