

CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

Responding to the Crisis in Jamaica - A Call to Action

Our hearts are heavy, and prayers abound, as we are made aware of the catastrophic aftermath that Hurricane Melissa, has left upon the people of Jamaica. The reports of destroyed homes, flooding, widespread power outages, and families displaced are staggering. As a church family at West Hammond, we are called to be more than just spectators; we are called to be the hands and feet of Christ to those who are suffering. This is a moment where our faith must be put into action.

The Word of God is clear about our responsibility to those in dire need. In **1 John 3:17**, the apostle asks, *"But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?"* This is not a theoretical question—it is a direct challenge to our conscience. Our brothers and sisters (spiritually and physically) in Jamaica are in desperate need. They lack basic necessities: clean water, food, and shelter.

We are reminded in **James 2:15-16**: *"If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace, be warmed and filled,' without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that?"* Our prayers are essential, but they must be accompanied by our tangible support.

Therefore, let us respond as a congregation. First, let us commit to fervent, intentional, prayer. Pray for the safety of survivors, for the strength of rescue workers, and for the efficient and just distribution of aid.

Second, let us give generously. The church leadership will be coordinating a special collection to assist the victims in Jamaica (Christians and non-Christians) and to aid trusted relief organizations already on the ground. Your financial support will provide life-sustaining supplies. As **Proverbs 19:17** says, *"Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will repay him for his deed."*

This is our opportunity to demonstrate the love of Christ in a powerful way. Let us rally together as the West Hammond Church of Christ and extend a helping hand across the water, showing the world that our love is not just in word or talk, but also in deed and in truth.

~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: Jamaica
Date: Saturday, November 8, 2025 at 11 am

Sis. Laurene Cunningham lost her sister, Quince Dixon last month. Please keep the Cunningham and Dixon family in your prayers.

PRAYERS

Bro. John Sanders and Sis. Derrell Porter, both from Sheldon Heights CoC, 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' 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, Irene Herron.

TRAVELING

Prayers for Sis. Janiece and Rashad Riley

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

Sis. Carter
Sis. Ruthie Gamble
Bro. Tyler Mack



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LADIES' CLASS NEWS

Sis. Ann-Marie Webster will present this week's lesson.
Topic: Prayer
Scripture: Luke 18:1

BROTHERS' FELLOWSHIP

The brothers had a great time yesterday and are already looking forward to their next monthly brunch.

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.

HOLIDAY ORNAMENT EXCHANGE EVENT

This event will be hosted on Saturday, December 6th from 4-7pm. Please bring a holiday ornament to exchange. Bring one, take one.

JAMAICA HURRICANE RELIEF COLLECTION

A special contribution will be made for the hurricane victims of Jamaica starting today and continue for about a month. Please support this critical cause. You can 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	63
Sunday PM Worship	24
Wednesday Bible Class	39
Last Sunday's Offering	\$5780.00
Weekly Budget	\$4,069.13