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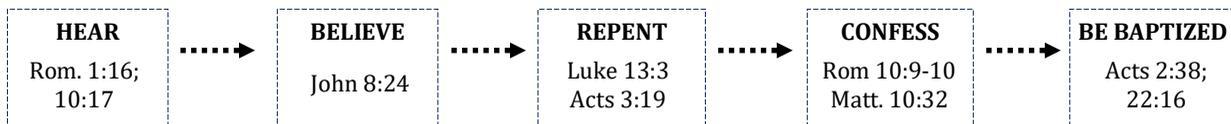
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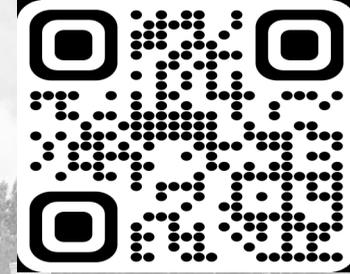
ORDER OF SERVICE

Song ~ Song ~ Opening Prayer~ Song~ Scripture Reading~ Song~ Sermon~ Song~ Lord's Supper
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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 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.

CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

Love Not the World

1 John 2:15-17 (NKJV)

The apostle John issues a crystal-clear command here: do not love the world. This isn't a command against loving the beautiful planet God created, nor is it a call to stop loving the people in the world (John 3:16 reminds us of God's great love for humanity). Instead, John speaks of the world system (the kosmos)—the attitudes, values, and philosophies that are organized in opposition to God and His holiness.

Loving this system is impossible if we truly love the Father. As James 4:4 (NKJV) warns us, **"adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God."** We cannot be devoted to two opposing masters.

To help us discern where our loyalty lies, John breaks down the world's appeal into three categories. These are the ways the enemy attempts to draw our hearts away from God:

The Lust of the Flesh: This refers to the craving for sensual pleasures and physical comforts that stand against the discipline of the Spirit. This temptation says, "I want comfort now; I want immediate gratification."

The Lust of the Eyes: This is the temptation of materialism and covetousness. It is the longing to possess things we see—the expensive car, the perfect house, the symbols of success. This temptation whispers, "My worth is defined by what I own."

The Pride of Life: This is boasting and self-glorification—the desire for status, reputation, and human applause. It makes us rely on our own accomplishments rather than God's grace. This temptation demands, "Look at me and praise my achievement."

These three temptations represent everything that is temporary. Think of them as a "momentary" vapor. The powerful encouragement in the final verse gives us perspective: **"The world is passing away, and the lust of it."** Every passing pleasure and every boast will one day vanish.

But Christ offers something completely different—something eternal. **"...but he who does the will of God abides forever."** By choosing to love God and resist the temporary desires of the world, we choose permanence over passing pleasures. Let us anchor our hearts today not in the fading attractions of the world, but in the enduring will of the Father.

~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

*Lorraine Knott-Lawrence, the sister of Sis. Webster lost her husband to prostate cancer. He will be funeralized in Florida on Sat., Dec. 6th.

*Sis. Laurene Cunningham's nephew, Larry Herron will be funeralized today in MS. The Cunningham family will be traveling this week.

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

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 *Hebrews*. 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.



Sis. Chambers

NO BIRTHDAYS



Sat. 11/29

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

#3 The Hardys Mon. 11/24
 #42 The Simmons Wed. 11/26



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

No meeting this week. Happy Thanksgiving!

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	62
Sunday PM Worship	25
Wednesday Bible Class	33
Last Sunday's Offering	\$3,022.00
Last weeks Jamaica Relief Support	\$2,400.00
Total Jamaica Relief Support	\$4,360.00
Weekly Budget	\$4,069.13