

CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

He Is Like a Roaring Lion!

In 1 Peter 5:8, the bible states; *"Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour."*

In this passage, Peter warns us of the devil's nonstop pursuit to lead us, and to spiritually destroy us. He uses the imagery of a roaring lion to convey a sense of imminent danger. Just as a lion stalks its prey, the devil seeks to attack us at our most vulnerable moments, exploiting our weaknesses and doubts. Therefore, it is crucial to remain vigilant and steadfast in our faith. Being sober-minded and watchful means staying alert to the spiritual battles around us and within us. It means grounding ourselves in prayer, immersing in God's Word, and seeking His guidance in every aspect of our lives.

We must remember that we are not alone in this struggle, in fact 1 Pet. 5:9b says *"...that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world."* Thankfully, the church provides strength and support, which allows us to share our burdens and victories with one another, hence, fortifying us against Satan's schemes. Let us, therefore, not isolate ourselves, but draw closer to our fellow Christians, encouraging and uplifting each other in love.



Furthermore, we have the assurance that God is greater than any adversary. Psalm 18:2 reminds us, *"The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer."* In Christ, we have the ultimate victory. His death and resurrection have already defeated the powers of darkness. While the devil may roar, he cannot overcome the power of Jesus in our lives. Let this truth embolden us to stand firm. When faced with trials and temptations, we can resist the enemy by recalling those powerful divine promises found in God's word. When we trust in His strength, we will find courage to confront our fears and overcome any challenge.

So, this week, let us take time to meditate on the ways we can remain watchful and resilient in our faith, how we can better support one another in our spiritual journey and how can we actively engage in practices that strengthen our relationship with God. Together, as the body of Christ, we can face the roaring lion with unwavering hope and trust in our Lord.

~Bro. Robert 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**.
- ◆ Issues accessing the **membership directory**

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

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

LADIES' & MEN'S CLASS NEWS

We meet on Thursdays at 7:00P.M., here at the building.
In their books, the ladies are on Lesson 1, Day 4. Read ahead and answer the questions in preparation for this week's class.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE CLASS

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



*Kylie Anderson

BIRTHDAYS

* Denotes not a member



Sat. 2/7

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

#38 Bro. & Sis. Carter



Friday, 2/13

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.

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

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

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| Sunday AM Worship | 56 |
| Sunday PM Worship | 22 |
| Wednesday Bible Class | 55 |
| Last Sunday's Offering | \$3,714.50 |
| Last week's Jamaica Relief Support | \$5,150.00 |
| Total Jamaica Relief Support | \$17,415.00 |
| Weekly Budget | \$4,069.13 |