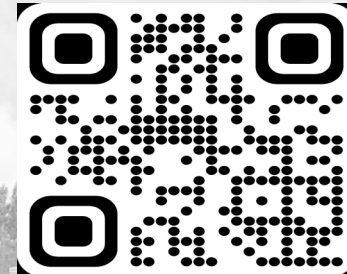


Sermon Notes

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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

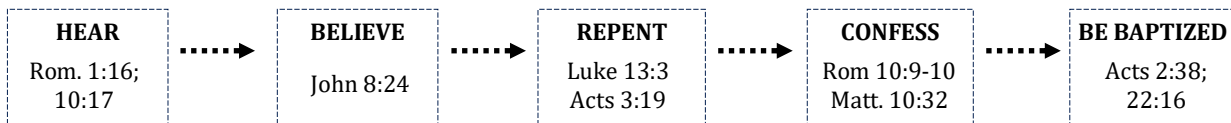
Thursdays

- 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

When All Is Said and Done

Ecc. 12:13

Life moves fast. One minute you are planning your future, chasing goals, building friendships, and trying to figure things out, and the next, you realize how quickly time has passed. We spend so much time and energy thinking about success, money, popularity, and happiness. But, the Bible brings us back to a simple and powerful truth: **“Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is man’s all.”** (Ecclesiastes 12:13). In other words, when everything is said and done, when life is over and all the noise fades, what really matters is your relationship with God.

First, the verse tells us to **“fear God.”** That does not mean being afraid of Him, but, having a deep respect and reverence for who He is. This should be our motivation to serve and worship God. God is not just an idea - He is real, powerful, loving, and holy. To fear God means we take Him seriously. We care about what He thinks, not just what others think about us. As Proverbs reminds us, **“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom”** (Proverbs 9:10).

Second, we are told to **“keep His commandments.”** This means living in a way that honors God. This means making choices that reflect His truth. It’s not about being perfect, but about being intentional. Jesus said, **“If you love Me, keep My commandments”** (John 14:15). Our actions show what truly matters to us. This is why James encourages us to be **“...doers of the word, and not hearers only...”** (James 1:22)

This message is especially important today. Social media, culture, and peer pressure can make it feel as if life is all about image, success, or fitting in. But those things do not last. Likes will fade. Trends will change. People do move on. God, however, never changes.

When all is said and done, your grades, your job, your status, or even your popularity will not define your life—your relationship with God will. So, start now. Whether you are a teen trying to figure things out or an adult navigating life’s responsibilities, the answer is the same: put God first. Respect Him. Follow Him. Trust Him. Because at the end of the day, that’s what truly matters.

~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

Levell Chaff, the brother of Sis. Chaff, 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, Sis. Ellis, Sis. Laurene Cunningham and the Goldmans. For more information regarding the Goldmans please see Sis. Mickles.

NEW BIRTHS IN CHRIST

Sis. Fatima Conner, Bro. Antoine Epps, Bro. Kristopher Anderson, and Amarineé Andrews were all recently baptized. Do continue to pray for and encourage all of our new converts.

LADIES’ CLASS NEWS

The ladies are continuing with their studies of the lessons in their new books.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE CLASS

We will be examining the following:

- * When is re-baptism valid?
- * When is a child eligible for baptism?

BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATES

Anyone who was baptized recently at this congregation, and did not receive a baptismal certificate, please see the secretary.

NO BIRTHDAYS OR ANNIVERSARIES

ONLINE MEMBERS’ DIRECTORY

- Having technical difficulties logging on? See Bro. & Sis. Webster or Sis. Jameka Taylor.
- See Sis. Webster to update your picture.
- If your personal information has changed, and/or your birthday or anniversary is incorrect, see Sis. R. Gamble.

CHURCH INVITATION CARDS

An updated version of the personal-sized invitation cards are now available. Pick up what you need from the ledge in the foyer. Remember, these can be given to anyone you come across, including your waiter at a restaurant, hairdresser, barber, postman, colleagues, etc.

LIST OF COMMITTEES

A list of committees, with a description of each, is on the ledge. Please sign-up on committees that you would like to serve on. Some copies of the list that was distributed at the fellowship meeting on Saturday are missing. If you mistakenly took it home, please bring it back and leave it on the ledge. As a result, check to see if your name is under each committee you had signed up for, and make the necessary adjustments.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS DAY

Our next event will be **Sunday, April, 26, 2026**. Invite your family, neighbors, colleagues and associates.

ANNUAL LADIES LECTURESHIP RETREAT

Sisters Webster, McGee, Whitney Taylor and Akeelah Webster will be leaving this weekend to travel to Houston, Texas for this year’s retreat. Please keep them and the hundreds of other ladies who will be going there in your prayers.

Last Week’s Record

Sunday AM Worship	69
Sunday PM Worship	25
Wednesday Bible Class	36
Last Sunday’s Offering	\$2,617.00
Weekly Budget	\$4,069.13