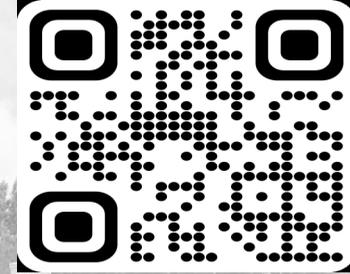


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THE MESSENGER



*"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**

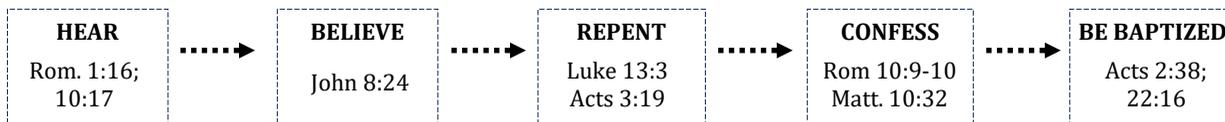
Morning Service10 a.m.
Children's Sunday School12 noon
Sis. LaDonna Carter (lower level)
Young People's Class12 noon
Bro. Ej. Taylor (upper level)
New Christians' Class12 noon
Bro. Webster (upper level)
Adult Bible Class.....12 noon
Bro. Eddie Taylor (main auditorium)
Evening Service6 p.m.

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

God Cannot Lie!

When Paul wrote the epistle of Titus to this evangelist, he mentioned some fundamental truths for him to bear in mind as he sought to **“set in order the things that are lacking...”** Titus 1:5, for the churches in Crete. It was important for Titus to assure members of the unique nature of God and His word.

In a world filled with broken promises, half-truths, and constant uncertainty, we desire something solid to stand on. We long for promises which are completely reliable. The good news of the Gospel is that we have reliable promises! The foundation of our Christian faith is built upon the very character of God. Thus, the Apostle Paul says that our belief must be anchored in the **“...hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began...”** (Titus 1:2).

Think about the power of that statement. It’s not just that God chooses not to lie, it is that lying is contrary to His very nature. The prophet Balaam declared this truth centuries ago: **“God is not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?”** (Num. 23:19). The answer is a resounding no. His character is the ultimate guarantee. He is, as Jesus said, the very representation of truth (John 14:6).

This truth is not just a theological concept; it is the anchor for our souls in the storms of life. The book of Hebrews says that it is **“impossible for God to lie,”** and therefore, His promises provide a **“sure and steadfast anchor of the soul”** (Heb. 6:18-19). Because God cannot lie, His promise of salvation is secure. His promise to be with us always is certain (Matt. 28:20). His promise to work all things for the good of those who love Him is unbreakable (Rom. 8:28).

When you feel overwhelmed by doubt or shaken by the instability of the world, hold fast to this unchangeable truth. Our hope is not based on our feelings, our circumstances, or the words of men. It is based on the unshakeable, immutable, and perfect character of the God who cannot lie. You can trust His Word, you can rest in His promises, and you can build your life on His truth, knowing it will never fail.

~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

CONDOLENCES

Quince Dixon, the sister of Sis. Laurene Cunnigham, passed away. The arrangements are as follow:
Location: Gatling’s Funeral Chapel
Date: Saturday, October 25, 2025
Visitation: 12 PM
Funeral: 12:30-1:30PM
Repat: Information to come.

Vladis Reynolds, the mother of Sis. Hardy, passed away last Tuesday in Jamaica. Funeral services will be provided upon receipt.
Please keep these families lifted in prayer.

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.**

PRAYERS

Greg Kenner the father of Sis. Bell has been diagnosed with prostate cancer. Mr. Kenner had a medical procedure last Thursday. Sis. Brantford has been released from the hospital. Please keep the Brantfords in your prayers. Also, Bro. Daniel Carter, Sis. Chambers, her grandson, Danny Powell & family, the Simmons,

Sis. Washington and her grandson, Dawson, Bro. & Sis. Arthur Davis, the Bro. Darrell Hicks, the Goldmans, Sis. Ellis, Sis. Laurene Cunningham, Irene Herron.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE CLASS

For this Wednesday’s Bible class we will start studying the book of **Titus**. If you have not yet read the book, you are encouraged to do so.

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



Sis. Lydia Chaff
Sis. Trevon McLaurin

Tues. 10/14
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NO ANNIVERSARIES

LADIES’ CLASS NEWS

Sis. Ann-Marie Webster will present this week’s lesson.
Topic: **Prayer**
Scripture: **Luke 18:1**

Our “in-house” **Ladies’ Day** is scheduled on, Saturday October 25th. Check-in begins at 8:30 am. Program begins promptly at 9:00 am. 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.

BROTHERS’ FELLOWSHIP

The brothers will be meeting on the first Saturday of November for their monthly brunch. More details to follow.

Last Week’s Record

Sunday AM Worship	62
Sunday PM Worship	23
Wednesday Bible Class	23
Last Sunday’s Offering	\$6702.00
Weekly Budget	\$4,069.13