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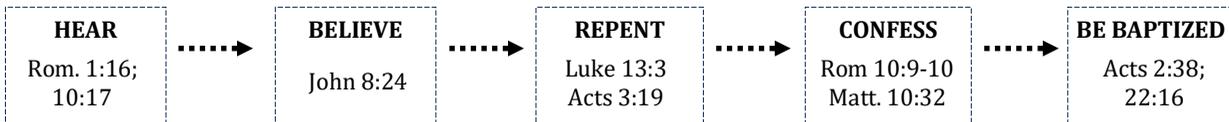
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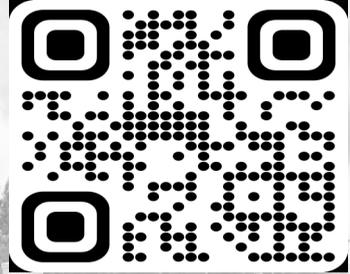
ORDER OF SERVICE

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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 Service10 a.m.
Children's Sunday School12 noon
Sis. LaDonna Carter (lower level)
Young People's Class12 noon
Bro. Ej. Taylor (upper level)
New Christians' Class12 noon
Bro. Webster (upper level)
Adult Bible Class.....12 noon
Bro. Eddie Taylor (main auditorium)
Evening Service6 p.m.

Wednesdays

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

Thursdays

Men's & Ladies' Classes6:30 p.m.

CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

Don't Go It Alone

In a society that often glorifies self-reliance and individual independence, it is easy to fall into the trap of believing we must face life's challenges entirely on our own. We might feel pressured to present a perfect image, to hide our struggles, or to shoulder heavy burdens in isolation. But, throughout scripture, we learn that God never intended for us to "go it alone." From the very beginning, God declared, *"It is not good for the man to be alone"* (Gen. 2:18). This important truth extends far beyond the first marriage; it speaks to a critical need we all have for human connection and support. As followers of Christ, we are called into a family – the body of Christ – where we are interconnected, interdependent, and designed to bear one another's burdens.

Think about the early church. They were all about sharing their time, faith, and resources. *"Now the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul; neither did anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own..."* (Acts 4:32). This wasn't just an ordinary form of unity; it was radical unity! It was evidently about a shared purpose, mutual encouragement, and collective strength.

When we attempt to navigate life's storms in isolation, we deprive ourselves of vital support and miss out on the rich blessings of Christian fellowship. We also deny others the opportunity to live out their calling to love and serve. Ecc. 4:9-10: *"Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up."* (Gal. 6:2; Heb. 10:24-25) This verse powerfully illustrates the practical benefit of companionship, especially in times of trouble.

So, if you're struggling, feeling isolated, or carrying a heavy load, remember you don't have to go it alone. Reach out. Share your burdens. Allow your brothers and sisters in Christ to walk alongside you, pray with you, and offer practical help. Conversely, let us all be vigilant in looking out for those around us, ready to extend a hand, an ear, or a prayer.

Let us embrace the beautiful truth that, in Christ, we are part of a family, equipped and called to journey together.

~Bro. Robert 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-westhammondccoc@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

Kennon Lewis, son of Sis. Lewis, Sis. Janece Riley, Sis. Chaff, Sis. Strickland, Sis. Simmons, Sis. Chambers, Deborah James, classmate of Sis. McKnight, Bro. & Sis. Hardy, and Vladis Reynolds, the mother of Sis. Hardy, Sis. Whitney Taylor and her co-workers, CJ Johnson, friend of Bro. Brantford, the Mendenhalls, 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 and click, "Playlist". **YouTube is no longer live.** For this Wednesday's Bible class we will continue with the study of Galatians. If you have not yet read the book, you are encouraged to do so.

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

To the Lightfoot and the Carter families, the Young, Conner & Searcy families, Sis. Woodard, on the passing of her cousin, Dorothy Fong, Rogers family of Eastside CoC, Sis. White's friend, Lydia Henry. Sis. McKnight's mother-in-law, Lora Graham's funeral is Saturday 7/26/25 (10:00 AM) Woodlawn Baptist Church, 6207 S. University, Chicago, IL 60637

NEW CHRISTIANS' CLASS

Bro. Webster is teaching this class for all new Christians dating back to 2022.

NEW BIRTHS IN CHRIST

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



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Sis. McGee	Today, 7/20
*Amir Sims	Wed. 7/23
Sis. Doris Davis	Thurs. 7/24
Sis. Denee Webster	Thurs. 7/24

*Denotes, not a member

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

#13 Bro. & Sis. Lightfoot  Sat. 7/26

LADIES CLASS NEWS

Sis. Jameka will continue presenting 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 various committees and to start preparations for this big event. Please be prepared with ideas and willingness to volunteer. Next meeting date-TBD

NEWLY WEDS

Andria Mendenhall and Deonte Rice got married recently.

TRAVELING

Sis. McGee will be out of town this week.

ANNUAL GIVE-AWAY DAY

This Saturday, July 26, 2025 from 10:30—3:00. Volunteers are needed to sort and label, (Tues. & Fri. 1pm) carry thing outdoors, greet those who stop by and set up bible studies, and pack up at the end.

We need donations of school supplies, including bags, for the community give-away. A collection box will be placed at the back of the auditorium.

Last Week's Record

Sunday AM Worship	68
Sunday PM Worship	22
Wednesday Bible Class	36
Last Sunday's Offering	\$2,623.00
Weekly Budget	\$4,069.13