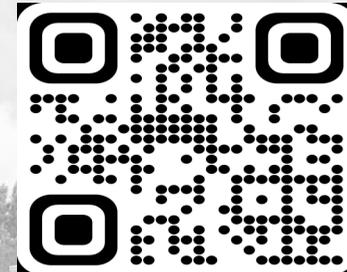


Sermon Notes

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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

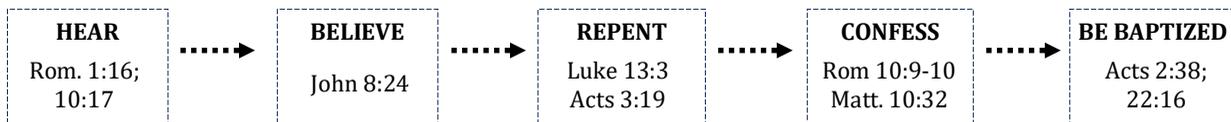
Thursdays

- 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

The Ten Spiritual Goals for the West Hammond Church of Christ

As we embark on this new year, the West Hammond family is moving forward with a clear vision. It is easy to stay busy without being productive; therefore, we have set **ten spiritual goals** to align our hearts with God's will. Let us strive together to reach these milestones for His glory.

1. Deepen Our Devotion: Our primary goal is to love God with all our heart. We must prioritize daily prayer and meditation. *"And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength."* (Mark 12:30)

2. Commit to Daily Scripture: We aim to be a people of the Book, reading God's Word daily to understand His will. *"These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily..."* (Acts 17:11)

3. Increase Our Fervency in Prayer: We want to be a "praying church," lifting up the sick, the lost, and our government leaders. *"Pray without ceasing."* (1 Thes. 5:17)

4. Foster Genuine Fellowship: Let's move towards truly knowing one another through hospitality. *"Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another."* (Rom. 12:10)

5. Sharpen Our Evangelistic Focus: Every member is a soul winner. We seek to share the Gospel with at least one person this month. *"Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."* (Mark 16:15)

6. Cultivate a Spirit of Encouragement: In a world of negativity, West Hammond should be a sanctuary of hope and uplifting words. *"Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing."* (1 Thes. 5:11)

7. Practice Sacrificial Giving: We aim to give not just of our wallets, but of our time and unique talents. *"So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver."* (2 Cor. 9:7)

8. Pursue Holiness: We strive to be "set apart" from the world in our speech, conduct, and thoughts. *"But as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct."* (1 Pet. 1:15)

9. Restore the Erring: Our goal is to reach out to those who have wandered away with a spirit of gentleness. *"Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness..."* (Gal. 6:1)

10. Excel in Works of Service: Let us be known in West Hammond for our "good works" that meet urgent needs. *"And let our people also learn to maintain good works, to meet urgent needs, that they may not be unfruitful."* (Titus 3:14)



~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

JOSSIE MOSES, the cousin of Sis. Joy Washington, passed away. Funeral will be January 5th at the Wallace Funeral Home in Broadview starting at 11am.

PRAYERS

The Richardson sisters were under the weather. Cherelle, friend of Sis. R. Gamble is experiencing some serious health issues. Sis. Woodard and her mother, Evelyn Woodard. Sis. Hardy's sister, Elaine. Greg Kenner the father of Sis. Bell, the Brantfords, Sis. Chaff's brother, Level, friend Lonnie Holloway, & grandson, Sis. Chambers' niece, & Danny Powell & family, the Simmons, Bro. & Sis. Arthur Davis, Bro. Darrell Hicks, the Goldmans, Sis. Ellis, Sis. Laurene Cunningham, her niece Rose Ann Hillard, the Dixon & Herron families.

The following families have lost loved ones recently: Conner, Webster, Knott-Lawrence, Kirksy, Cunningham, Herron, Hardy, Reynolds, Williams, Francis & Sanders.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE CLASS

We will resume on Wednesday, January 7th. Please read the book of 2 Peter in preparation.

NEW BIRTHS IN CHRIST

Bro. Jose Salazar, the husband of Sis. Fanny Salazar was recently baptized. Continue to pray for and encourage him and all of our other new converts.

MEN'S & LADIES CLASS

Both classes resume this week. The ladies will be starting a new book. See Sis. Whitney Taylor for information.



BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK

Bro. Cephas Mickles
Sis. Laura Simpson



Thurs., 1/8
Fri., 1/9

JAMAICA HURRICANE RELIEF COLLECTION

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

TRAVELING

This Thursday, Bro. Webster will travel to Jamaica to oversee the use and distribution of the love offering from the West Hammond congregation.

BREAKFAST OF CHAMPIONS

There will be a fellowship breakfast for members and guests ages 60 and up. Sign up on the sheet in the foyer and indicate how many guest(s) will be in attendance with you. Other members are being asked to show up to serve.

Venue: Fellowship Hall downstairs
Date & time: Saturday, January 17 @ 10:00 am

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!

QUARTERLY FELLOWSHIP

Our first quarterly lunch fellowship for this year will be on the 3rd Sunday of March. This is designed to strengthen our spiritual bond which is essential to our spiritual family.

Last Week's Record	
Sunday AM Worship	51
Sunday PM Worship	17
Wednesday Bible Class (was not held)	-
Last Sunday's Offering	\$2,550.00
Last week's Jamaica Relief Support	\$0.00
Total Jamaica Relief Support	\$11,865.00
Weekly Budget	\$4,069.13