

January 18, 2015



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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Howard Goodale	504-272-0502

DEACONS

Steve Tucker	504-812-2617
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Childhaven of Cullman, Alabama

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

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brauer@padovateam.org

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Memphis School of Preaching

THAT'S JUST YOUR INTERPRETATION

Mike Benson

Imagine you and hundreds of citizens like you pick up the Hattiesburg American and find the following advertisement on page 3:

Lowe's Home Improvement Grand Opening

- Free Kobalt Carpenter's hammer (valued at \$25) to the first 50 customers who come into the store on Saturday, April 26th
- Customer must present this ad upon entering the store
- Limit one hammer per customer
- Store opens at 7 a.m.

Question: Would it be possible for everyone in the local community, assuming they can read and understand English, to see this very same grand opening promotion and then come to the exact same interpretation? Could we expect unity of understanding pertaining to this ad? Consider:

- According to the ad, what is to be given away? When will these items be given away? How many will be given away? How many gifts can one customer expect to receive?
- What if a customer forgets to bring the newspaper clipping/ad with him when he enters the store on Saturday? Will he receive a free hammer?
- What if a customer brings the newspaper ad with him, but is the 51st customer through the door? Can he expect to receive a free hammer?
- What if a customer brings the newspaper ad to Lowe's on Friday April 25th, rather than Saturday April 26th? Will he receive a free hammer?
- What if a customer brings the newspaper ad to Home Depot on Saturday April 26th, instead of Lowe's? Will he receive a free hammer?
- What if a customer brings the newspaper ad to Lowe's on Saturday, April 26th, receives a free hammer, then immediately gets back in line again to try to get another one?

What if the customer is the 14th patron to enter Lowe's on Saturday, April 26th, holds the newspaper clipping in hand, at 7:01 a.m., and yet Lowe's insists that he PAY for the hammer instead of giving it to him for free? He might be inclined, and rightfully so, to go to the store manager and show him the newspaper ad.

Now what if the manager glances over the ad and then simply replies, "Sir—that's just your interpretation. We're not giving any hammers away today. You've got to pay for everything in the store"?

Here's my point. Every thoughtful individual with the ability to read

and reason logically can correctly interpret an advertisement. Assuming the customer goes to the right store, on the right day and time, armed with the right ad, and is one of the first fifty customers, he can expect to receive a free hammer valued at \$25.00.

Now if hundreds of local citizens can consume the same information about the gift of hammers, correctly interpret what has been put into print, and then rightfully expect the same outcome, why can't we also do the same thing with the gift of salvation (Romans 6:23; cf. 5:16)?

- Wouldn't you agree that God is powerful enough to communicate so that all can understand (cf. 1 Timothy 2:4; 2 Timothy 3:15-17; Romans 1:16; Titus 1:3)? Hasn't God communicated clearly in His Word how individuals might receive the free gift He offers (cf. 1 Corinthians 2:12-13; Matthew 10: 19-20)?
- Is it possible for us to read God's Word and correctly understand what He has said (cf. Ephesians 5:17; 2 Timothy 2:15; Mark 7:14; Luke 8:11; Matthew 13:19, 23)?

Brethren, don't ever buy the false idea of "that's just your interpretation" (cf. Luke 10:26; 24:25-28, 32; Acts 17:2-3, 11; 1 Timothy 4:13).

- Adapted

GOD TIME

Michael Brookes

"Jesus said to him, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment'" (Matthew 22:37-38 – NKJV).

Two radio personalities, both avowed Catholics, were discussing their attendance at mass. One asked the other, "Does your conscience bother you when you check your cell phone for messages during mass?" The response was, "I leave my phone in the car; I don't take it in with me." The first person did not accept that response and again asked if there was not some guilt at using the phone during worship. Again the reply was that the phone stays in the car. But this time there was an additional explanation, "That (mass) is my God time; I don't want it interrupted."

To the vast majority of those claiming to confess Christ today, religion is a distinct element of life, usually kept well separated from other elements. There is family, work, school, recreation, rest, personal time, and oh yes, a little "God time." Not only is religion considered distinctive, it is isolated and not at all interconnected with other phases of existence.

That is a major factor in the phenomena of contradictory behavior. One may profess faith in the Bible as God's word, yet fail to follow its moral instructions – cursing, lying, and practicing dishonesty and immorality – without perceiving any problem. The fact is that the Bible is relegated to "Church" and is not perceived as having any application to the real secular world.

One has only to read Jesus' answer to the lawyer's question concerning the greatest commandment to recognize that this approach to religion is contradictory to his teaching. Rather we are to love God with all of our heart, mind and soul. That is not a part-time segregated

approach to faith.

Christian faith is not just something we do, it is who and what we are. It defines us, and therefore underlies all of our decisions, our thoughts, and our behavior. Notice how Paul utilizes this principle:

"Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others" (Philippians 2:1-4).

