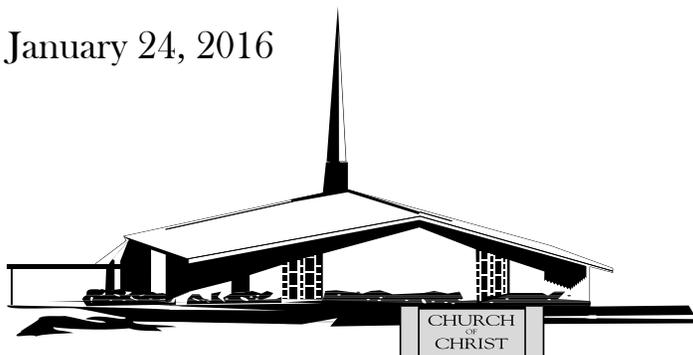


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DeGaulle Drive

CHURCH OF CHRIST

4700 GENERAL DEGAULLE DRIVE

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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

ELDERS

Wes Arabie	504-858-2881
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Howard Goodale	504-272-0502

DEACONS

Steve Tucker	504-812-2617
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 In Search of the Lord's Way
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PREACHER TRAINING:

Memphis School of Preaching

BUILDING A HOUSE OF PRAYER

Part 6

Allen Webster

FOR THIS CHILD HAVE I PRAYED

"For this child I prayed; and the LORD hath given me my petition which I asked of Him" (1 Samuel 1:27).

A 7-year-old boy in Sunday school suddenly exclaimed, "Can we hurry up? This is boring!" Immediately the little girl to his left gave him a sharp elbow to the side and rebuked him. "Shut up. It's supposed to be boring!"

Religion is not supposed to be boring, and for Bible school to be effective, it must not be boring. We can do better. We have to do better.

We must use every weapon we have to save our children. The devil has unleashed his full arsenal against them—drugs, alcohol, sex, materialism, laziness, pride, lust, humanism, relativism (cf. 1 Peter 5:8). It doesn't take a son of David to see the success the devil is having even among "our" children. Few churches keep even half of the young people who grow up going to our Bible classes and listening to our preachers.

What can the local church do? Many things—focus on strong preaching to build strong families that model genuine faith; give our best teachers ample time and unlimited resources to teach God's Word; send children to Bible camps, youth days, vacation Bible schools, and Christian schools; get them involved early and often in the work of the church; have parents and/or youth ministers plan things for them to do and, especially, teach them the Bible.

What can the average Christian do? What if you don't have any young people to bring to class... don't feel qualified to teach... can't write material or draw visuals... have little money to help finance the church's school... what else can you do?

Pray! If the army of God (the church) lets fly a constant barrage of flaming arrows against Satan's forces (cf. Ephesians 6:16), would it not help save our youth? If God's temple priests (all Christians – 1 Peter 2:5, 9) constantly burn the incense of prayer to the Almighty One Who sits "high and lifted up," would He let their petitions go unheeded?

Every Christian is to pray (Luke 18:1; 1 Thessalonians 5:17), but you may be in circumstances where you can devote more time to it than some others. Would you please consider helping the church make full use of prayer? If so, here are some ideas for prayer (see if it doesn't make a difference).

Pray for the Bible School. Pray for souls to be won through this most expensive and time-consuming program of the church. It will be worth every sacrifice if we can reap souls from the children "white unto harvest" (Matthew 16:26; 9:37; John 4:35). For a long-term goal, pray that attendance will increase to where a separate class is needed for each age up to college and that a certain number (set a goal: say 10, 20, or whatever is REASONABLY UNREASONABLE) will be enrolled in each class. For a short-term goal, pray that an overall attendance of 70 (a reachable weekly average) might be made this year.

Pray for the Teachers. Pray for teachers to be well-prepared and manifest

wisdom, love, and compassion (Ephesians 4:15). Pray for them to do their very best each time and avoid burnout or discouragement (Ecclesiastes 9:10; Galatians 6:9).

Pray that each will have the wisdom to discover in each child his special abilities and be able to find a way to create in each an interest in Christianity (James 1:5). Pray that our teachers will have the patience to nurture this spark into a glowing flame (Galatians 5:22-23). (Children are both minds to be molded and people to be unfolded.)

Pray that they will not favor any one child at the expense of others, realizing that often the least lovable child needs love more than the most loveable (Christ loved us when we were unlovable – Romans 5:8). Pray that the teacher will teach without partiality regarding a child's intelligence, religious background, race, personality, or wealth (Acts 10:34-35; 1 Timothy 5:21).

Pray for the Youth of the Church. Some older teens are like one little fellow who fell in the lake. Two Cub Scouts rushed home to their mother with tears in their eyes. One sobbed, "We tried to give him artificial respiration, but he keeps getting up and walking away." Some church leaders feel like this when working with young people: they've fallen into the world and as we try to resuscitate them, they keep walking away. We must start sooner and work harder.

Pray for each adolescent in the congregation by name and, when you know them personally, by personality. For instance, if you know a certain teen is shy or has trouble controlling his temper, pray specifically for that. If you believe one has a certain talent (for instance, if you think one could become an effective preacher, Bible teacher, or song leader), pray that God will use him/her for that. If one is in a dating relationship, pray that he or she will resist temptation and remain pure.

Pray for the organized activities and programs. Pray also that the youth group and Bible classes might grow, be effective in teaching God's Word, and that the parents will be dedicated enough to see that their young person is always present. Pray that these young people will learn to use their talents to become great servants to Jehovah and that He will use them to preach, teach, take the Gospel overseas, lead singing, and become good parents to the next generation of God's servants.

