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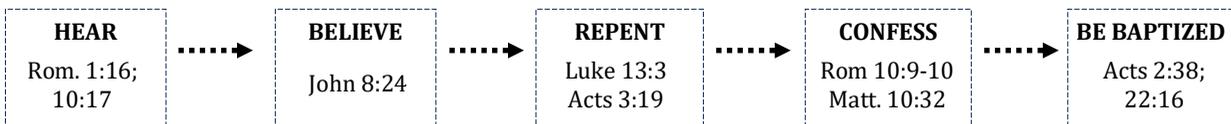
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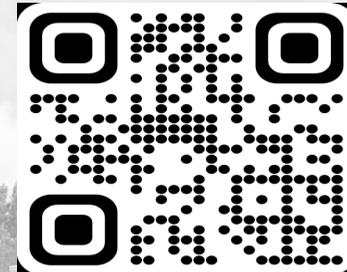
**ORDER OF SERVICE**

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?**



# 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 Service .....10 a.m.
- Children's Sunday School .....12 noon  
*Sis. LaDonna Carter (lower level)*
- Young People's Class .....12 noon  
*Bro. Ej. Taylor (upper level)*
- New Christians' Class .....12 noon  
*Bro. Webster (upper level)*
- Adult Bible Class.....12 noon  
*Bro. Eddie Taylor (main auditorium)*
- Evening Service .....6 p.m.

**Wednesdays**

Bible Study (on Zoom).....7 p.m.  
*Access via the website*

**Thursdays**

Men's & Ladies' Classes .....6:30 p.m.

# CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

## God's Timing is Everything!

We live our lives governed by the clock. We set alarms, schedule appointments, and count down the days until vacation or retirement. Because we are creatures bound by time, we often become anxious when things don't happen when we think they should. We pray for a breakthrough, a healing, or a change in circumstances, and when the answer doesn't come immediately, we assume God has forgotten us.

But, the Apostle Peter reminds us of a fundamental truth that should change how we view our waiting periods. In 2 Peter 3:8, he writes: **"But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day."** This verse invites us to step out of our limited, time-oriented perspective and step into God's eternal perspective. God is not wearing a watch. He is the Creator of time, and He stands outside of it. What feels like an agonizing delay to us is often just a brief moment in His eternal plan. God is never early, and He is never late; He is always right on time.



It is easy to project our human limitations onto God. We think He is slow because He isn't working on our schedule. However, Isaiah 55:8-9 reminds us, **"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord.** His timing is orchestrated by divine and infinite wisdom that sees the end from the beginning. Throughout Scripture, we see that God's timing is impeccable. When the Israelites were enslaved, God's inaction must have felt like eternity. However, at a time He deemed best, God delivered His people after 400 years. Similarly, after hundreds of years of prophecies regarding the coming of Christ, Paul tells us in Galatians 4:4, **"But when the fulness of time had come, God sent forth His Son..."** The Savior didn't arrive a moment too soon or a moment too late; He arrived at the perfect time in history. The wise man, Solomon, understood the goodness of God's timing when he wrote in Ecclesiastes 3:11, **"He has made everything beautiful in its time..."** Notice it says in its time, not in our time.

Trust the Master of time. He hasn't forgotten you. He is simply preparing the perfect moment for His glory and your good.

~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

\*Sis. Laurene Cunningham's nephew, Larry Herron, passed away in his sleep last Friday while visiting his mom in MS.

\*The Hardy and Reynolds family on the passing of Vladis Reynolds.

\*The Sanders family on the passing of Bro. John Sanders of Sheldon Heights CoC.

## PRAYERS

Bro. Mel Kirksy, friend of Sis. Jesseann Taylor is diagnosed with stage 4 cancer, Sis. Derrell Porter of Sheldon Heights, Sis. Nadia Hawks, 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 Halloway, Carla King-Williams, the niece of Sis. Webster, Sis. Chambers' niece who recently lost her husband and her grandson, Danny Powell & family, the Simmons, Bro. & Sis. Arthur Davis, Bro. Darrell Hicks, the Goldmans, Sis. Ellis, Sis. Laurene Cunningham, the Dixon family and Irene Herron.

## WEDNESDAY 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.

## NO BIRTHDAYS OR ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

## NEW BIRTH IN CHRIST

Our newest convert, Bro. Gavin Bell, son of Bro. & Sis. Bell, was baptized Sunday, 11/2, after AM worship.

## LADIES' CLASS NEWS

The lesson & discussion on prayer continues.

## 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. **\*\*\*The mission has been postponed until further notice. Donations are still being accepted.**

## END-OF-YEAR FELLOWSHIP

Join us Saturday, December 6th, from 4-7pm for fun, food and togetherness. This event is for all ages, and is designed to strengthen our bond.

## JAMAICA HURRICANE RELIEF COLLECTION

Our congregation will be collecting a special contribution in aid of the hurricane victims of Jamaica for approximately a month. You may write 2 separate checks, or one check and specify on memo line how much goes to regular contribution and how much to the relief effort.



### Last Week's Record

Sunday AM Worship	60
Sunday PM Worship	27
Wednesday Bible Class	31
Last Sunday's Offering	\$2,770.00
11/2-Jamaica Relief Support ( <b>Revised</b> )	\$685.00
11/9-Jamaica Relief Support	\$1,275.00
<b>Weekly Budget</b>	<b>\$4,069.13</b>