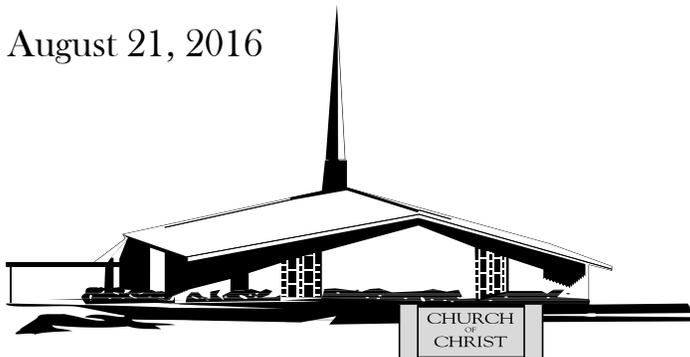


August 21, 2016



# DeGaulle Drive

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

4700 GENERAL DEGAULLE DRIVE

NEW ORLEANS, LA 70131

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### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

#### SUNDAY

Morning Bible Class	9:00 AM
Morning Worship	10:00 AM
Pew Packers	5:30 PM
Evening Worship	6:00 PM

#### MID-WEEK

Tuesday Ladies Class (September—May)	10:00 AM
Wednesday Bible Class	7:00 PM

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#### WORKS SUPPORTED:

##### Benevolence:

Childhaven of Cullman, Alabama

##### Media:

Gospel Broadcasting Network  
In Search of the Lord's Way  
The Old Landmarks  
The Truth in Love

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##### PREACHER TRAINING:

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## WHY DOESN'T GOD DO SOMETHING?

Allen Webster

In view of recent tragedies, one writer suggested that we all "boycott God." She suggested that if we all stopped praying, attending church, and praising Him, that just might make Him stop killing so many people in these tragic disasters.

God gets blamed for a lot of things He doesn't do.

When Satan attacked Job, he made the fire that burned up his sheep come as "fire of God from heaven" (Job 1:16). The persecution came from the opposite direction, but it was in Satan's favor to make God out to be the bad guy. It still is, and he still does.

C.S. Lewis observed, "A man can no more diminish God's glory by refusing to worship Him than a lunatic can put out the sun by scribbling the word 'darkness' on the walls of his cell" ("The Problem of Pain"). David wrote, "*The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us. He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision*" (Psalm 2:2-4).

Non-Christians often stumble over the problem of evil and Christians sometimes doubt God when suffering. They both wonder...

- How could a good God allow so much evil?
- Why does an Almighty God not do something about it?
- Couldn't an omniscient God create a world without evil?
- Why doesn't an active God help His children?

A moment's reflection shows the absurdity and impossibility of God intervening in every disaster or each time evil is about to befall one of His children.

Why does God not "do something?"

#### PEOPLE WOULD LIVE IN CHAOS.

God is a God of order. He goes by the rule He gave for the church: "*Let all things be done decently and in order*" (1 Corinthians 14:40). If God suspended natural laws every time one of His creatures was in a dangerous or life-threatening situation, chaos would reign. Cause and effect would have no meaning.

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT!! PLEASE READ!!!

To Christ's church at DeGaulle Drive & to our beloved visitors,

For security purposes, the back entrance to the building will be locked 10 minutes after each service starts. Anyone arriving late will need to use the front entrance.

Thank you,  
The Elders

We could not function in a world without rational prediction (Bruce Reichenbach, "Natural Evils and Natural Laws," International Philosophical Quarterly, Vol. 16, 187). We would never know how to live from one second to the next. In some instances one event would follow from a certain set of conditions, but at another time the same circumstances would lead to a different result. Our existence depends on the consistent working of physical laws such as inertia or gravity that God set up at the Creation (Genesis 1). What if parachutes usually plummeted toward earth, but occasionally floated back up into planes' engines? What if a football thrown to a receiver in the Super Bowl comes down most of the time? Would you want to be running a chainsaw, lighting a fire, swimming, or driving down the interstate at seventy miles per hour when natural laws were temporarily suspended? Life would be unlivable in that case.

