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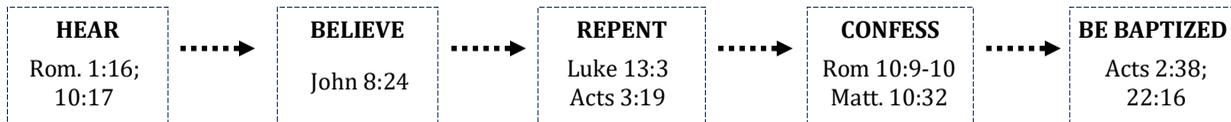
## Sermon Notes



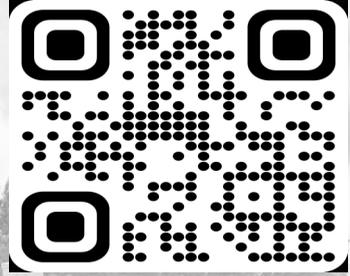
### ORDER OF SERVICE

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 Tomorrow Will Be Brighter Than Today

Life can often feel heavy and difficult. Between the sad news we hear and the personal problems we face, it is easy to wonder if things will ever get better. However, the Bible promises that God has a wonderful future waiting for us. In **Revelation 21:3-4**, we are told that God will live with His people and wipe away every tear from their eyes. In that place, there will be no more death, sadness, crying, or pain. As **Romans 8:18** reminds us, the suffering we go through now is nothing compared to the great glory God will show us later.

The best part of this promise is not just that the pain will stop, but that God Himself will be with us forever. While we may face "dark nights" of worry or grief, God's light always brings a new morning. King David wrote in **Psalms 30:5** that "weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning." This hope is not just a wish; it is a guarantee based on God's faithfulness. Jesus told His followers in **John 14:2-3** that He was going to prepare a special place for them so they could be where He is. We can also trust **Jeremiah 29:11**, which says God has plans to give us hope and a future.



When today feels overwhelming, remember that God is not finished with your story yet. The hard things we face now are only temporary, but the joy God has planned for us will last forever. No matter how dark things look right now, God's tomorrow will be brighter because He is already there. We can find peace in the words of **Isaiah 41:10**, where God tells us not to be afraid because He is with us and will give us strength. Though our todays may be burdened with life's issues, we can take comfort in the fact that in God's tomorrow lie the very best that is yet to come.

~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](mailto:westhammondcc@gmail.com).

If you would like a **year-end contribution statement**, please send an email request to [whcocsecretary@gmail.com](mailto: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

Dorrett Williams, the mother of Bro. Rohan suffered a stroke. The Brantfords, Bro. Kinds, Sis. Chambers, Bro. & Sis. Davis, Bro. Darrell Hicks, the Goldmans and Sis. Ellis, & Sis. Paulette Rookwood of Jamaica.

## 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

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 **Revelation** in preparation for this week's class.

## NO BIRTHDAYS OR ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

## 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.

Today, 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	39
Sunday PM Worship	22
Wednesday Bible Class	37
Last Sunday's Offering	\$ 2,674.00
Last week's Jamaica Relief Support	\$100.00
<b>Total Jamaica Relief Support</b>	<b>\$12,265.00</b>
<b>Weekly Budget</b>	<b>\$4,069.13</b>