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

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#### Media:

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

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#### PREACHER TRAINING:

Memphis School of Preaching

## **PLAN YOUR DEPARTURE**

David Sargent

In the spring of 1981, a young man was flown into the desolate north country of Alaska to photograph the natural beauty and mysteries of the tundra. He took along photo equipment, 500 rolls of film, several firearms, and 1400 pounds of provisions. As the months passed, the entries in his diary, which at first detailed his wonder and fascination with the wildlife around him, turned into a pathetic record of a nightmare.

In August he wrote, "I think I should have used more foresight about arranging my departure. I'll soon find out." He waited and waited, but no one came to his rescue.

In November he died in a nameless valley, by a nameless lake, 225 miles northeast of Fairbanks. An investigation revealed that he had carefully mapped out his venture, but made no provision to be flown out of the area.

All of us need to make specific plans for our departure from this life. If we don't, we can be left in a predicament worse than that young man!

*"Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it."*

— Matthew 7:13-14

## **VALUABLE ORANGES**

Norman Mortin

*"To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you."* — 1 Peter 1:4

One of the most tragic accidents that has ever happened came about in the mid-Atlantic, April 14, 1912.

The Titanic, one of the largest vessels of that time, hit an iceberg and sank within a few hours. Many stories of heroism and courage have been written about this incident. Many women chose to go down with their husbands. The band played "Nearer My God to Thee."

One woman who was allotted space on one of the rescue boats asked permission to return to her stateroom. She was given three minutes. In that stateroom money and jewels were scattered all over the floor, but she took no heed of them. Rather, she snatched three oranges and hurried back to the boat.

It seems almost incredible that

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the woman preferred oranges to diamonds. But, you see, death had boarded the Titanic, and with one blast of his awful breath, transformed all values—precious things became worthless and worthless things became precious.

Death has a funny way of changing things. All of the things we work for and worry about seem reasonable until they are viewed in the light of our own death. The pursuit of pleasurable things seems most reasonable until one thinks about death. Striving for fame would also seem reasonable until one ponders the grave. Death just has a way of changing one's perspective.

The thing that happened on the Titanic actually happens every day—but remember: values transformed at death are values transformed too late. Will you transform your values now?

*“Godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.”*

– 1 Timothy 6:6-8

## LESSONS IN LEADERSHIP

### THE OPTIMISTIC FROG

Two frogs fell into a deep cream bowl,  
One was an optimistic soul;  
But the other took the gloomy view,  
“We shall drown,” he cried, without more ado.  
So with a last despairing cry,  
He flung up his legs and he said, “Good-bye.”

Quoth the other frog with a merry grin,  
“I can't get out, but I won't give in.  
I'll just swim 'round till my strength is spent,  
Then will I die the more content.”

Bravely he swam till it would seem  
His struggles began to churn the cream;  
On the top of the butter at last he stopped,  
And out of the bowl he gaily hopped.  
What of the moral? 'Tis easily found:  
If you can't hop out, keep swimming 'round.

*“With men it is impossible, but not with God:  
for with God all things are possible”*  
– Mark 10:27

## GOD, FORGIVE ME WHEN I WHINE

Today, upon a bus, I saw a girl with beautiful hair.  
I envied her, she seemed so merry, And I wished I was as fair.  
When suddenly she rose to leave, I saw her hobble down the aisle.  
She had one leg and used a crutch. But as she passed, she gave a smile.

Oh, God, forgive me when I whine. I have two legs, the world is mine.

I stopped to buy some candy. The lad who sold it had such charm.  
I talked with him, he seemed so glad. If I were late, it'd do no harm.  
And as I left, he said to me, “I thank you, you've been so kind.  
It's nice to talk with folks like you. You see,” he said, “I'm blind.”

Oh, God, forgive me when I whine. I have two eyes, the world is mine.

Later while walking down the street, I saw a child with eyes of blue.  
He stood and watched the others play. He seemed not to know what to do.  
I stopped a moment and then I said, “Why don't you join the others dear?”  
He looked ahead without a word. And then I knew he couldn't hear.

Oh, God, forgive me when I whine. I have two ears, the world is mine.

With feet to take me where I'd go. With eyes to see the sunset's glow.  
With ears to hear what I'd know. Oh, God, forgive me when I whine  
I've been blessed indeed, the world is mine.

## A MERRY HEART DOETH GOOD...

### WHY “GO TO CHURCH”?

Exiting the church building after a worship service, Mrs. Smith asked her husband, “Do you think that Johnson girl is tinting her hair?”

“I didn't even see her,” admitted Mr. Smith.

“And the dress Mrs. Davis was wearing,” she continued. “Really, don't tell me you think that's the proper outfit for a mother of two.”

“I'm afraid I didn't notice that, either,” said Mr. Smith.

