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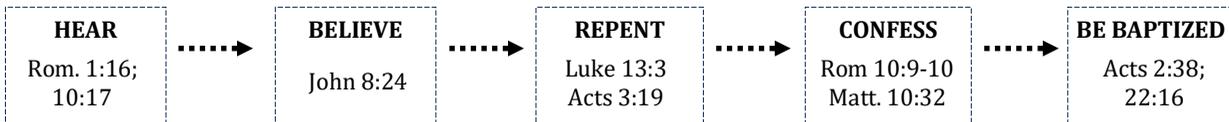
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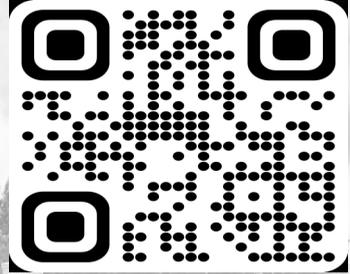
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WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?



# 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**

Morning Service .....10 a.m.  
Children's Sunday School .....12 noon  
*Sis. LaDonna Carter (lower level)*  
Young People's Class .....12 noon  
*Bro. Ej. Taylor (upper level)*  
New Christians' Class .....12 noon  
*Bro. Webster (upper level)*  
Adult Bible Class.....12 noon  
*Bro. Eddie Taylor (main auditorium)*  
Evening Service .....6 p.m.

**Wednesdays**

Bible Study (on Zoom).....7 p.m.  
*Access via the website*

**Thursdays**

Men's & Ladies' Classes .....6:30 p.m.

# CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

## “Why I Refuse to Give Up My Faith”

This is a strange world, isn't it? One day you can be on a spiritual high and the next you are barely hanging on, therefore, holding on to faith is not just admirable, it's essential! For me, the decision to cling to my faith isn't rooted in mere tradition or emotion; it's grounded in the unshakable promises of God, the experiences that have shaped my journey, and the hope that anchors my soul.

### Standing Firm in Conviction

*“Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised).”* (Hebrews 10:23)

God has never failed me. His promises are not empty sentiments but living truths. When storms have raged—financial burdens, health battles, loss—His Word has been my lifeline. Even when the enemy whispered doubt, faith whispered, *Hold on.*

### Faith Tested and Proven

*“...I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him...”* (2 Timothy 1:12)

I don't believe blindly. My faith has been tested, and with every trial, God's presence has proven more real than ever. He has kept me, carried me, corrected me, and restored me. That record of divine reliability is why I cannot and will not walk away.

### Hope in Dark Places

*“I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.”* (Psalm 27:13)

Hope is not passive—it's powerful. It's what gives breath to dry bones and light to shadowed paths. Even in seasons of doubt or despair, I've seen glimpses of God's goodness that remind me: He is not done with me yet.

### Bound to Him by Love

*“...Nothing shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”* (Romans 8:39)

Love has been the glue that holds me when everything else falls apart. God's love is not circumstantial—it is eternal, and because I've experienced it, I cannot let go of it.

Faith is not always the easy path, but it is the only path that leads to life, peace, and purpose. I refuse to give up my faith because God has never given up on me. My testimony is still unfolding, and I will keep walking forward—by faith, not by sight.

Bro. 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

Sis. Chaff suffered a stroke, Sis. Strickland, Sis. Simmons, Lora Graham, mother in-law of Sis. McKnight, is in critical care, Sis. Chambers, Sis. Deborah James, classmate of Sis. McKnight is scheduled for surgery on Aug. 1st, Bro. & Sis. Hardy, Sis. Whitney Taylor, Malachi & 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.

## 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.

## NEW BIRTHS IN CHRIST

Bro. Ajani Powell was recently baptized. Continue to pray for and encourage him and all our new converts.

## CONDOLENCES

To the Lightfoot family and the Carter Family.

Sis. Woodard lost her cousin, Dorothy Fong. Funeral services TBD.

## 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.



## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



Bro. Webster	Tues. 7/15
Sis. Webster	Tues. 7/15
Sis. Doris Davis	Tues. 7/15
Sis. Ellis	Wed. 7/16

## LADIES CLASS NEWS

Sis. Jameka will present a lesson on “Individual & Group fasting”, Matthew 6:16-19.

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. Please be prepared with ideas and willingness to volunteer in areas of need. Next meeting date-TBD

## NEW HOURS-WORSHIP SERVICE & BIBLE STUDY

**Worship service time is now 10:00-11:45AM. There will be a 15 minute break and then bible study will begin at 12:00.**

## TRAVELING

The Bell family, the Lightfoots, and Sis. Webster.

## ANNUAL GIVE-AWAY DAY

The tentative date is Saturday, July 26, 2025. Volunteers are needed to sort and label, carry things outdoors, greeting those who stop by and setting up bible studies, packing up at the end.

We are also asking for donations of school supplies, including bags, for the community give-away. A collection box will be in the foyer.

## Last Week's Record

Sunday AM Worship	77
Sunday PM Worship	17
Wednesday Bible Class	40
Last Sunday's Offering	\$6,898.00
<b>Weekly Budget</b>	<b>\$4,069.13</b>