

CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

How Attuned Is Your Heart?

When a musician tunes an instrument, every string must align perfectly to a standard pitch. A single note out of tune can affect the harmony of an entire piece. The same is true of the human heart before God. A heart that drifts, even slightly from His truth, produces spiritual discord. The question each Christian must ask is simple, yet reflective: How attuned (or sync) is my heart to God?

The Bible speaks often of the heart—not just as the seat of emotion but as the center of our will, desire, and devotion. Proverbs 4:23 instructs, **“Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life.”** Just as a musician constantly adjusts his instrument, so we, as God’s people, must continually examine our hearts in the light of Scriptures. The spiritual **“pitch pipe”** for the Christian life is found in God’s Word. It reveals whether our hearts are in rhythm with His holiness, compassion, and truth.

A heart in tune with God first learns to listen. After several attempts by God, Samuel learned to listen for God’s voice and responded, **“speak Lord, your servant hears”** (1 Sam. 3:8-10). The world around us yells for attention—its fears, priorities, and distractions, competing for control. Yet, the quiet heart that listens for the Spirit’s guidance through the reading and meditating of God’s word, will “hear” God’s will more clearly. Prayer becomes, not only speaking, but hearing, and allowing His truth to resonate within us.

Second, the attuned heart responds in obedience. Jesus said, **“If you love me, keep my commandments”** (John 14:15). Obedience is spiritual harmony in action—it turns conviction into melody. When Christ directs, the obedient heart does not resist; it adjusts willingly, like a musician correcting a note. Through obedience, we learn to live faithfully amid the noise of temptation and trial.

Finally, the heart tuned to God beats in compassion. Christ’s heart was always moved by human need (Matt. 9:36; 14:14; Mark 1:41). If our hearts are truly tuned to His, they will echo His mercy—offering forgiveness, encouragement, and kindness even when it is not deserved. The closer we draw to God, the more our hearts will reflect His tune of love. So today, pause and ask: Is my heart in tune with the Master’s voice? Daily prayer, renewed faith, and humble obedience keep us harmonized with God. Only then can our lives play the beautiful music of devotion that glorifies God.

~ 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

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

Location: New Testament Assembly
Nonsuch, Portland

Date: Saturday, November 8, 2025 at 11 am

Quince Dixon, the sister of Sis. Laurene Cunningham, was funeralized yesterday at Gatling’s Chapel, Inc. Please keep these families lifted in prayers.

PRAYERS

Bro. Billie & Rachel Shaw & family, 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 Holloway who has liver issues, Carla King-Williams, the niece of Sis. Webster, is diagnosed with an aggressive form of cancer, Sis. Chambers, her grandson, Danny Powell & family, the Simmons, Bro. & Sis. Arthur Davis, Bro. Darrell Hicks, the Goldmans, Sis. Ellis, Sis. Laurene Cunningham, Irene Herron.

TRAVELING

Bro. & Sis. Davis will be travelling this week. Prayers for traveling mercies.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE CLASS

For this Wednesday’s Bible class we will continue 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. Darryl Hicks

Mon. 10/27

NO ANNIVERSARIES

LADIES’ CLASS NEWS

Our Ladies’ Day event yesterday was phenomenal! Thanks to all the attendees, the various committees and everyone who put in the work before, during and after to make it the success that it was.

There will be an evaluation of the event this Thursday, while it is fresh in our minds, to aid us with the planning of next year’s event. Please come out to be a part of this. Your feedback is needed and valued. Following that, we will continue with our lesson on prayers.

Northlake Church of Christ invites us to their Ladies’ Day
1000 E. 21st Avenue, Gary, IN

Date: Saturday, November 1, 2025
Theme: In Perilous Times—2 Tim. 3:1
Check-in: 8:30am

BROTHERS’ FELLOWSHIP

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

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.**

Last Week’s Record

Sunday AM Worship	47
Sunday PM Worship	23
Wednesday Bible Class	44
Last Sunday’s Offering	\$3182.00
Weekly Budget	\$4,069.13