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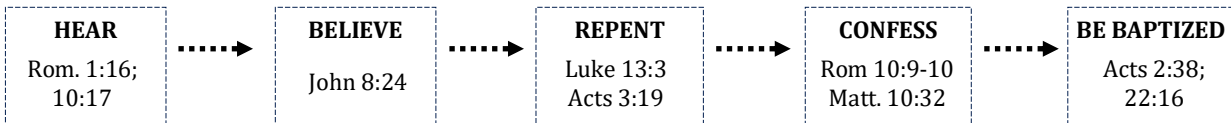
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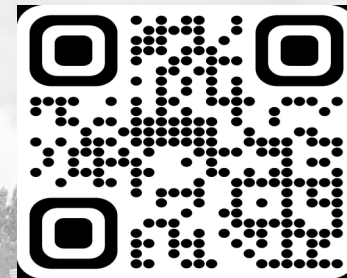
**ORDER OF SERVICE**

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.

# Think on These Things

## Spring Cleaning

As winter changes to my favorite time of the year, spring, many of us take time to clean, organize, and declutter our homes. Closets are sorted, garages are emptied, and long-forgotten items are either put in their proper places or thrown away. There is something refreshing about a clean and orderly space; it brings clarity, peace, and a sense of renewal. Yet, as important as physical spring cleaning may be, there is an even greater need that often goes neglected: spiritual spring cleaning!

The Bible reminds us that our lives can become cluttered, not with boxes and dust, but with attitudes, habits, and distractions that hinder our walk with God. **Hebrews 12:1** exhorts us to *“lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us.”* Notice that it is not just sin, but also *“weights,”* things that may not be sinful in and of themselves but can still slow us down spiritually. Over time, we can accumulate spiritual clutter, including bitterness that we have not released (**Ephesians 4:31**), worldly distractions that consume our time (**Luke 8:14**), or misplaced priorities that push God to the margins of our lives (**Matthew 6:33**).

Spring is a perfect opportunity to examine ourselves honestly since we are in the mindset of renewal. Paul wrote in **2 Corinthians 13:5**, *“Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith.”* We should ask: What in my life is drawing me closer to God? What is pulling me away? What needs to be removed? Spiritual cleaning requires intentional effort. It means repenting of sin (**Acts 3:19**), renewing our minds through God’s Word (**Romans 12:2**), and refocusing our lives on what is eternal rather than temporary (**Colossians 3:2**).

Just as a clean home brings comfort and joy, a cleansed life brings peace with God. **Psalm 51:10** expresses the desire we should all have: *“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.”* This spring, as you tidy up your surroundings, do not neglect your soul. The most important cleaning you can do is not in your house, but in your heart.

~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](mailto:westhammondcc@gmail.com).

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.

### 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.

### WEDNESDAY BIBLE CLASS

Our guest teacher, Bro. Andrew Blake, will conclude his lesson on The Promise and its fulfillment.

### 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.

### 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.



### BIRTHDAYS

Bro. Shelton  
Bro. EJ Taylor



Today, Sun. 4/12  
Fri. 4/17

### LADIES’ CLASS NEWS

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



**Date & Time:** Saturday, April 25, 2026  
**RSVP:** To Sis. Jameka Taylor by April 15  
**Encouraged attire:** Spring / Tea Party

### MEN’S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

This will take place this Saturday, right here at the building, starting at 8:30am.



We would love to have you worship with us as an honored guest.

**Date & Time:**  
Sunday, April 26 2026 10:00 AM

### JAMAICA BACK-TO-SCHOOL DRIVE

We are continuing that which was started last year. Donations needed include: markers, crayons, pens (assorted colors) pencils, erasers, rulers, sharpeners, calculators, backpacks, navy blue and brown socks (various sizes), etc. Monetary donations are needed to bring for them to buy heavier and bulky things like shoes, notebooks and filler papers. See Sis. Webster.

### Last Week’s Record

Sunday AM Worship	62
Sunday PM Worship	17
Wednesday Bible Class	32
Last Sunday’s Offering	\$3,647.00
<b>Weekly Budget</b>	<b>\$4,069.13</b>