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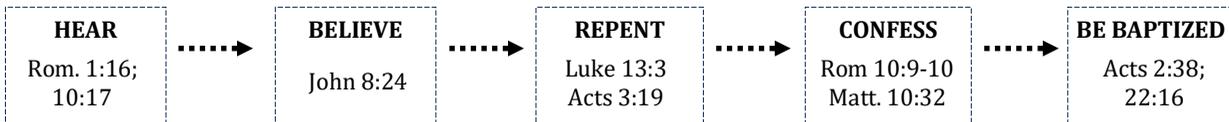
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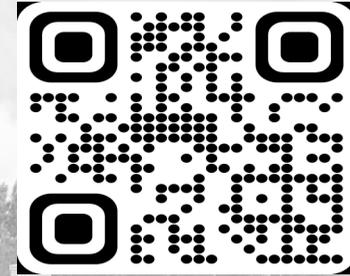
ORDER OF SERVICE

Song ~ Song ~ Opening Prayer~ Song~ Scripture Reading~ Song~ Sermon~ Song~ Lord's Supper
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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

“Sorry, I’m Off Duty!”

In military terms, being “off duty” signals a pause from active responsibility. Sometimes, at the beach, there will be a sign that tells us that the lifeguard is either “on duty” or “off duty.” But in the Christian life, there are no such shifts—because our adversary never punches out. As children of God, we must remain spiritually alert, armored, and engaged. To go “off duty” in our walk with Christ is to leave the door partly open to deception, temptation, and attack.

Peter reminds us with sobering clarity: **“Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour”** (1 Pet. 5:8). Lions don’t hunt tired prey out of pity. They exploit their weakness and vulnerability. Likewise, Satan seizes moments when our guards are down—when prayer fades, when fellowship fades, when our Bible gathers dust.

Jesus Himself was constantly vigilant. After 40 days of fasting, He did not relax; He confronted Satan head-on (Matt. 4:1–11). Each temptation was met with “It is written,” revealing that Scripture isn’t optional—it’s our armor. Ephesians 6:11 urges: **“Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.”** Armor isn’t for profiling—it’s for battle!

Even Paul, as seasoned as he was, wrote to Timothy with urgency: **“Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season...”** (2 Tim. 4:2). In season means obvious opportunities. Out of season means the quiet moments, the tired moments, the difficult moments. Therefore, there is no time to be “off the clock.”

Our enemy, the devil, thrives on inactivity. But God equips us for persistence. James 4:7 tells us, **“Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”** Resistance requires readiness. Submission demands engagement.

So... “off duty?” Not for the soldier of Christ! Every moment is sacred. Every breath is an opportunity. **“Therefore, let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober”** (1 Thes. 5:6). Stay armored. Stay awake. Stay on duty.

~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-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

Bro. Lightfoot had a knee replacement last Thursday, Kennon Lewis, son of Sis. Lewis, Sis. Janece Riley, Sis. Chaff, Bro. & Sis. Hardy, and Vladis Reynolds, the mother of Sis. Hardy, Sis. Whitney Taylor and her co-workers, the Mendenhalls, Bro & Sis. A. Davis, 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 Ephesians. If you have not yet read the book, you are encouraged to do so.

PIZZA & GAME NIGHT

Friday, August 29th from 6-9 p.m. We will be having a pizza and game night for all ages. Please bring your favorite pizza to share (size large) and your favorite game! There will be a sign-up sheet on the ledge.

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 Sis. Conner and the Minner families. Sis. Conner lost her cousin, Mike Minner, and her nephew, Dondricus Minner, last week. The Young, Conner & Searcy families. Sis. Woodard lost her cousin, Dorothy Fong. The Rogers family of Eastside CoC and Sis. White’s friend, Lydia Henry. Sis. McKnight’s mother-in-law, Lora Graham, was funeralized yesterday.

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. Della White



Wed. 7/30

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

#8 Bro. & Sis. EJ Taylor

Tues 7/29

#19 Bro. & Sis. Bell



Tues 7/29

NEWLY WEDS

Congratulations to Bro. & Sis. Deonte Rice who tied the knot on July 18, 2025.

LADIES CLASS NEWS

Sis. Whitney Taylor will present on the topic: **Personal vs. Group Accountability. Romans 14:12 & Galatians 6:2**

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

TRAVELING

Sis. Hardy left for Jamaica last Thursday.

3RD ANNUAL GIVE-AWAY DAY

Heartfelt thanks to everyone who volunteered and supported for the Annual Give-Away that took place yesterday. You all did a mammoth job in spite of the inclement weather.

Last Week’s Record

Sunday AM Worship	61
Sunday PM Worship	18
Wednesday Bible Class	53
Last Sunday’s Offering	\$4,192.50
Weekly Budget	\$4,069.13