The apostle makes it clear: if there is any validity in the gospel message it must affect our relationships. It must determine the way we view and treat others. Otherwise it is of no value. One cannot claim to love God and be indifferent or hostile to the needs of others. Another apostle stated it even more plainly: "If someone says, 'I love God,' and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God Whom he has not seen?" (1 John 4:20).

This is true not only of love and relationships, but of every phase of life. Our faith in and love for God is all encompassing, affecting every aspect of existence. If it is genuine, it permeates our thoughts, speech, attitudes, and behavior. "And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him" (Colossians 3:17). If we follow these teachings, all of our time becomes God time.

NEWS & NOTES

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 1. FELLOWSHIP MEAL:** Today after AM worship. Last names M-Z are asked to setup & cleanup
- 2. PICTURES:** Members, we will be taking photographs for our member board & directory each Sunday in January. Please plan to have a picture taken of you & your family. Past photographs will not be used.
- 3. WORK NIGHT FOR THE MASTER:** January's work night will be on the 28th. Please join us for this time of laboring together & fellowship. We will celebrate January birthdays following work night.

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

James Cobette, Jr: 3613 Lake DesAllemands
Harvey, LA, 70058
504-322-2620

Deanna Royal: 4738 Laurel St.
New Orleans, LA 70115
504-223-4742

CONGRATULATIONS! Toilyn DeArmas finished high school in December & will graduate in May.

GRATITUDE: A note of gratitude from Betty Moss is on the board in the foyer.

REJOICE: We rejoice over penitent hearts who came forward recently. **Meijah Lieteau** repents for not doing as she should as a Christian. **James Cobette** was restored after repenting of past sins.

LAST WEEK'S RECORD

Attendance

Bible Study	65
Sunday AM	105
Sunday PM	55
Wednesday	47

NEEDING CARE & PRAYERS

Our Members & Visitors

Wilma Blache: Is grateful for God & her brethren at DeGaulle Drive, whose support & influence have enabled her to be a blessing to her family.

Roger Ferrell: Is scheduled this week to remove the stitches from his December surgery. Docs say everything looks good.

Dan Joseph: After Whipple surgery, extensive chemotherapy, & constant prayers, Dan is "cancer free." We thank God for Dan's progress & pray for him during his continued treatments, which include radiation & a different chemo drug.

Bill & Barbara Burchett

James Lieteau

Mae McKinney

Debbie Starr

Louise & Toni Sylve

LaTonia Brooks-Washington

Our Shut-Ins

Virginia Self

Elwanda Piskorik

Our Family & Friends

Family of Deena Baldasaro: Wes Arabie's aunt who recently passed away.

Mariano Gonzales Pauline Ferrell's ex-husband; had a stroke while hospitalized on the 12th. MRI's show no activity. Doctors have no options, & he is now in hospice care.

Marie Faye Hackney: The Arabies' new great-granddaughter. Family members suspect she is having seizures & are trying to see a neurologist

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

Nyanza: Sister of Voncile Lieteau; asks for prayers concerning her son Darrin's safety.

Maegan Brimm

Lance Ezell

Family of Joyce Harrington

Family of Wendy Johnson

Sharon Martin

Sean Schaff

Lillie Smith

The Snell Family

Morné & Amanda Stephanus

Ronald Woodruff

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

JANUARY 18

Sunday AM

Welcome:

Steve Tucker

Prayer:

Dick Grantham

Song Lead:

Howard Goodale

Communion Scripture:

Dick Grantham

Psalm 2:1-2

Lord's Table:

Paul Macaluso (2)

Sermon:

Scott Cain

Dismissal:

Wes Arabie

Sunday PM

Welcome:

Steve Tucker

Prayer:

Paul Macaluso

Song Lead:

Dick Grantham

Lord's Table:

Paul Macaluso (2)

Sermon:

Wes Arabie

Dismissal:

Glenn Bates

NEXT WEEK

JANUARY 25

Sunday AM

Welcome:

Wes Arabie

Prayer:

Jerome Riddick

Song Lead:

Dick Grantham

Communion Scripture:

Norm Starr

Acts 2:41-47

Lord's Table:

Paul Macaluso (2)

Sermon:

Scott Cain

Dismissal:

Troy Singleton

Sunday PM

Welcome:

Wes Arabie

Prayer:

Ron Landis

Song Lead:

Howard Goodale

Lord's Table:

Paul Macaluso (2)

Sermon:

Bible Readings

Dismissal:

Don Robinson

January 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat																									
28	29	30	31	1	2	3																									
4  First Day Of Pictures	5	6	7	8	9	10																									
11 Teacher's Meeting 	12	13	14	15	16	17																									
18 A.M. Fellowship 	19	20	21	22	23	24																									
25 Last Picture Day 	26	27	28	29	30	31																									
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