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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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Memphis School of Preaching

THE CRACKED POT

A water bearer in India had two large pots, each hung on opposite ends of a pole he carried across his neck. One pot had a crack in it; the other was perfect & always delivered a full portion of water at the end of the long walk from the stream to the master's house. The cracked pot arrived only half full.

For two years the bearer delivered one & a half pots full of water to his master's house daily. Of course, the perfect pot was proud of its accomplishments. The cracked pot was ashamed of its imperfection, & miserable that it was only able to accomplish half of what it had been made to do. After two years of what it perceived to be a bitter failure, it spoke to the water bearer one day by the stream.

"I am ashamed of myself, & I want to apologize to you." "Why?" asked the bearer. "What are you ashamed of?" "I have been able, for these past two years, to deliver only half my load because this crack in my side allows water to leak out all the way back to your master's house. Because of my flaws, you have to do all of this work, & you don't get full value from your efforts," the pot said.

The water bearer said nothing to the old cracked pot, except, seeming to change the subject, replied, "As we return to the master's house, I want you to notice the beautiful flowers along the path." As they went up the hill, the cracked pot took notice of the sun warming the beautiful wild flowers on the path side, & this cheered it some. But at the end of the trail, it still felt bad because, as always, it had leaked out half its load. It again apologized for its failure. The bearer replied, "Did you notice that there were flowers only on your side of your path, but not on the other side? That's because I have always known about your flaw, & took advantage of it. I planted flower seeds on your side of the path, & every day while we walk back from the stream, you've watered them. For two years I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate my master's table. Without you being just the way you are, he would not have this beauty to grace his house."

Each of us has our own unique flaws. We're all "cracked pots." But if we will allow it, the Lord will use our flaws to grace His Father's table. In God's great economy, nothing goes to waste. So as we seek ways to serve, don't be afraid of your flaws. Acknowledge them, improve those things that can be helped, & allow God to take advantage of each talent, & flaw, to bring beauty to His pathway. Go out boldly, knowing that in our weakness we find His strength.

"...My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong" – 2 Corinthians 12:9-10

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LEADERSHIP QUOTES

- “The best executive is the one who has sense enough to pick good men to do what he wants done, & self-restraint enough to keep from meddling with them while they do it.” – Theodore Roosevelt
- “A leader is a dealer in hope.” – Napoleon Bonaparte
- “Today a reader – tomorrow a leader.” – W. Fusselman
- “The person who knows ‘how’ will always have a job. The person who knows ‘why’ will always be his boss.” – Diane Ravitch

LEADERSHIP NUGGETS

One author talks about looking for the nugget of truth even in unhealthy & unfounded criticism we receive as leaders.

It has been my observation that even when receiving criticism that is clearly loaded with false charges & nonsense, there is frequently an underlying element of truth that I need to deal with.

I have three choices. I can simply disregard & throw out the entire criticism & never think of it again. I can dwell on it & rehash it & mentally defend myself time & time again. During this process I will mull over all of the reasons why the critic is an unwise & mean-spirited person.

I believe neither of these responses is best. The third response is to examine the criticism & discover the one percent or five percent of truth in the criticism & use it as an impetus for change & improvement as a leader. In this way, I can quickly forget the rest of the criticism & refuse to allow it to tear me down.

—Larry Kreider, “The Criticism Test,” 21 Tests of Effective Leadership, 79

A MERRY HEART DOETH GOOD LIKE A MEDICINE...

YOSEMITE BEARS

A married couple was vacationing in Yosemite. The wife expressed her concern about camping because of bears & said she would feel more comfortable in a motel. The husband said that he’d like to camp. To calm her concerns, he suggested they talk to the park ranger to see what the likelihood of a bear encounter would be.

The ranger told them, “Well, we haven’t seen any grizzlies in this area so far this year, or black bears, for that matter.”

The wife shrieked, “There are two types of bears out here? How can you tell the difference? Which one is more dangerous?”

The ranger replied, “Well, that’s easy—see, if the bear chases you up a tree & it comes up after you, it’s a black bear. If it shakes the tree until you fall out, it’s a grizzly.”

The motel room was quite nice.

- Taken from <http://www.housetohouse.com>

YOUNG LOVE

One night at the dinner table, the wife commented, “When we were first married, you too the small piece of steak and gave me the larger. Now you take the large one and leave me the smaller. You don’t love me anymore!”

“Nonsense, darling,” replied the husband, “you just cook better now.”

