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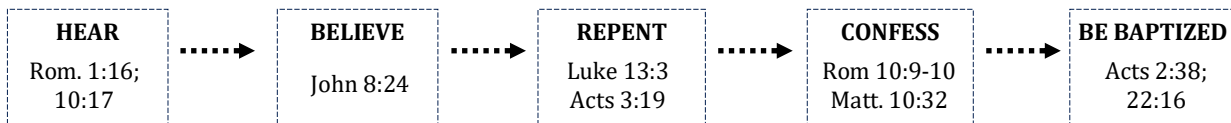
## Sermon Notes



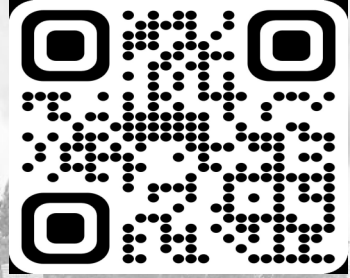
### ORDER OF SERVICE

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

## The More Things Change ...

Every generation experiences change. Technology advances, cultures shift, traditions evolve, and societies redefine what they believe to be right and acceptable. What seemed certain yesterday is often questioned today. Yet, amid constant change, God's people are reminded of an unchanging truth: while the world changes, God and His will do not.

Scripture clearly teaches the unchanging nature of God. Hebrews 13:8 declares, **"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever."** Human opinions fluctuate, but divine truth remains constant. God's character, His promises, and His expectations for His people are not shaped by cultural trends or societal pressures.

Throughout history, God's people have lived in changing environments. The early Christians faced pagan cultures, political hostility, and moral confusion, yet they were instructed not to conform. Paul wrote in Romans 12:2, **"And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind."** Rather than allowing the world to shape them, Christians were called to live differently — guided by God's Word.



This principle applies especially to worship and devotion. Jesus taught in John 4:24, **"God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."** True worship is not determined by cultural preference or modern innovation but by God's revealed will. The pattern of faithful devotion established in Scripture remains our guide today. While methods of communication may change, the substance of worship — the communion, the collection, acapella singing, preaching and prayer — must remain rooted in biblical authority.

God's Word, itself, is unchanging. Isaiah 40:8 reminds us, **"The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever."** Societies may redefine morality, but truth is not subject to majority opinion. The church must never adjust doctrine simply to match the spirit of the age.

In fact, Christians are not meant to change with the world; we are called to influence it. Jesus described His followers as **"the salt of the earth"** and **"the light of the world"** (Matthew 5:13-14). Salt preserves and light exposes darkness. Rather than reflecting culture, the church transforms it by living out God's truth with love and conviction.

Yes, the world will continue to change. Generations will come and go. But the mission of God's people remains the same: faithful worship, steadfast devotion, and unwavering commitment to Scripture. When everything around us shifts, our stability is found in holding firmly to what never changes — the eternal Word and will of God.

~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-**westhammondco@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

The Conner family, the Riley & Carter families, Dorrett Williams, the mother of Bro. Oddman, the Brantfords, Bro. Kinds, Sis. Chambers, Bro. & Sis. Davis, Bro. Darrell Hicks, the Goldmans and Sis. Ellis.

## TRAVELING

Bro. Cunningham is out of town.

## NEW BIRTHS IN CHRIST

Bro. Antoine Epps was added to the Body of Christ last Sunday. Please be sure to welcome him. Bro. Kristopher Anderson, the grandson of Sis. McKnight and Amarineé Andrews, the granddaughter of Sis. Ellis were both recently baptized. Do 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, at 4 P.M.** This is designed to strengthen our spiritual bond which is essential to our spiritual family.

## LADIES' & MEN'S CLASS NEWS

The ladies are on Lesson 2, Day 2 in their new books.

Read ahead and answer the questions in preparation for this week's class.

## WEDNESDAY BIBLE CLASS

We are examining the baptisms of the Bible.



Bro. Goldman  
Sis. Strickland

## BIRTHDAYS



Tue. 3/3  
Sat. 3/7

## HOMELESS MISSION UPDATE

Our homeless mission will **begin immediately following today's Bible study**. Those who are able to drive are asked to please turn on their hazard lights as we travel together. We sincerely appreciate all of your support, monetary donations, clothing contributions, and acts of kindness.

## BRING-A-FRIEND DAY

Our "Bring-A-Friend Day" event was a wonderful success! We had 28 visitors, 10 of which were invited by the Davises (8 adults & 2 children). Blessings to all who invited family or friends last Sunday.

## IS IT SPRING YET?

This is a friendly reminder that we "spring forward" next week as Daylight Saving Time begins. Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour Saturday night (March 7th) so you will be on time for worship on Sunday. We look forward to seeing you and worshipping together.



## Last Week's Record

|                        |                   |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| Sunday AM Worship      | 88                |
| Sunday PM Worship      | 15                |
| Wednesday Bible Class  | 42                |
| Last Sunday's Offering | \$3,147.00        |
| <b>Weekly Budget</b>   | <b>\$4,069.13</b> |