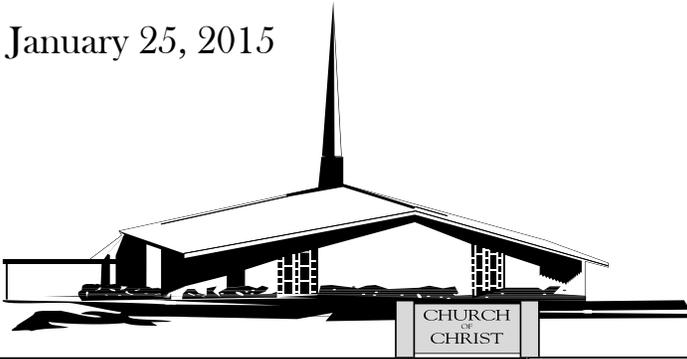


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DeGaulle Drive

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

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| Morning Bible Class | 9:00 AM |
| Morning Worship | 10:00 AM |
| Pew Packers | 5:30 PM |
| Evening Worship | 6:00 PM |

MID-WEEK

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

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

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

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Memphis School of Preaching

ART OF GIVING PRAISE

John Gipson

Psychologists tell us that one of the deepest urges in human nature is the craving to be appreciated. Thus, we contribute immeasurably to the happiness and success of others when we express appreciation for their work and worth.

We are also advised that the giving of sincere praise brings out outstanding benefits to the one who gives it. Thus, we contribute immeasurably to our own happiness and success when we express appreciation for others.

Observation teaches that the most successful people have mastered the art of giving praise. Giving honest praise is like "saying grace" at the table... very difficult to start, if it hasn't been our pattern. Here are some guidelines to get one started.

1. *Look for little things for which you can express appreciation.* We tend to wait for colossal achievements before uttering one word of commendation or encouragement. Rare and refreshing is the person who goes on a "treasure hunt," searching for little things to praise.
2. *Look for things close at hand for which you can express appreciation.* The human tendency is to see glamour in things at a distance and defects in things close at hand. It doesn't take much sense or perception to find fault with things and people close by. Conversely, it requires sensitive perception to detect the genuine worth of nearby treasures.
3. *Voice your appreciation.* It isn't that we don't appreciate others... It's just that, for some unknown reason, we are hesitant to voice that feeling. It is necessary to say nice things to have them do good... not merely think them. When we don't praise quickly, the impulse often fades away.

It may well be that one of the greatest duties you can perform this day will be speaking a word of appreciation.

"Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feeble-minded, support the weak, be patient toward all men" (1 Thessalonians 5:14).

- Slightly adapted

SINCERELY

When we write letters, we commonly end them with “Yours truly” or “Sincerely.” Have you ever wondered why?

The practice has its origins in ancient Rome. Roman sculptors often concealed cracks in apparently flawless marble statues with melted beeswax. When the wax dried and crumbled, the angry purchaser sought compensation. Reputable sculptors guaranteed their work as *sine sera*, which means “without wax” Hence, “Yours sincerely.” Likewise, we are called to be people of integrity whose words are true.

- *Slightly adapted*

- Taken from *Glad Tidings of Good Things*

THE WOODEN BOWL

A frail old man lived with his son, daughter-in-law, and four-year-old grandson. The old man’s hands trembled, his eyesight was blurred, and his step faltered. The family ate together at the table. But the elderly grandfather’s shaky hands and failing sight made eating difficult. Peas rolled off his spoon onto the floor. When he grasped the glass, milk spilled on the tablecloth.

The son and daughter-in-law became irritated with the mess. “We must do something about Father,” said the son. “I’ve had enough of his spilled milk, noisy eating, and food on the floor.”

So the husband and wife set a small table in the corner. There, Grandfather ate alone while the rest of the family enjoyed dinner. Since Grandfather had broken a dish or two, his food was served in a wooden bowl.

When the family glanced in Grandfather’s direction sometimes he had a tear in his eye as he sat alone. Still, the only words the couple had for him were sharp admonitions when he dropped a fork or spilled food. The four-year-old watched it all in silence.

Once evening before supper, the father noticed his son playing with wood scraps on the floor. He asked the child sweetly, “What are you making?” Just as sweetly, the boy responded, “Oh, I am making a little bowl for you and Mama to eat your food in when I grow up.” The four-year-old smiled and went back to work.

