

December 13, 2015



# DeGaulle Drive

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

4700 GENERAL DEGAULLE DRIVE

NEW ORLEANS, LA 70131

www.DegaulleDriveCOC.com

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

#### ELDERS

Wes Arabie	504-858-2881
Bill Burchett	504-393-2409
Howard Goodale	504-272-0502

#### DEACONS

Steve Tucker	504-812-2617
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#### EVANGELISTS

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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

##### **MISSIONS:**

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curry.monta@gmail.com

*India:* Ron & Karen Clayton  
RCIndia@sonet.net

*Padova, Italy:* Jeff & Tia Brauer Family,  
brauer@padovateam.org

*Marshall, Texas:* Azael & Dinora Alvarez

##### **PREACHER TRAINING:**

Memphis School of Preaching

## THE ROPE OF PRAYER

Wade Webster

C. H. Spurgeon once noted, "Prayer pulls the rope down below and the great bell rings above in the ears of God. Some scarcely stir the bell, for they pray so languidly; others give only an occasional jerk at the rope. But he who communicates with heaven is the man who grasps the rope boldly and pulls continuously with all his might."

How hard are you pulling on the rope? As children of God, we can pull on the rope of prayer with great boldness and confidence: "For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need" (Hebrews 4:15-16).

With Christ as our High Priest, we do not have to be timid in seeking mercy. Concerning confidence, John wrote, "And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask anything in accordance with his will, he heareth us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him" (1 John 5:14-15). Unless we pray with this confidence, we cannot expect our prayers to be answered. Double-minded, wishy-washy, and doubtful men cannot expect to receive anything of the Lord (James 1:5-7; 1 Timothy 2:8).

How often do you pull on the rope of prayer? Do you give it an occasional jerk, or do you pull on the rope continually? With three words, Paul challenged the Thessalonians to pray more. He wrote, "Pray without ceasing" (1 Thessalonians 5:17). Perhaps, they were growing weary in the work of prayer (Galatians 6:9). Paul's words continue to challenge us as Christians today. We need to pray more. Like the prophetess Anna, we need to pray "night and day" (Luke 2:36; Romans 12:12). We need labor fervently in prayer, instead of just dabbling lazily in it (Colossians 4:2, 12).

How hard and how long are you pulling on the rope of prayer? Are your prayers ringing the great bell of heaven?

## MEMBERS & VISITORS

### ATTENDANCE CARD

**Name:** R. U. Heer **Date:** 2-Day

**Address:** 1714 Straitway Road  
New Orleans, LA 70131

We thank you for being here today. Your presence is an encouragement to us all. Please take a moment to complete an attendance card from the pew in front of you.

Thank you for helping us as we seek to edify each other in the way of the Lord!

# LESSONS IN LEADERSHIP

## SUGGESTIONS FOR LEADING PRAYER IN PUBLIC WORSHIP

Whoever engages in the leading of public prayer has a weighty responsibility on his shoulders. His prayer must be the prayer of all those whom he is endeavoring to lead into the presence of God if there is to be meaning & fellowship during this phase of the worship. Following are some suggestions:

1. Make Some Preparation.  
The man who leads should normally be given some time to think about it. He might even jot down some things, & names of some persons for whom he plans to lead God's people in prayer.
2. Speak Audibly & Clearly.  
Obviously, those present cannot pray with their leader unless he prays loudly & clearly enough to be heard & understood. A public address (PA) system for assisted hearing greatly helps.
3. Address the Prayer to God, the Father.  
Do not speak *of* Him, but *to* Him.
4. Make it a Reasonable Length.  
Not too long is just as important as not too short.
5. Avoid Vain Repetitions.  
Some phrases have been used with such regularity among us that they have become meaningless. Use freshness of thought & language.
6. Refrain from References to Your Personal Life & Situation.  
Do your private praying in private.
7. Refrain From Preaching to God or Man.
8. Pray in Jesus' Name, not in "Thy Name" When Praying to God (John 16:23-25; Ephesians 5:20).
9. Be Sincere & Natural.

