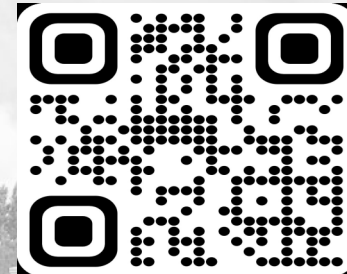


Sermon Notes

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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

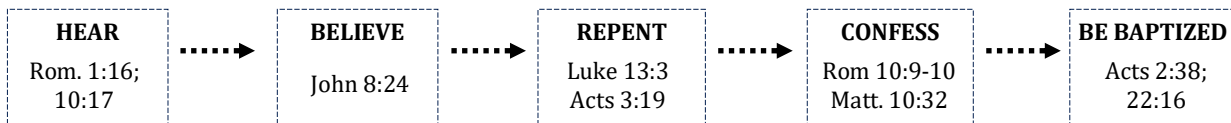
Thursdays

- 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

He is Still Working on Me

Have you ever passed a construction site and noticed a sign that reads, “Please Pardon Our Progress”? It’s a gentle reminder that while things may look unfinished right now, something new is being built. In many ways, that sign could hang over every one of our lives as Christians. None of us is the finished product yet—we are all under construction by the Master Builder. And that is not something to be ashamed of; it is something to be thankful for.

In fact, it is a wonderful thing to be a work in progress. The apostle Paul reminds us in **Philippians 1:6**, “*being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ.*” What comfort there is in knowing that God does not abandon His work! If He has begun shaping your life, He will faithfully continue that work.

The Bible often reminds us that God is the Potter and we are the clay. That truth humbles us, but it also reassures us. It means the Master’s hands are still shaping, smoothing, and forming us into what He intends us to be. And, if we remember that we are still on the Potter’s wheel, it will change how we treat others who are also being shaped. Paul urges us in **Ephesians 4:2** to walk “*with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love.*” When someone struggles or stumbles, we can show patience—because God is still working on them just as surely as He is working on us.

At the same time, being a work in progress is not a reason to become comfortable with sin. God’s grace encourages growth, not complacency. Each day is another opportunity to move closer to His will and to become more like Christ. As **James 4:17** reminds us, “*Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin.*” The Lord lovingly calls us to keep growing, keep learning, and keep striving.

So, if today you feel discouraged about your progress, take heart. Spiritual growth is not always quick or easy, but God is patient, faithful, and committed to His work in you. He has not given up on you—and He never will. Trust His hands. Stay moldable. Keep walking in His will because a masterpiece is still being formed, and the Master is still working on us all.

~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 **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 and the Goldmans. For more information regarding the Goldman's please see Sis. Mickles.

NEW BIRTHS IN CHRIST

Sis. Fatima Conner, the daughter of Bro. Craig Conner was baptized last Sunday. Bro. Antoine Epps, Bro. Kristopher Anderson, the grandson of Sis. McKnight and Amarineé Andrews, the granddaughter of Sis. Ellis were all 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. **This event is for members of this congregation only.**

LADIES' CLASS NEWS

The ladies are continuing 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.



Sis. McKnight

BIRTHDAYS



Tue. 3/9

HOMELESS MISSION UPDATE

We are deeply honored and grateful to everyone who helped make our Homeless Mission a success. Through your generosity and service, we were able to distribute **100 care packages** to those in need. Your kindness and willingness to serve truly made a difference. **May God be glorified in all that was done.**

"And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased." —

Hebrews 13:16.

BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATES

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

ONLINE MEMBERS' DIRECTORY

This is back up and running. If you are having any technical difficulties, see Bro. & Sis. Webster or Sis. Jameka Taylor.

For uniformity, 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.

TRAVELING

Sis. Ricks and Bro. Cunningham are out of town.

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, you name it.

Last Week's Record

Sunday AM Worship	68
Sunday PM Worship	23
Wednesday Bible Class	42
Last Sunday's Offering	\$2,711.00
Weekly Budget	\$4,069.13