SOMEBODY SAID IT

- If marriage were outlawed, only outlaws would have in-laws.
- I am having an out-of-money experience.
- I plan on living forever. So far, so good.
- I am in shape. Round is a shape.
- A day without sunshine is like night.
- I have kleptomania, but when it gets really bad, I take something for it.
- The real art of conversation is not only to say the right thing at the right time, but also to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment.
- Time may be a great healer, but it’s also a lousy beautician.
- Brain cells come and brain cells go, but fat cells live forever.
- Age doesn’t always bring wisdom. Sometimes age comes alone.
- You don’t stop laughing because you grow old; you grow old because you stopped laughing.

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NEWS & NOTES

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 1. PICTURES:** Members, we still have a few photos remaining to be taken for our member board & directory. Please plan to have a picture taken of you & your family. Past photos will not be used.
- 2. COMMUNION PREPARATION LIST:** A new sign-up sheet for 2015 is posted in the foyer.
- 3. WORK NIGHT FOR THE MASTER:** Work night in January produced 231 local mailings, 32 cards personal notes of encouragement, & 51 World Bible School studies. (Workers also contributed to the disappearance of 17 slices of king cake, 28 slices of chocolate cake, & 9 slices of birthday cake.) We thank all who participated! Please plan to be a part of our next work night on February 25th!

WELCOME: We would like to welcome two new members to the DeGaulle fold.

Martha & William Clark: 5025 Reed Street
Marrero, LA 70072
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LAST WEEK'S RECORD

Attendance

Bible Study	71
Sunday AM	98
Sunday PM	N/A
Wednesday	42

NEEDING CARE & PRAYERS

Our Members & Visitors

Roger Ferrell: Had his stitches removed last week. Doctors say everything looks good.

Martha Clark: Her recent eye surgery was postponed until early February.

William Jenkins: Recently had three stints added. He is out & about & doing well.

Dan Joseph: Continues to undergo chemo & radiation treatment, as Dan puts it, "for the cancer I don't have."

Dana Pitts: Asks for prayers for herself & her family as they deal with health problems & her son Mia Paige's legal issues.

LaTonia Brooks-Washington: Seeks prayers for spiritual uplifting as she continues to deal with fibromyalgia.

Viola Bright

Mae McKinney

Debbie Starr

Bill & Barbara Burchett

Lillie Smith

Louise & Toni Sylve

Our Shut-Ins

Virginia Self

Elwanda Piskorik

Our Family & Friends

Jordan Alexander: He & Erika await test results to see if the child they are expecting has Down syndrome.

Family of Susan McDonald Meek: Mack Meek's mother; passed away at age 96; her funeral was last week in Arkansas.

Gene Zimmerman: Billy Singleton's son-in-law; his recent back pain was caused by a broken back, not cancer in his spine as originally suspected; he does have a tumor on his kidney & has been diagnosed with atrial fibrillation (A-Fib).

Mary Hardee: Recently lost her teaching position & all of her symptoms from Chiari malformation have returned.

Steve Sanders: Nephew-in-law of Ewlene Harris; dealing with heart issues.

Maegan Brimm

Family of Mariano Gonzales

Mary Macaluso Hardee

Lance Ezell

Marie Faye Hackney

Sharon Martin

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

FEBRUARY 1

Sunday AM

Welcome:

Howard Goodale

Prayer:

Paul Macaluso (2)

Song Lead:

Dick Grantham

Communion Scripture:

Ron Landis

1 Cor. 11:24-26

Lord's Table:

Ron Landis

Sermon:

Scott Cain

Dismissal:

Jerome Riddick

Sunday PM

Welcome:

Howard Goodale

Prayer:

Don Robinson

Song Lead:

Dick Grantham

Lord's Table:

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NEXT WEEK

FEBRUARY 8

Sunday AM

Welcome:

Wes Arabia

Prayer:

Don Robinson

Song Lead:

Dick Grantham

Communion Scripture:

Jerome Riddick

Matthew 26:26-29

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Song Lead:

Howard Goodale

Lord's Table:

Ron Landis

Sermon:

Scott Cain

Dismissal:

John Cullum

February 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22  P.M. Fellowship	23	24	25  Work Night	26	27	28
<p>BIRTHDAYS  02/01 *Keagen James 02/07 Mariann Newton</p> <p>02/02 Sharon Macaluso 02/11 Chris Meek</p> <p>02/05 Joshua Patton 02/11 *Luke Cooper</p>						
<p>ANNIVERSARY </p>						

Pictures: Pictures will be taken each Sunday after morning worship & will be used in the new directory & on the member board. Past pictures will not be used.

FELLOWSHIP MEAL: Will be February 22nd after P.M. service.

WORK NIGHT: Will be Wednesday February 25th. February Birthdays will be celebrated after work night.