*Hear my prayer, O Lord. Give ear to my supplications! In thy faithfulness, answer me, and in Thy righteousness – Psalm 143:1*

## A MERRY HEART DOETH GOOD HIT & RUN

The hit-and-run victim was just getting to his feet when a policeman ran up to help. "My mother-in-law just tried to run me over!" the shaken man told the cop.

"The car hit you from behind," the officer said. "How could you tell it was your mother-in-law?"

"I recognized the laugh!" he replied.

## IS GRASS GROWING ON YOUR PATH?

Ronnie Schierffius

It has been reported that early African converts to Christianity were earnest & regular in private devotions. Each had a separate spot in the thicket where he would meditate upon God's word & pour his out heart to God. Over time the paths to these places became well worn. As a result, if one of these believers began to neglect this time of devotion & prayer it was soon apparent to the others. They would kindly remind the negligent one, "Brother, the grass grows on your path."

How diligent are we in our study of God's word & devotion to prayer? These two areas of our Christian lives are perhaps the most vital, for one is God talking to us & the other is our talking to God. With great love & care, God has revealed His will to us. The Bible, the revealed will of God, is given that we might know how to approach God acceptably & that we might live acceptably in His sight. Exhorting Timothy, Paul wrote, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works" (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

On the other side of the coin is our speaking to God. Consider this for just a moment; we actually have the privilege of petitioning the Almighty God, the Creator of all things, the Judge of all the earth, and knowing that, as His children, He will hear & regard our prayers. These times of private devotion in prayer also provide us with the peace of casting all our care upon our heavenly Father, knowing that He continually cares for & is concerned about us (1 Peter 5:7).

When we neglect these privileged blessings of growing in the grace & knowledge of God through study and the petitioning of our Father in prayer, we often become weak & distant from the strength that God has provided for us. Dear friend, is the grass growing on your path?

"The Lord hath heard my supplication; the Lord will receive my prayer" (Psalm 6:9).

## RATTLESNAKE

**RELIGION** Leroy Brownlow tells of a family of wayward church members - a father & three sons. Once active but now indifferent, they were visited by the preacher & elders. Everything within reason had been done to restore them - all in vain.

One day while working, a large rattlesnake bit John, one of the sons. The doctor was summoned and pronounced his condition grave. He observed that about the only thing left was prayer. Immediately the preacher and elders were called. The preacher was asked to pray for John's recovery. He did - sort of. This was his prayer:

O wise & righteous Father, we thank Thee that Thou hast, in Thy wisdom, sent this rattlesnake to bite John, in order to bring him to his senses. He has not been inside the church house for years, & it is very doubtful that he has in all this time, until now, felt any need for prayer. Now we trust that this will prove a valuable lesson to him, & that it may lead to genuine repentance. And now, O Father, wilt Thou send another to bite Sam & another to bite Jim & another BIG ONE to bite the old man? We have been doing everything we know for years to restore them, but to no avail. It seems, therefore, that what all our combined efforts could not do, this rattlesnake has done. We thus conclude that the only thing left that will do this family any good is rattlesnakes; so, Lord, send us bigger & better rattlesnakes. In Jesus name, Amen.

It shouldn't take an emergency for us to see our dependency upon God. The prophet promised, Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee (Isaiah 26:3).

# NEWS & NOTE

## NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

1. **SONG LEADING CLASS:** Will meet today at 5:00PM.
2. **WORK NIGHT FOR THE MASTER:** Will be December 15<sup>th</sup>. Celebration of December birthday will follow as will dessert night as a gift from the Cain family.
3. **GENERAL TEACHERS' MEETING:** January 10 at 4PM. All teachers & those interested are encouraged to attend.

### PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED:

Due to space constraints in our pantry we ask that **ONLY** the following items be brought: canned chicken, tuna, & fruit, spaghetti sauce, mac & cheese, 1-meal dinners, shampoo, toothbrushes, women's deodorant, soap, & razors.

**NEWS N' NOTES:** Please see the board for a note of gratitude from Paul & TeNeal Macaluso & a note from Gayle Hopkins; sister of Tommie Brock.