“Oh, man,” she snapped. “A lot of good it does you to go to church.”

### THE PREACHER'S MOTHER

Van Morris

An elderly woman walked into the local country church building. A friendly usher greeted her at the door and helped her up the flight of steps.

“Where would you like to sit?” he asked.

“The front row please,” she answered.

“You really don't want to do that,” the usher said. “The preacher is really boring.”

“Do you happen to know who I am?” asked the woman.

“No,” said the usher.

“I'm the preacher's mother,” she replied indignantly.

“Do you know who I am?” the usher asked.

“No,” she said.

“Good,” he said as he disappeared into the crowd.

# 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. **FELLOWSHIP:** Join us **TONIGHT** after P.M. worship. Please bring soups, sandwiches, & desserts (especially chocolate)!!! Those with last names A-L are asked to set-up & clean-up
3. **WORK NIGHT:** Our monthly work night will be **February 25th**. Please plan to help with this evangelistic effort.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** We welcome Michelle Elizabeth Torres; daughter of Erin (Landis) Torres. She was born last Monday. Paula made it just in time for this special delivery.

**COMMUNION PREPARATION LIST:** A new sign-up sheet for 2015 is posted in the foyer.

## LAST WEEK'S RECORD

### Attendance

Bible Study	43
Sunday AM	68
Sunday PM	42
Wednesday	48

## NEEDING CARE & PRAYERS

### Our Members & Visitors

**Wilma Blaché:** Has been recently hindered by lower back pain.

**Martha Clark:** Had cataract surgery last Wednesday. She will have a 2<sup>nd</sup> cataract surgery on February 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Roger & Pauline Ferrell:** They are planning to move to Houston, Texas in March & will be with Pauline's youngest son, Mario.

**Sandy Jones:** Was hospitalized last

**Betty Moss:** Is on medication for her recent sickness & hopes to be better soon.

**Viola Bright**

**Martha Clarke**

**Dan Joseph**

**Mae McKinney**

**Debbie Starr**

**Bill & Barbara Burchett**

**John & Mary Cullum**

**Meijah Lieteau**

**Lillie Smith**

**Louise & Toni Sylve**

### Our Shut-Ins

**Virginia Self**

**Elwanda Piskorik**

### Our Family & Friends

**Betty Beatty:** Friend of William Goodale; has stage 3 or 4 brain cancer & will have surgery Monday to remove as much as possible.

**Elbert Jackson:** Brother of Chris Meek; dealing with ruptured disk & is still in pain.

**Buddy Levergne:** Had a hip replacement and is receiving blood & plasma for a bleeding ulcer.

**Sherry Dale:** Friend of Portia Cooper; seeks prayers for strength for herself & her son John in dealing with John's legal issues.

**Charles White:** Will receive a pacemaker on March 4th. This is a 1-day procedure.

**Jordan Alexander**

**Lance Ezell**

**Mary Macaluso Hardee**

**Family of Susan McDonald Meek**

**Maegan Brimm**

**Marie Faye Hackney**

**Sharon Martin**

**Steve Sanders**

### Deployed Servicemen

**Nathan Gillespie:** 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.

## PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

### THIS WEEK

**FEBRUARY 22**

#### Sunday AM

#### Welcome:

Howard Goodale

#### Prayer:

Ron Landis

#### Song Lead:

Howard Goodale

#### Communion Scripture:

Glenn Bates

Acts 20:28

#### Lord's Table:

Ron Landis

#### Sermon:

Scott Cain

#### Dismissal:

Jerome Riddick

#### Sunday PM

#### Welcome:

Howard Goodale

#### Prayer:

Wes Arabe

#### Song Lead:

Howard Goodale

#### Lord's Table:

Ron Landis

#### Sermon:

Bible Readings

#### Dismissal:

Don Robinson

### NEXT WEEK

**MARCH 01**

#### Sunday AM

#### Welcome:

Wes Arabe

#### Prayer:

Ron Landis

#### Song Lead:

Howard Goodale

#### Communion Scripture:

Paul Macaluso (2)

Matthew 27:24-37

#### Lord's Table:

Paul Macaluso (2)

#### Sermon:

Scott Cain

#### Dismissal:

Dick Grantham

#### Sunday PM

#### Welcome:

Wes Arabe

#### Prayer:

Howard Goodale

#### Song Lead:

Dick Grantham

#### Lord's Table:

Paul Macaluso (2)




#### Sermon:

Scott Cain

#### Dismissal:

Keith Cooper

# 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

**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.

**BIRTHDAYS**

 02/01 \*Keagen James    02/07 Mariann Newton

02/02 Sharon Macaluso    02/11 Chris Meek

02/05 Joshua Patton    02/11 \*Luke Cooper

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