

Sermon Notes

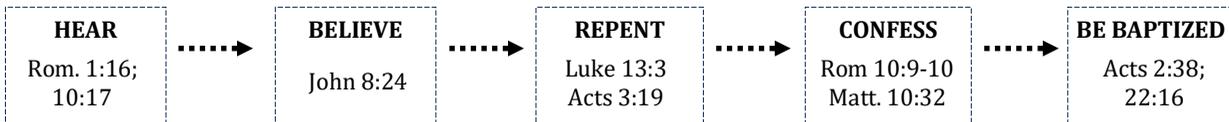
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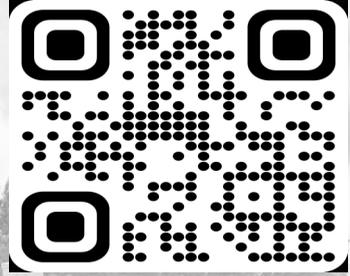
ORDER OF SERVICE

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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

The Power of Satan

"Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour." (1 Peter 5:8)

As Christians, we must not be naive about the spiritual battle we are in. Our greatest adversary, Satan, is a real and formidable foe. The Bible reveals that he is a powerful being, a fallen angel who rebelled against God. (Isa. 12:14-15) His influence is widespread, and his goal is to destroy our faith and lead us away from God. Understanding the nature and extent of his power is critical for our spiritual defense. The Bible gives us a clear picture of Satan's power. He is called "**the god of this age**," who has blinded the minds of unbelievers. (2 Cor. 4:4) He is a liar and the father of lies, (John 8:44) constantly seeking to deceive and twist God's truth. He tempted Adam and Eve in the Garden, leading to humanity's fall. (Gen. 3:1-6) He even had the audacity to tempt Jesus Himself, in the wilderness. (Matt. 4:1-11)

Satan's power, however, is not unlimited. He is a created being, and his authority is ultimately subject to God's. He can only do what God allows. Consider the book of Job, where Satan had to ask God for permission to test Job's faith. (Job 1:12) This is a crucial truth: Satan's power is real, but it is not absolute. He is a defeated foe, and his final end will be sealed in eternal punishment. (Rev. 20:10)

So, how do we stand firm against such an enemy? The apostle Paul tells us to **"Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil."** (Eph. 6:11) This armor includes truth, righteousness, the gospel of peace, faith, salvation, and the Word of God. We do not fight this battle in our own strength but in the power of the Lord.

Jesus has already won the victory over sin and death, and through Him, we too can overcome the devil's power. **"...Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."** (James 4:7) As long as we remain faithful to God, devoted to His Word, and filled with the Spirit, we can live a victorious life in Christ. Let us be ever vigilant, knowing that while our adversary is powerful, our God is all-powerful.

~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

The sister-in-law of the Conners, Erin Mackey, is undergoing cancer treatment, Sis. Lennon, Sis. Salazar's 11 yr. old niece, Glorimar, Sis. Chamber's grandson, Danny Powell, the Simmons, Bro. Ahmad Powell, Sis. Washinton and her grandson, Dawson, Bro. & Sis. Arthur Davis, as well as his brother, Melvin Davis, the Hardys and Vladis Reynolds, the mother of Sis. Hardy, Levell Chaff, brother of Sis. Chaff, 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 start studying the book of Colossians. If you have not yet read the book, you are encouraged to do so.

BACK-TO-SCHOOLERS

Special prayers for all students, teachers and other school personnel at all levels for the new school year.

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 is 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.

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. Annette Brantford
Bro. Rob Hardy

Today, 8/24
Tues. 8/26

NO ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

LADIES CLASS NEWS

Sis. Lydia Chaff will present this week's lesson.
Topic: Fruits of the Spirit
Scripture: Galatians 5:22-23

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.

The Mendenhall family has placed their membership at the Merrillville Church of Christ.

Bro. Eddie Taylor is preaching at the Brookfield Church of Christ today. As a result, Bro. Webster will be teaching the adult Bible class and Bro. EJ Taylor, the young Christians' class.

Last Week's Record

Sunday AM Worship	74
Sunday PM Worship	25
Wednesday Bible Class	26
Last Sunday's Offering	\$ 3280.00
Weekly Budget	\$4,069.13