Changing one person's life would set off a string of dominos affecting all those in the same area and all who were connected through relationship.

### **PEOPLE WOULD BECOME RECKLESS.**

God desires His children to be prudent and careful (Proverbs 16:21; Proverbs 22:3; Acts 16:28). If good people were invincible and bulletproof, they would take crazy chances. If there were no danger in running a stop sign at a busy intersection, texting while driving, smoking, using firearms, or lifting weights, then people would soon abuse every situation. What about a Christian boy playing football on Friday night who could not be injured? What of a soldier on a battlefield who was truly invincible? Norman Geisler postulates, "The necessary intervention would finally grow in proportions that would effectively remove human freedom and responsibility" (Norman Geisler, *The Roots of Evil*, Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1978, p. 75).

### **PEOPLE WOULD FAIL TO DEVELOP SPIRITUALLY.**

A woman walking in the woods came upon an emperor moth beating its wings and struggling to force its way out of the narrow neck of its cocoon. Feeling sorry for it, she took a sharp stick and split the cocoon, enabling the moth to be free. But its beautiful hues never developed, and its lovely wings never formed. The moth crept aimlessly for a few hours, and then died. The furious struggle with the cocoon is nature's way of developing the wings and building the strength needed to fly. Without struggle, the moth cannot live.

Without challenge and sadness, we would all be shallow, selfish, spoiled people. Hardships teach patience, endurance, resilience, courage, and self-sacrifice. God's spiritual goal is our growth in faith to mature to be like Christ (2 Corinthians 3:18; 1 Peter 2:2; 2 Peter 3:18)—pure, righteous, loving (James 1:2-4). Our suffering qualifies us to comfort others by knowing what their pain feels like (2 Corinthians 1:3-4). Therefore hardships are necessary.

### **PEOPLE WOULD COMPLAIN THAT THEIR FREE WILL WAS TAKEN AWAY.**

Men think they want God to intervene, but they don't. The tradeoff would be more than bargained for. Men do not want God to intercept every evil act or thought. Imagine if every time an unbeliever tried to post a rant against God on his blog his computer caught fire. Or each time someone preached false doctrine, he developed laryngitis. Or she got a headache every time she had a lustful thought. Or if someone tried to hit another in

anger his arm was paralyzed. God gave us volition (Joshua 24:15)—allowing us to choose our own path (Proverbs 14:12). He desires that we serve Him out of love (John 14:15; Revelation 22:17), but He will not force us to do so (Luke 13:34; Revelation 3:20).

### **PEOPLE WOULD FOLLOW CHRIST FOR THE WRONG REASONS.**

If God protected His followers from all harm, then people would follow Christ for physical rather than spiritual reasons. Think about it. If no Christian ever got cancer, had a heart attack, suffered from a disease, or was injured in an automobile or industrial accident, would churches have any problem baptizing people? Every patient in every hospital, rehab center, and nursing home would line up at the door waiting his turn. Jesus strongly desires that all follow Him (1 Timothy 2:4), but because they want the healing of the soul, not the body (1 Peter 2:24).

Truly, "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts" (Isaiah 55:9). We can trust Him.

## **1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL DEGAULLE DRIVE CHURCH OF CHRIST MEN'S LEADERSHIP RETREAT!**

**OCTOBER 13<sup>TH</sup>-15<sup>TH</sup>**  
Tickfaw State Park

**FREE OF CHARGE** & for all men of the  
DeGaulle Drive Church of Christ.

**The Earlier, the Better!**

**Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup>**, will be a day of  
fellowship, preparation, & enjoying Tickfaw  
State Park. Come out early & have some fun!

You'll want to arrive *AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE* on  
**Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>**, as we look at how we  
can each become the leader God wants us to  
be!

Please be part of this weekend  
of fellowship & leadership.