Pray that the young people will grow up to marry Christians (Genesis 6:2; Exodus 34:15-16; Deuteronomy 7:3-4; Joshua 23:12,13; Judges 3:6-7; 1 Kings 11:2; Ezra 9:1-2; Nehemiah 13:23-27; 2 Corinthians 6:14-17) and pass the Gospel torch burning brightly to their children and grandchildren (2 Timothy 1:5; 2:2; 3:15). Upon seeing each young person in the congregation graduate from high school, we can take quiet happiness in knowing that "*For this child I prayed; and the LORD hath given me my petition*" (1 Samuel 1:27).

One Sunday a preacher noted a small child turning around and smiling at everyone. He wasn't gurgling, spitting, humming, tearing the hymnbooks, or rummaging through his mother's handbag. He was just smiling. Suddenly his mother jerked him around, and in a stage whisper that everyone could hear, said, "Stop grinning. You're in church!" With that she gave him a slap on his backside, and as the tears rolled down his cheeks she added, "That's better," and returned to her prayer.

Here was a woman sitting next to the future of our civilization, the only hope, the only promise of infinity. If he couldn't be happy in church service with God's people, where was there left to go but the world?

Now is the time to pray. Now is the time to love. Tomorrow the baby won't need to be rocked, the toddler won't be asking why, the schoolboy won't need help with his homework, nor will the teenager be bringing his school friends home for some fun. Tomorrow the adolescent will have made his major decisions.

Pray today . . . and tomorrow . . . until Jesus comes.

NEWS & NOTES

LAST WEEK'S RECORD

Attendance

Service	2016	Last
Time	Goal	Week
Bible Study	70	63
Sunday AM	100	98
Sunday PM	60	52
Wednesday	60	55

Bible Reading

Reading Plan	2016	Last
	Goal	Week
Daily Readers	45	32
Bible in 2016	45	23
NT in 2016	60	27

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- SONG LEADING CLASS:** Will meet at **4:30 PM** today.
- POTLUCK:** TODAY after AM worship service. Last names A-L have setup & cleanup.

THANK GOD FOR SOFT HEARTS: Brother James Lieteau & sister Deanna Royal both responded to Christ's invitation recently expressing repentance & a desire for Christ to show in their words & actions.

NEWS N' NOTES: The church has received cards of gratitude from the families of Tommie Brock & Dan Joseph. These warm cards are posted on the News n' Notes board.

NEEDING CARE & PRAYERS

Our Members & Visitors

Patricia Joseph: Received the results of her MRI & will need an injection in her neck.

Jackie Keith: Received good results last week from her biopsy.

Voncile Lieteau: Asks for prayers for her family through difficult times.

Debbie Starr: Is getting more rest & has an increased appetite since having 3-liters of fluid removed from her abdomen on January 13th. Please pray that her energy levels continue to increase in the coming days.

Bill & Barbara Burchett
Family of Dan Joseph

John & Mary Cullum
Gelanda Riddick

Our Shut-In

Elwanda Piskorik

Our Family & Friends

Family of Allen Marshall: 65 yr-old son-in-law of Louise Fitzgerald; passed away unexpectedly at his Tulsa apartment.

Mia Paige: Brother of Justice Pitts; is currently incarcerated & is facing up to 25 years.

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

Roger Ferrel

Mary Macaluso

Allen Morris

Betty England

EJ Fisher

Quinn Merryman

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.

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

THIS WEEK

JANUARY 24

Sunday AM

Welcome:

Howard Goodale

Prayer:

Ron Landis

Song Lead:

Howard Goodale

Communion Scripture:

Jerome Riddick

Acts 2:41-47

Lord's Table:

Paul Macaluso (2)

Sermon:

Scott Cain

Dismissal:

Paul Macaluso (2)

Sunday PM

Welcome:

Howard Goodale

Prayer:

Keith Cooper

Song Lead:

Wes Arabie

Lord's Table:

Paul Macaluso (2)

Sermon:

Readings: 1Cor. 5-6

Dismissal:

Roland Keith

NEXT WEEK

JANUARY 31

Sunday AM

Welcome:

Wes Arabie

Prayer:

Don Robinson

Song Lead:

Howard Goodale

Communion Scripture:

Glenn Bates

1 Cor. 11:24-26

Lord's Table:

Paul Macaluso (2)

Sermon:

Scott Cain

Dismissal:

Troy Singleton

Sunday PM

Welcome:

Wes Arabie

Prayer:

Glenn Bates

Song Lead:

Howard Goodale

Lord's Table:

Paul Macaluso (2)

Sermon:

5th Sunday Singing

Dismissal:

Keith Cooper

January 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10  Teacher's Meeting	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24  A.M. Fellowship	25	26	27  Work Night	28	29	30
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GENERAL TEACHER'S MEETING:
Will be January 10th.

FELLOWSHIP MEAL: Will be January 24th after morning worship.

WORK NIGHT: Will be January 27th. We will celebrate January birthdays after work night.



DAILY BIBLE READINGS: Will begin with Genesis 1 & go through Exodus 40 in January.

<u>BIRTHDAYS</u>		<u>ANNIVERSARY</u>	
	16 Sandy Jones		23 Wesley & Cheryl Arabie
1 Debbie Starr	22 Holly Landis		
1 TeNeal Macaluso	22 Janice Carter		
2 Louise Sylve	23 Ronny, Jr. Landis		
9 James Lieteau	28 Martha Clark		
12 Don Robinson			
14 Marlene Carter			