

CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

Between the Pew and the Paycheck

Our lives, as Christians, were not meant to be lived in separate compartments. However, the disconnection is clearly felt after we leave the inspiring atmosphere of Sunday worship, only to step into the demanding, sometimes draining, reality of Monday morning. If our faith in Christ is the anchor of our lives, then the vast space between Sundays should be where our light shines brightest.

The workplace is an ideal environment to test the authenticity of our faith. It is where our honesty is challenged, our patience is tested, and our character is strengthened.

So, how do we successfully bridge the gap between the pew and the paycheck? It starts with seeing your job, no matter how routine, as a platform for our light to shine. The apostle Paul wrote, *"Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men"* (Colossians 3:23). This simple verse shapes our entire approach to the workplace. When you view your tasks—whether teaching a class, serving a patient, or preparing a document—see it as an opportunity to exalt the name of our God, then the quality of your work improves, and your attitude will shift from obligation to evangelism.

Practicing faith in the workplace is less about overt preaching and more about intentional living. It means that you refuse to cut corners, even when no one is watching (Proverbs 11:3). It means choosing to be calm, kind and patient even dealing with difficult co-workers or bosses (Eph. 4:32). It also means looking for opportunities to go the extra mile without seeking credit. This reflects the heart of Christ, who came *"not to be served but to serve"* (Mark 10:45). When we strive to become the *"salt and light"* the Bible calls us to be, the world takes notice (Matthew 5:13-16).

So, instead of waiting until next Sunday to let your light shine, how about embracing the time between Sundays as a great time for the ministry of evangelism? The most important sermon may not be delivered from a pulpit, but through the consistent, Christ-like character you display between one Sunday and the next.

~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 Cunningham, 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
Repast: West Hammond Church of Christ

Vladis Reynolds, the mother of Sis. Hardy, passed away on, October 7, 2025 in Jamaica.

Location: New Testament Assembly
Nonsuch, Portland
Memorial Officiant- Minister, Dunstan Farr
Date: Saturday, November 8, 2025 at 11 am
Please keep these families lifted in prayer.

PRAYERS

The Bell family & Greg Kenner the father of Sis. Bell, the Brantfords, Khalid Scott & Tanya DePeiza, friends of Sis. Strickland, Sis Chaff's grandson, and friend Lonnie Halloway who is having liver issues, Carla King-Williams, the niece of Sis. Webster, has been diagnosed with an aggressive form of cancer, Sis. Chambers, her grandson, Danny Powell & family, the Simmons, 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



Bro. Ed. Davis
*Tavion Sims

Tues. 10/22
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*DENOTES NOT A MEMBER

NO ANNIVERSARIES

LADIES' CLASS NEWS

There will be a joint devotional with the men's class, after which, both groups will engage in decorating and setting up for the Ladies' Day this Saturday, 10/25.

Time: Check-in: 8:30 am. **Program time:** 9:00 am. **Sharp!**
Color theme: Fall colors (orange, green & brown)
Organizers: Sisters Jameka & Whitney Taylor.

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

BROTHERS' FELLOWSHIP

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

FALL HOMELESS MISSION

Accepting canned goods, bottled water, toiletries, gently used **men's** clothing/outerwear items only. Donations can be placed in the donation room, lower level. Please reference **"mission"** on checks & electronic payments.
*****All donations due by Sunday, November 2nd.**

TRAVELING

Sis. Webster has gone to visit her ailing niece who resides in Florida. She will be travelling back to Illinois tomorrow. Prayers for traveling mercies.

Last Week's Record

Sunday AM Worship	72
Sunday PM Worship	23
Wednesday Bible Class	36
Last Sunday's Offering	\$3106.00
Weekly Budget	\$4,069.13