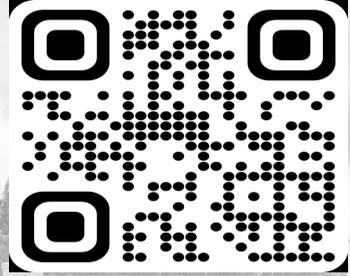


Sermon Notes

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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.

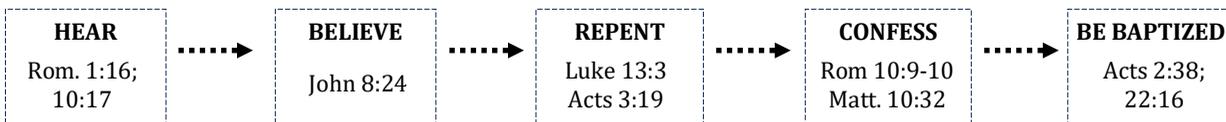
SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

- 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

Keeping the Fire Burning

As the temperatures across Hammond plunge well below zero this week, we are reminded of how vital heat is for our survival. In the physical world, a single coal removed from the fireplace quickly loses its glow and turns to ash. However, when those coals are gathered together, the heat intensifies, creating a roaring fire that can withstand the harshest winter. Our spiritual lives function in much the same way. The world around us can often be spiritually cold and indifferent, but our fellowship serves as the fireplace where our souls are kept warm together. As we gather, our combined faith acts like those coals of fire, ensuring that no one has to face the freeze alone. We are called to "consider one another in order to stir up love and good works" (Hebrews 10:24), recognizing that we are much stronger and warmer together than we are apart.

This warmth is not just for our own comfort; it is the very evidence of Christ living within us. When we prioritize being together—whether in the pews, over a phone call, or sharing a warm meal—we are refueling the fire of our collective love and care. In these extreme temperatures, a simple check-in on a neighbor or a shared prayer can be the spark that keeps someone's hope from flickering out. The scriptures remind us, "Two are better than one... For if they fall, one will lift up his companion. But woe to him who is alone when he falls, for he has no one to help him up" (Ecclesiastes 4:9-10). By staying connected, we ensure that the "cold" of life's trials does not dampen our zeal for the Lord or our affection for one another.



Finally, let us remember that a fire requires constant attention to keep burning. We cannot rely on yesterday's sparks to keep us warm through today's frost. We must continually "be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another" (Romans 12:10). As the wind howls outside our doors this week, let the atmosphere inside West Hammond Church of Christ be one of radiant heat. Let our conversations be seasoned with grace (Col. 4:6), and our actions be driven by a deep, burning desire to serve. By keeping our fellowship tight and our hearts open, we will not only survive this winter season but thrive in the light of God's love. Stay safe, stay warm, and let us keep the fire of faith burning bright in Hammond.

~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.

If you would like a **year-end contribution statement**, please send an email request to whcocsecretary@gmail.com or text to 219-742-9520

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

The Brantfords, Bro. Kinds, Sis. Chambers, Bro. & Sis. Davis, Bro. Darrell Hicks, the Goldmans and Sis. Ellis.

The Washington and Moses families recently lost loves ones.

NEW BIRTHS IN CHRIST

Bro. Bryce Bell, the son of Bro. & Sis. Bell was recently baptized. Continue to pray for and encourage all of our new converts.

QUARTERLY FELLOWSHIP

Our first quarterly lunch fellowship for this year will be on **Saturday, March 14**. This is designed to strengthen our spiritual bond which is essential to our spiritual family.

TRAVELING

Bro. & Sis. Eddie Taylor, the Hardys are in Jamaica.

LADIES' CLASS NEWS

The ladies have started a new book. See Sis. Whitney Taylor for ordering information. Read & answer questions from Lesson 1, Day 3 in preparation this week's class.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE CLASS

Please read the book of **Jude** in preparation for this week's class.



BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK

Bro. Oddman
Bro. Kinds
Sis. Bria Gamble
*Kris Anderson
1/31



Thurs. 1/22
Today, Sun. 1/25
Fri. 1/30
Sat.

*Denotes not a member

JAMAICA HURRICANE RELIEF MISSION

A huge thanks to all who have given to this humanitarian cause. The recovery process will take years for many who were severely affected.

Next week after worship service, Bro. Webster will be making a presentation about the relief work during his recent trip to Jamaica. Please plan to stay behind for it. All classes will meet together in the auditorium.

BRING-A-FRIEND DAY

For 2026 this event will launch on Sunday, February 22, and will happen every 2 months. These special days support our church's evangelism efforts. Invite family, friends, neighbors! A special prize will be given to the person who invites the most based on categories which will be announced. Let's share God's love together!



Last Week's Record

Sunday AM Worship	60
Sunday PM Worship	13
Wednesday Bible Class	32
Last Sunday's Offering	\$3,145.00
Last week's Jamaica Relief Support	\$0.00
Total Jamaica Relief Support	\$12,165.00
Weekly Budget	\$4,069.13