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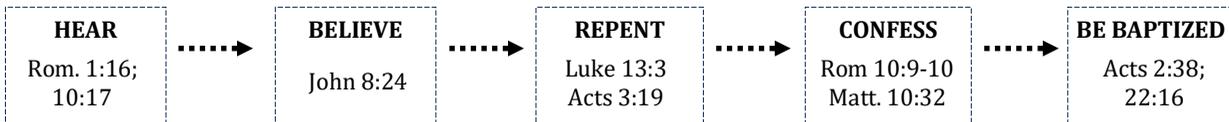
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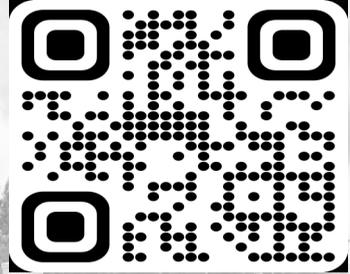
ORDER OF SERVICE

Song ~ Song ~ Opening Prayer~ Song~ Scripture Reading~ Song~ Sermon~ Song~ Lord's Supper
~ Offering~ Song~ Closing Prayer~Announcements

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

He Loved Us First!

From the very beginning, God's love has been the foundation of our existence. Before we could love Him, before we even knew Him, He loved us. This profound truth is at the heart of the gospel—a love so deep, so sacrificial, that it bridges the gap between a holy God and sinful humanity.

The apostle, John, beautifully captures this truth: *"We love because He first loved us"* (1 John 4:19). Our ability to love God and others is not something we muster up on our own; it is a response to the love He has already poured out on us. One of the most well-known verses in Scripture declares, *"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life"* (John 3:16). This love was not passive; it was demonstrated in action. While we were still sinners, Christ died for us (Romans 5:8). He didn't wait for us to get our lives together—He loved us in our brokenness and made a way for our redemption.



God's love is also unchanging. *"I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you"* (Jeremiah 31:3). Unlike human love, which can be conditional and fickle, God's love is steadfast. It does not waver based on our performance but remains constant, rooted in His perfect nature. Because He loved us first, we are called to love others in the same way. Jesus said, *"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another"* (John 13:34). Our love for one another should reflect His selfless, sacrificial love.

As we reflect on God's love, let us respond with gratitude and obedience. Let us walk in the assurance that we are deeply loved, not because of anything we've done, but because of who He is. And may His love compel us to share this good news with a world in desperate need of His grace.

Just don't ever forget—He loved us first!

~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

Dr. Wagner, friend of Sis. Bell, Fonny Taylor, grandson of Bro. & Sis. Eddie Taylor, Sis. Washinton & family, Sis. McKnight and family, Bro. Lightfoot, Bro. Davis had a surgery last week, 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, Sis. Doris Davis, Levell Chaff, brother of Sis. Chaff, Sis. Simpson, Bro. Darrell Hicks, the Brantfords, the Goldmans, Sis. Ellis, Sis. Laurene Cunningham, Irene Herron who leg was amputated this past Friday, 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.

TRAVELING

Sis. Hardy is in Jamaica visiting her mother.

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 Sis. Conner and the Minner families. Sis. Conner lost her cousin, Mike Minner, and her nephew, Dondricus Minner. The Young, Conner & Searcy families. Sis. Woodard lost her cousin, Dorothy Fong.

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. Brenda Sims



Today 8/3

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

#35 Bro. & Sis. Eddie Taylor



Tues 8/5

LADIES CLASS NEWS

Sis. Whitney Taylor will continue the lesson 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

Last Week's Record

Sunday AM Worship	73
Sunday PM Worship	26
Wednesday Bible Class	33
Last Sunday's Offering	\$3,785.00
Weekly Budget	\$4,069.13