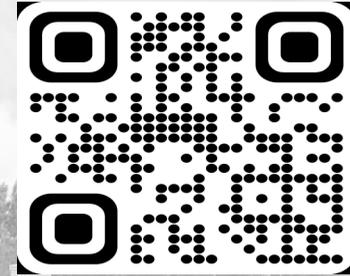


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THE MESSENGER



*"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**

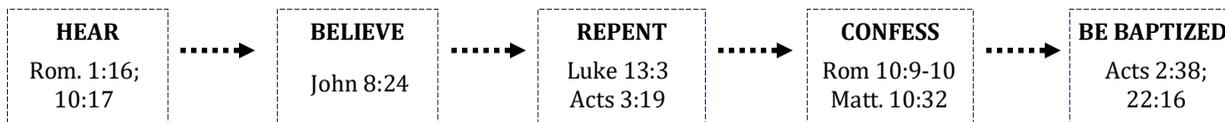
Morning Service10 a.m.
Children's Sunday School12 noon
Sis. LaDonna Carter (lower level)
Young People's Class12 noon
Bro. Ej. Taylor (upper level)
New Christians' Class12 noon
Bro. Webster (upper level)
Adult Bible Class.....12 noon
Bro. Eddie Taylor (main auditorium)
Evening Service6 p.m.

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 Is Good All the Time, All the Time God Is Good!

Life is a mixed bag of joy and sorrows, of sunshine and storms. Regardless of the phase, one truth remains unchanged: God is good. This phrase—“*God is good all the time, all the time God is good*”—is more than just religious nicety. We are stating, categorically, that our God is of an unchanging nature.

The goodness of God is not limited by our circumstances. When our plans in life are falling into place and coming to reality, it’s easy to praise Him. But true faith recognizes His goodness even when trials come. James 1:17 reminds us, “*Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.*” Everything that flows from His hand into our lives is indeed good. Even challenges, when viewed through the eyes of faith, can be instruments of His grace shaping us to become more like Christ.

God’s goodness is eternal and absolute. The psalmist declared, “*The Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endures to all generations*” (Psalm 100:5). Notice the widespread relevance of that promise—it reaches backward to the faithful saints of history, and forwarded to every Christian yet to come. God’s character does not change with the times or the moods of the world. Whatever else may shift, we can anchor our hearts in this constant reality: the Lord is always good.

In moments of suffering, God’s goodness can seem questionable. Yet, even there, it quietly sustains us. Joseph, betrayed and imprisoned in Egypt, later confessed to his brothers, “*You meant evil against me, but God meant it for good*” (Genesis 50:20). What others intended for harm became a part of God’s plan to save many lives. Likewise, Romans 8:28 assures us that “*all things work together for good to those who love God.*” Even when we cannot trace His hand, we can trust His heart.

Therefore, to say “*God is good all the time*” is to confess that His goodness is not dependent on our feelings but rooted in His divine nature. To respond, “*All the time God is good,*” is to remind ourselves—and others—that no circumstance can eliminate His mercy, and no hardship can devalue His grace. May this truth calm our hearts today. Whatever we face, let us live with confidence, gratitude, and faith in our unchanging God who is good all the time.

~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

Quince Dixon, the sister of Sis. Laurene Cunningham, passed away yesterday after a long illness.

Sis. Brantford had a successful surgery this past Friday. Please keep the Brantfords in your prayers. Bro. Daniel Carter, Sis. Chambers, her grandson, Danny Powell & family, 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 Goldmans, Sis. Ellis, Sis. Laurene Cunningham, Irene Herron.

TRAVELING

The Goldmans, Sis. Angelice Cunningham and Sis. Ricks 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.**

WEDNESDAY BIBLE CLASS

For this Wednesday’s Bible class we will start studying the book of **2 Thessalonians**. 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



Sis. Reba Metevia
Sis. Terry Armmer

Thurs. 10/6
Tues. 10/7

NO ANNIVERSARIES

LADIES’ CLASS NEWS

Sis. Jameka Taylor will present this week’s lesson. Topic: **Being Unequally Yoked**
Scripture: **2 Corinthians 6:14-18**

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 last Saturday of this month (Oct. 25) for their monthly brunch. More details coming.

Last Week’s Record

Sunday AM Worship	64
Sunday PM Worship	27
Wednesday Bible Class	35
Last Sunday’s Offering	\$3799.00
Weekly Budget	\$4,069.13