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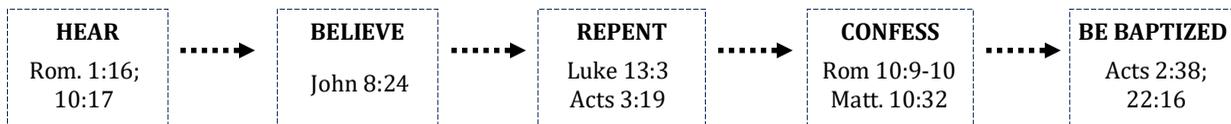
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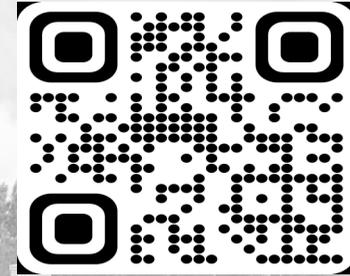
ORDER OF SERVICE

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

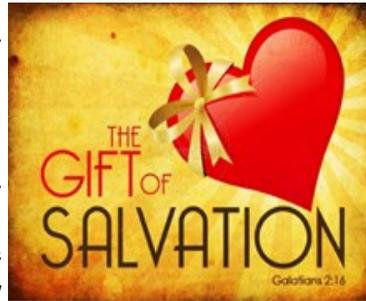
Men's & Ladies' Classes6:30 p.m.

CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

A Gift Is Here For You!

Welcome to our first "Bring a Friend Day" of the year! We are so glad you're here at the West Hammond church of Christ. Whether you've attended church your whole life or this is your first time stepping through the doors, we have a message for you about a gift—the greatest gift ever offered.

In our world, most things come with a price tag. If you want a car, you pay for it. If you want a promotion, you work for it. But imagine walking into a store and being handed the most expensive item on the shelf for free, simply because the owner loves you. That is the essence of salvation. We often try to "fix" ourselves or do enough good deeds to offset our mistakes in life, but the Bible is clear: **"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast."** (Ephesians 2:8-9)



Why do we need this gift? Think of a clean white shirt. One tiny drop of ink ruins the whole thing. In the same way, our sin separates us from a perfect God. We couldn't wash the stain away ourselves. But God, in His incredible mercy, provided the "cleaner." He sent His Son, Jesus, to take our place. **"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord"** (Romans 6:23). Notice the contrast: we *earned* wages (death) through our mistakes, but God offers a *gift* (life) through His Son. The most beautiful part of this gift is that it isn't reserved for the "perfect" or the "religious." It is available to everyone sitting in these pews today. **"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."** (John 3:16)

A gift can be beautifully wrapped and sitting right in front of you, but it doesn't truly become yours until you reach out and accept it. At West Hammond, we are not here to judge your past or count your mistakes; we're here to celebrate the incredible future God has made possible for you. This gift is sitting on the table. Will you take it?

~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 **members** to check in on.
- ◆ Issues accessing the **membership directory**.

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP

Members are encouraged to support our evening service as we endeavor to abide by Hebrews 10:25 **"not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together."** It starts at 6:00 pm. 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

Sis. Whitney Taylor, Dorrett Williams, the mother of Bro. Oddman, the Brantfords, Bro. Kinds, Sis. Chambers, Bro. & Sis. Davis, Bro. Darrell Hicks, the Goldmans and Sis. Ellis.

NEW BIRTHS IN CHRIST

Bro. Kristopher Anderson, the grandson of Sis. McKnight and Amarineé Andrews, the granddaughter of Sis. Ellis were both baptized last Sunday. Please 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.

LADIES' & MEN'S CLASS NEWS

We meet on Thursdays at 6:30 P.M., here at the building.

The ladies are on Lesson 2, Day 1 in their new books. Read ahead and answer the questions in preparation for this week's class.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE CLASS

We will finish-up the study of Revelations with a look at the 6th seal, (Chapter 6:12-17) followed by the start of a new series looking at the baptisms of the Bible.



Sis. Carrie Ricks
Bro. Gavin Bell

BIRTHDAYS

Today–Sun, 2/22
Tues. 2/24



NO ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

HOMELESS MISSION UPDATE

Our fall homeless mission has been rescheduled to **Sunday, March 1st**. We are in urgent need of **monetary donations, men's warm clothing, canned goods, and toiletries**. Volunteers are also needed to assist with handing out gift bags.

Donations may be placed in the lower-level donation room. Please reference **"Mission"** on all checks and electronic payments.

Thank you in advance for your continued support.

BRING-A-FRIEND DAY

We're so glad you're here. Today is a special time to worship, grow in faith, and share Christ's love. Whether you're visiting for the first time or returning, you are truly welcome.



Last Week's Record

Sunday AM Worship	63
Sunday PM Worship	20
Wednesday Bible Class	42
Last Sunday's Offering	\$4957.00
Total Jamaica Relief Support	\$17,415.00
Weekly Budget	\$4,069.13