

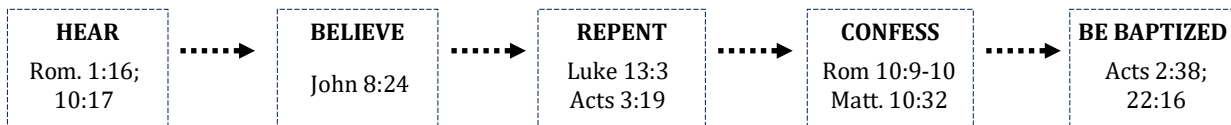
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## Sermon Notes

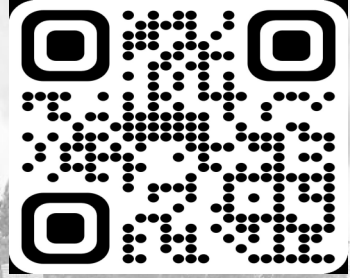


**ORDER OF SERVICE**  
Song ~ Song ~ Opening Prayer~ Song~ Scripture Reading~ Song~ Sermon~ Song~ Lord's Supper  
~ Offering~ Song~ Closing Prayer~ Announcements

### 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.

# Think on These Things

## We Shall Rise: The Triumph of the Empty Tomb

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is not merely a matter of history or some long ago miracle instead, it is the **cornerstone of our faith as Christians**. Without the physical, bodily resurrection of our Lord, our preaching is empty and our faith is futile. However, because Christ has been raised, we possess a living hope that defies the grave.

The Bible describes Jesus as the "firstfruits" of those who have fallen asleep. This agricultural term implies a promise: what happened to the harvest's first crop is guaranteed to happen to the rest. "But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead." — **1 Cor. 15:20-21**

His resurrection was the "down payment" on our own. Because He broke the seal of the tomb, the power of death over Christians has been permanently destroyed. We do not serve a victim; we serve a **Conqueror**.

Doctrine teaches us that our future resurrection is not just a "spiritual" survival, but a physical transformation. Just as Christ rose with a glorified body, we too shall be changed. This is the ultimate "blessed hope"—the moment when our mortality is swallowed up by life.

- **Incorruptible:** No more sickness, aging, or decay.
- **Glorious:** Reflecting the radiant nature of our Savior.
- **Powerful:** No longer limited by the weaknesses of the flesh.

As the apostle Paul boldly declares: "In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed." — **1 Cor. 15:52**

If we believe that **we shall rise**, it must change how we live today. We do not sorrow as those who have no hope. We face trials, persecution, and even death with the steady confidence that the grave is merely a doorway.

The same Spirit that raised Christ from the dead dwells in you (**Rom. 8:11**). Therefore, stand firm! Your labor is not in vain, your suffering is temporary, and your future is secure. The tomb is empty, the throne is occupied, and one day, the clouds will part. **He rose, and in Him, we shall rise also.**

**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).

If you would like a **year-end contribution statement**, please send an email request to [whcocsecretary@gmail.com](mailto: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

Mateo Salazar  
Sis. Bell  
Sis. Fatima Conner  
Bro. Eddie Taylor



Today, Sun. 4/5  
Wed. 4/8  
Thurs. 4/9  
Sat. 4/11

### ANNIVERSARIES

#52 The Normans



Wed. 4/8

### 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	82
Sunday PM Worship	17
Wednesday Bible Class	35
Last Sunday's Offering	\$6,072.00
<b>Weekly Budget</b>	<b>\$4,069.13</b>