# NEWS & NOTES

## LAST WEEK'S RECORD

### Attendance

Service	2016 Last	Goal Week
Bible Study	70	85
Sunday AM	100	119
Sunday PM	60	50
Wednesday	60	59

### Bible Reading

Reading Plan	2016 Last	Goal Week
Daily Readers	45	35
Bible in 2016	45	28
NT in 2016	60	33

## NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- SONG LEADING CLASS:** Will NOT meet today. Class will resume next Sunday at 4:30PM.
- POTLUCK:** AUGUST 28<sup>th</sup> after the evening worship hour. Last names M-Z have setup & cleanup.
- MEN'S LEADERSHIP RETREAT:** October 13-15 at Tickfaw State Park; free of charge & open to all men of the congregation. Check back in the coming weeks for more information.

**PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED:** Vienna sausage, canned tuna & chicken. White potatoes, sweet potatoes, mixed vegetables, chicken broth, beans, ketchup, pudding cups, spaghetti sauce with meat, tuna & chicken helper, & peanut butter. We have plenty of mac & cheese.

**BIBLE CLASS PROMOTION:** Parents, please visit with your children's teachers as to which class they will begin attending September 4<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>.

**BIBLE SCHOOL EMPHASIS:** September 4<sup>th</sup> through 25<sup>th</sup>. We will continue to emphasize the importance of Bible class in helping us to know God. Sermons will come from the Psalms.

**WORK DAY:** The elders ask each member to plan to participate in the workday on September 24<sup>th</sup>. Work will begin at 9AM & lunch will be provided. This is a great time for fellowship as we clean up & fix up around the building inside & out.

## NEEDING CARE & PRAYERS

### Our Members & Visitors

- Ann Roberts:** Injured her left knee while leaving to attend worship. She has torn tendons & ligaments from her knee to her ankle.
- Sharon Macaluso:** Will have an MRI of her hand to assess damage that has been done.
- James Lieteau:** Is recovering after surgery from an ulcer. He is in room 411 at Ochsner on Belle Chasse Hwy.
- Caleb Hensley:** His mother & step-father were rescued from their roof as a result of flooding in the baton Rouge area.
- Latonia Washington-Brooks:** Her step-dad is in the hospital due to Alzheimer's & doctors are considering Hospice care. The engine went out on their family car.
- Sandy Jones:** Is back home & gaining strength after her recent hospital stay.
- Louise Fitzgerald:** Is at Our Lady of Wisdom recovering from a repair to a bleeding ulcer; this ulcer may have contributed to dizziness recent falls & injuries.
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| <b>Glen &amp; Kyeosha Bates</b> | <b>Bill &amp; Barbara Burchett</b>  |
| <b>Meijah Lieteau</b>           | <b>Voncile Lieteau</b>              |
| <b>Yvette James</b>             | <b>Ed Kaminski &amp; Ruth Weems</b> |
| <b>Lorraine Stephen</b>         | <b>Taylor Washington</b>            |

### Our Shut-In

Elwanda Piskorik

### Our Family & Friends

- Family of Patricia Dyes Patterson:** Cousin of Deanna Royal; passed away last Monday after battling cancer. She leaves behind 2 sons.
- Family of Dave Denedo:** Nephew of Doris Lepine; passed away last Saturday.
- Ed Fitzgerald:** Husband of Louise Fitzgerald; being treated for pneumonia at Ochsner North Shore
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| <b>Kaiyah Alexander</b>       | <b>Family of Evelyn Biagase</b> |
| <b>Family of Winnie Keith</b> | <b>Mary Macaluso</b>            |
| <b>Sandra Martin</b>          | <b>Martha Williams</b>          |

### Deployed Servicemen

**Nathan Gillespie:** Nathan, Dawn, Tempe, & Dalton as they make their move to Charleston.

Please submit all prayer requests in writing to Scott or Melissa Cain. Please supply regular updates on each individual in order to keep our prayer list up-to-date. For the sake of space, any name (except for shut-ins) will be removed after four weeks unless a new update is received. Thank you for helping us all to stay informed of the spiritual & physical needs of our members, friends, & family.

## PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

### THIS WEEK

**AUGUST 21**

**Sunday AM**

#### Welcome:

Steve Tucker

#### Prayer:

Roland Keith

#### Song Lead:

Ron Landis

#### Communion Scripture:

Keith Cooper

Ephesians 1:3-7

#### Lord's Table:

Ron Landis

#### Sermon:

Wes Arabie

#### Dismissal:

Don Robinson

**Sunday PM**

#### Welcome:

Steve Tucker

#### Prayer:

Paul Macaluso (2)

#### Song Lead:

James Cobette

#### Lord's Table:

Ron Landis

#### Sermon:

Wes Arabie

#### Dismissal:

Keith Cooper

### NEXT WEEK

**AUGUST 28**

**Sunday AM**

#### Welcome:

Howard Goodale

#### Prayer:

Wes Arabie

#### Song Lead:

Howard Goodale

#### Communion Scripture:

Jerome Riddick

Mark 14:22-25

#### Lord's Table:

Ron Landis

#### Sermon:

Scott Cain

#### Dismissal:

Paul Macaluso (2)

**Sunday PM**

#### Welcome:

Howard Goodale

#### Prayer:

Don Robinson

#### Song Lead:

Paul Macaluso (2)

#### Lord's Table:

Ron Landis

#### Sermon:

Readings:

1 Corinthians 15-16

#### Dismissal:

Howard Goodale

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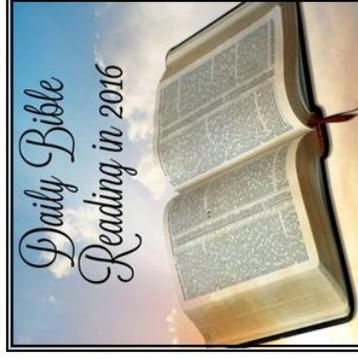
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 Family Retreat	5	6
7 Teacher's Meeting 	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 PM Fellowship 	29	30	31			
<b>BIRTHDAYS</b>  18 Tanner Cain 22 Pam Tucker 23 Troy Singleton 24 Billie Singleton 26 Bill Burdett 26 Mac McKinney				<b>ANNIVERSARY</b>  17 Steve & Pam Tucker 20 Howard & Trish Goodale		

**TEACHER'S MEETING:** Will be August 7th at 4PM.

**FELLOWSHIP MEAL:**

Will be after evening worship on August 28th. Those with last name M-Z are asked to setup & cleanup.

**WORK NIGHT:** Will be August 24th  
We will celebrate August birthdays after work night.



**READING THROUGH THE BIBLE IN**

**2016P** August begins with Jeremiah 1 & goes through Daniel 12. Please see additional schedules on the table.

## SEPTEMBER IS BIBLE SCHOOL EMPHASIS MONTH

Each September the Lord's church at DeGaulle Drive emphasizes the importance of Bible School in our growth as God's people. Growing closer to anyone requires learning more about & appreciating that person. The same is true with God.

This year's Bible School Emphasis will be each Sunday morning from September 4<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>.

The theme is:

**“As the Deer Panteth for the Water: Continuing to Know God.”**

The song “As the Deer” will remind us of key thoughts as we examine sermons from the Psalms that emphasize our need to worship in God's presence.

*“I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.”*  
(Psalm 122:1).

## OCTOBER IS MISSIONS EMPHASIS MONTH

Each October the Lord's church at DeGaulle Drive emphasizes World Evangelism & Stewardship in our Sunday Bible Classes & in the Sunday morning sermons.

The Special Missions Collection is scheduled for **Sunday October 30<sup>th</sup>**.

This collection is above & beyond our regular contribution, & it allows us to continue supporting the mission works wherein we are currently involved.

**Please earmark all checks for the missions contribution as “Missions.”**

As this special Sunday draws near, we ask all of the flock at DeGaulle Drive to pray, plan, & prepare to participate in the Special Missions Collection on October 30<sup>th</sup>.

We pray that the Lord will continue to bless us as we glorify Him in this endeavor.

*“...Go ye into all the world, and preach to Gospel to every creature”*  
(Mark 16:15).