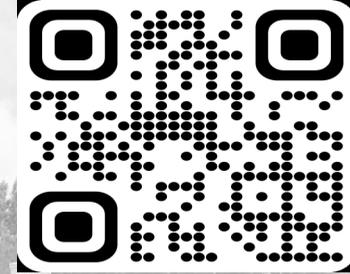


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THE MESSENGER



*"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**

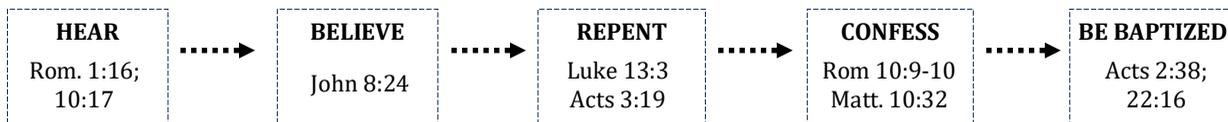
Morning Service10 a.m.
Children's Sunday School12 noon
Sis. LaDonna Carter (lower level)
Young People's Class12 noon
Bro. Ej. Taylor (upper level)
New Christians' Class12 noon
Bro. Webster (upper level)
Adult Bible Class.....12 noon
Bro. Eddie Taylor (main auditorium)
Evening Service6 p.m.

Wednesdays
Bible Study (on Zoom).....7 p.m.
Access via the website
Thursdays
Men's & Ladies' Classes6:30 p.m.

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?



CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

HOW CAN I BE CONTENTED?

One of the greatest struggles we all face today is the pursuit of contentment. No matter who we are, there always seems to be something missing, something more we want to achieve, to own, or to experience. Yet, the Bible repeatedly calls us to a life of contentment in the Lord, showing us that true satisfaction is not found in possessions or outward circumstances but in Christ Himself.

The apostle Paul knew this firsthand. In Philippians 4:11, he wrote, **“I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content.”** Consider those words carefully—Paul “learned” contentment. It did not come naturally. By nature, we often complain, compare, and crave, but in Christ, Paul found the secret of contentment, whether he had much or little. Contentment is not complacency, nor is it denying reality; it is the peaceful confidence that God is in control and that His grace is sufficient for every moment.

So then, how can we be contented?

First, we must recognize that contentment flows from trusting God’s provision. Hebrews 13:5 reminds us, **“Be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, ‘I will never leave you nor forsake you.’** True peace is not based on a full bank account or a trouble-free life, but on the unchanging promise of God’s presence. When you know that He is with you, you can face both abundance and adversity with a steadfast faith. Second, contentment grows when we cultivate gratitude. Often discontentment rises because we focus on what we do not have. But when we pause and give thanks for what God has already provided—salvation in Christ, daily bread, family, church, health, and countless other blessings—we learn that we are far richer than we thought. Gratitude shifts our focus from what is missing to the blessings overflowing around us.

Third, contentment increases as we set our affections on eternal things. In 2 Corinthians 4:18, Paul urged the Corinthian members not to **“look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.”** The possessions and pleasures of this life are temporary, but our inheritance in Christ is everlasting. When our hearts are fixed upon heaven, the things of earth lose their power to unsettle or disappoint us.

If you long to be truly content, look to Jesus. He is the Bread of Life, the Living Water, and the Shepherd who satisfies the soul. In Him alone is lasting peace. May we all say with the psalmist, **“The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.”**

~ 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

Bro. Daniel Carter, Bro. Carter’s brother, suffered a stroke. Sis. Chamber’s grandson, Danny Powell, the Simmons, Sis. Washington and her grandson, Dawson, Bro. & Sis. Arthur Davis, the Hardys and Vladis Reynolds, the mother of Sis. Hardy, Bro. Darrell Hicks, the Brantfords, the Goldmans, Sis. Ellis, Sis. Laurene Cunningham, Irene Herron, Quince Dixon, and Vera Johnson, sisters of Sis. Laurene Cunningham.

TRAVELING

Sis. Lennon will be out of town this week.

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 studying the book of **1 Timothy** If you have not yet read the book, you are encouraged to do so.

NEW BIRTHS IN CHRIST

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

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.



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



Bro. Arthur Davis Thurs. 10/2

ANNIVERSARIES



Bro. & Sis. Brantford Thurs. 10/4

LADIES CLASS NEWS

Sis. Teresa Trussell will continue this week’s lesson.

Topic: Dealing with Temptation

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 10:13

We are having an in-house **Ladies’ Day** this year. The date is October 25th. Please view the committee list on the notice board in the foyer. This event will be spearheaded by Sisters Jameka & Whitney Taylor. Please give these young Sisters your full support.

There is a sign-up sheet on the ledge, in the foyer, to indicate your intention to be in attendance.

FALL HOMELESS MISSION

We are now accepting canned goods, bottled water, toiletries, gently used men’s clothing & outerwear items only. Donations can be placed in the donation room on the lower level. Please indicate “mission” on checks and electronic payments. ***All donations due by, Sunday, November 2nd.

SKILLS BANK

Remember to submit your information to be added to the skills bank and be diligent to do your verification for relevant licensing.

Sis. WebsterReal Estate Agent

Sis. Debra WoodardFinancial Advisor

GamblesProperty Preservation & Custom Wood Work Décor/Signs (Home/Business)

Last Week’s Record

Sunday AM Worship	58
Sunday PM Worship	20
Wednesday Bible Class	40
Last Sunday’s Offering	\$2,570.00
Weekly Budget	\$4,069.13