**REJOICE!** We rejoice together with heaven over Eugene Carter's decision last Sunday to put on Jesus in baptism! Please welcome our new brother in Christ!

## LAST WEEK'S RECORD

### Attendance

Bible Study	62
Sunday AM	84
Sunday PM	50
Wednesday	47

## NEEDING CARE & PRAYERS

### Our Members & Visitors

**Debbie Starr:** Has begun radiation.

**Dan Joseph:** Dan is at home & is receiving hospice care.

**Family of Tommie Brock**

**John & Mary Cullum**

**Tony & Louise Sylve**

**Bill & Barbara Burchett**

**Loretha "Bubba" Starr**

**LaTonya Brooks-Washington**

### Our Shut-In

**Elwanda Piskorik**

### Our Family & Friends

**Betty England:** Grandmother of Stacey England; is in ICU following a brain aneurysm.

**Roger Ferrell:** Will need further surgery in the near future for a recurrent hernia.

**Sean Brown:** Son of Carol Byes; installed as a deacon with the Forest Hill church of Christ in Cleveland. Asking for prayers that he may fulfill the duties of the position.

**Mike Roberts:** Husband of Ann Roberts; had surgery & tests confirmed that he does have cancer in his neck.

**Joby Smith, Jr.:** Grandson of Wes & Cheryl Arabie; needs prayers & encouragement. Please send your kind thoughts to him at the following address:

Tennessee Children's Home

Attn: Joby Smith

P.O. Box 10

Spring Hill, TN 37174

**Kaiyah Alexander**

**Tony Greathouse**

**Quinn Merryman**

**Allen Morris**

**Martha Ruddy**

**Family of Delmar Cooper**

**Family of Daryl McKinney**

**Kimi Miller & family**

**Mia Paige**

### Deployed Servicemen

**Nathan Gillespie:** Nathan, Dawn, Tempe, & Dalton are serving in Japan.

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.

## PVILEGED TO SERVE

### THIS WEEK

**DECEMBER 13**

#### Sunday AM

#### Welcome:

Scott Cain

#### Prayer:

Roland Keith

#### Song Lead:

Howard Goodale

#### Communion Scripture:

Troy Singleton

Romans 5:6-8

#### Lord's Table:

Ron Landis

#### Sermon:

Don Blackwell

#### Dismissal:

Ron Landis

#### Sunday PM

#### Welcome:

Scott Cain

#### Prayer:

Paul Macaluso

#### Song Lead:

Scott Cain

#### Lord's Table:

Ron Landis

#### Sermon:

Wes Arabie

#### Dismissal:

Howard Goodale

### NEXT WEEK

**DECEMBER 20**

#### Sunday AM

#### Welcome:

Wes Arabie

#### Prayer:

Don Robinson

#### Song Lead:

Howard Goodale

#### Communion Scripture:

Keith Cooper

1 Cor. 15:1-5

#### Lord's Table:

Ron Landis

#### Sermon:

Scott Cain

#### Dismissal:

Jerome Riddick

#### Sunday PM

#### Welcome:

Wes Arabie

#### Prayer:

Jerome Riddick

#### Song Lead:

Ron Landis

#### Lord's Table:

Ron Landis

#### Sermon:

Scott Cain

#### Dismissal:

Glenn Bates

# December 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16  Work Night	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 General Assembly	24	25	26
27	28	29	30 General Assembly	31		
<p> <u>BIRTHDAYS</u></p> <p>6 Donis Lepine 9 Deanna Royal 12 Darryl Sunyly 15 Glenn Bates 18 Kalvin Cooper 18 Paula Landis 19 Liliana Barthelemy</p>						
<p> <u>ANNIVERSARY</u></p> <p>3 John &amp; Mary Cullum 18 Keith &amp; Portia Cooper</p>						
<p><u>WORK NIGHT:</u> Will be December 16th. We will celebrate December birthdays after work &amp; the Cains will be hosting their annual dessert night for the congregation.</p> <p><u>GENERAL ASSEMBLY:</u> December 23rd December 30th</p>						