

CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

It's More Than Just Pizzas and Games

Yesterday, our church family gathered for a night of fellowship, food, and fun. The air was filled with the sound of laughter, the smell of pizza, and the friendly competition of various kinds of games, played together as whole group, and later into different small groups. From the outside, it might have looked like a simple social event, but for those of us who were there, we know it was so much more. This wasn't just a night of pizzas and games; it was an opportunity to appreciate the blessings of being a part of a true spiritual family.

In our busy lives, it's easy to get caught up in our own routines. We rush from work to home, from one appointment to the next, often only seeing one another in the pews for a brief moment on Sunday mornings. But gatherings like last night's event give us the precious time and space to slow down and truly connect with each other. We had the chance to hear stories, share a laugh, and learn more about the people we worship alongside each week. We discovered new things about our brothers and sisters in Christ, and through those simple conversations, our relationships were strengthened, and our bond was deepened.

This is the very essence of Christian fellowship. The apostle Paul reminds us in Colossians 1:15-20 that Jesus is the "head of the body, the church," and that in Him, all things hold together. It's through our Savior's blood that we are brought into one family, one body. Our fellowship, therefore, isn't a mere social club; it's a living testament of the faith we share as we continue to build up the body of Christ, one person, one conversation, and one laugh at a time.

These activities are not just for a select few; they are vital for the health of our entire church family. When we take the time to build genuine relationships, we are better equipped to encourage one another in times of trial, to celebrate in moments of joy, and to serve alongside one another with a unified heart. We need each other. The bond that ties us together through the blood of our Savior Jesus Christ is meant to be strengthened and nurtured.

So, let's continue to make the most of every opportunity to gather, whether it's at a pizza night, a Bible study, or a Sunday fellowship meal. These moments are more than just an event on the calendar; they are a key part of our journey together as the family of God. We look forward to seeing you at the next one!

~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. Salazar's 11 yr. old niece, Glorimar, Sis. Chamber's grandson, Danny Powell, the Simmons, 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

We had a wonderful time of food, fun and fellowship last Friday. Thanks to all who came out to make the event as successful as it was.

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.

TRAVELING & CONDOLENCES

Bro. Webster will be leaving for Jamaica tomorrow, for 2 weeks. He also lost one of his aunts, his mother's sister.

NEW BIRTHS IN CHRIST

Do continue to pray for and encourage all our new converts and those young in the faith.



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



Sis. Conner

Today, 8/31

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

#59 The Goldmans
#55 The Davises



Wed., 9/3
Fri., 9/5

LADIES CLASS NEWS

Sis. Lydia Chaff will continue with the lesson from last week's topic.

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. This event will be spearheaded by Sisters Jameka & Whitney Taylor. Please give these young Sisters your full support. Another meeting will be announced soon.

Gospel Broadcasting Network is a 24/7 brotherhood sponsored television station. Go to www.GBNTV.org. You can also find very useful videos on YouTube. Just type in GBNTV.

Last Week's Record

Sunday AM Worship	66
Sunday PM Worship	32
Wednesday Bible Class	26
Last Sunday's Offering	\$3462.00
Weekly Budget	\$4,069.13