The words struck the parents so that they were speechless. Then tears started to stream down their cheeks. Though no word was spoken, both knew what must be done. That evening the husband took Grandfather’s hand and gently led him back to the family table. For the remainder of his days he ate every meal with the family. And for some reason, neither husband nor wife seemed to care any longer when a fork was dropped, milk spilled, or the tablecloth soiled.

“*There is a generation that curseth their father, and doth not bless their mother*” (Proverbs 30:11).

- Taken from *Glad Tidings of Good Things*

THE KICKER

Wade Webster

The place of the kicker in NFL history is an interesting study. For many years, kickers were not held in very high esteem. Consider the following:

In 1971 when Marc Levy went to the Washington Redskins to coach special teams for George Allen, there were only two full-time special team coaches in the league. Usually, special team duties were simply added to another coach’s responsibility and received little work. However, the next season when the Redskins blocked fifteen kicks, including one that pulled them to within seven of the undefeated Dolphins in Super Bowl VII, other teams in the league took notice.

The fact that Jan Stenerud was the only player in the Pro Football Hall of Fame solely for his kicking (until punter Ray Guy’s induction in 2014) speaks volumes about how kicking was viewed in the early days of the NFL.

If you are a professional football fan, then you know that a great deal more emphasis is placed on kickers and special teams today. Today, top kickers command multi-million dollar salaries. With just over 46 percent of games being decided by 7 points or less and 24 percent of games being decided by 3 points or less (in the last 20 years), the emphasis on kicking seems warranted. The kicker can be, and often is, the difference between a win and a loss.

I have told you all of the football facts to make a point. I am afraid that many congregations look at some of their members in the way the NFL teams used to look at kickers and other special team players. They emphasize a few “important” players but overlook others.

Of course, God in His wisdom has always emphasized the importance of every member. Paul emphasized to the Corinthians that the foot was not to say, “Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body” (1 Corinthians 12:15). Furthermore, the head was not to say to the feet, “I have not need of thee” (1 Corinthians 12:21). God put every member into the body for a reason. Every member in the body is important – even the foot.

The health and happiness of the body are dependent upon each of its members. Whether the team that we are a part of wins or loses will depend in part upon how we see the “little” members of the team. If we realize their importance and give time and attention to them, they will often make the difference in the success that we enjoy.

- *Slightly adapted*

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:** 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

LAST WEEK'S RECORD

Attendance

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| Bible Study | 75 |
| Sunday AM | 95 |
| Sunday PM | 56 |
| Wednesday | 48 |

NEEDING CARE & PRAYERS

Our Members & Visitors

Martha Clark: Had eye surgery last Thursday AM.

James Cobette: Recently fell & hurt his leg; doing well & is not in need of anything.

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

Bill & Barbara Burchett

James Lieteau

Debbie Starr

LaTonia & Brooks-Washington

Roger Ferrell

Mae McKinney

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.

Susan McDonald Meek: Mack Meek's mother; passed away early Saturday at age 96; her funeral will be this 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). instead has a broken back; he has a tumor on his kidney &

Family of Mariano Gonzales: Pauline Ferrell's ex-husband; died last week; his funeral was held on Friday.

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

Marie Faye Hackney

Sean Schaff

Morné & Amanda Stephanus

Lance Ezell

Sharon Martin

Lillie Smith

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 25

Sunday AM

Welcome:

Wes Arabia

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 Arabia

Prayer:

Ron Landis

Song Lead:

Howard Goodale

Lord's Table:

Paul Macaluso (2)

Sermon:

Bible Readings

Dismissal:

Don Robinson

NEXT 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:

Ron Landis

Sermon:

Scott Cain

Dismissal:

Howard Goodale

February 2015

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| 22  P.M. Fellowship | 23 | 24 | 25  Work Night | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| BIRTHDAYS  02/01 *Keagen James 02/07 Mariann Newton | | | ANNIVERSARY  | | | |
| 02/02 Sharon Macaluso 02/11 Chris Meek | | | | | | |
| 02/05 Joshua Patton 02/11 *Luke Cooper | | | | | | |

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.