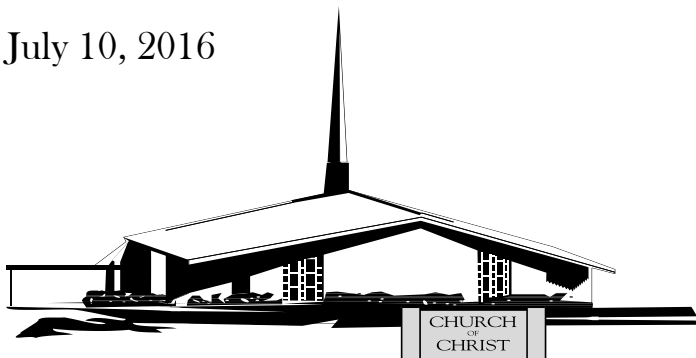


July 10, 2016



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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DEACONS

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CHRISTIANITY IS IN THE CONSTITUTION

DAVID MILLER

Those who insist that America was not intended to be a "Christian nation" point to the obvious absence of specific directives regarding Christianity in the federal *Constitution*. The popular propaganda since the 1960s has been that "the irreligious Framers did not want the nation to retain any attachment to the Christian religion." Such an assertion is a monstrous perversion of historical fact. The truth of the matter is that they were fearful of the potential interference by the federal government in its ability to place restrictions on the free exercise of the Christian religion. Consequently, they desired that the specifics of religion be left up to the discretion of the several states.

Nevertheless, we must not think for a moment that the federal Framers did not sanction the nation's intimate affiliation with Christianity, or that they attempted to keep religion out of the *Constitution*. On the contrary, **the Christian religion is inherently assumed and implicitly present in the *Constitution***. In fact, the *United States Constitution* contains **a direct reference to Jesus Christ!** Consider three proofs for these contentions (See *Constitution of the United...*, 1789).

First, consider the meaning of the First Amendment to the *Constitution*: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof..." We have been told that, by "establishment of religion," the Framers meant for the government to maintain complete religious neutrality and that pluralism ought to prevail, i.e., that all religions (whether Christianity, Islam, Buddhism, or Hinduism), though equally tolerated, must not be given any acknowledgement in the public sector. **But such an outlandish claim is absolutely false.** All one has to do is to go directly to the delegate discussions pertaining to the wording of the First Amendment in order to ascertain the context and original intent of the final wording (*Annals of Congress*, 1789, pp. 440ff.). The facts of the matter are that by their use of the term "religion," the Framers had in mind the several Protestant denominations. Their concern was to prevent any single Christian denomination from being elevated above the others and made the State religion—a circumstance that the Founders had endured under British rule when the Anglican Church was the state religion of the thirteen colonies. They further sought to leave the individual States free to make their own determinations with regard to religious (i.e., Christian) matters (cf. Story, 1833, 3.1873:730-731). The "Father of the Bill of Rights," George Mason, actually proposed the following wording for the First

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AUGUST 4TH-6TH
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is open to all members of the DeGaulle
Drive Church of Christ.

Please plan to be a part of
this wonderful weekend of
fellowship!!

Amendment, which demonstrates the context of their wording:

[A]ll men have an equal, natural and unalienable right to the free exercise of religion, according to the dictates of conscience; and that **no particular sect or society of Christians** ought to be favored or established by law in preference to others (as quoted in Rowland, 1892, 1:244, emp. added).

By “prohibiting the free exercise thereof,” the Framers intended to convey that the federal government was not to interfere with the free and public practice of the **Christian** religion—the very thing that the courts have been doing since the 1960s.

Second, consider the wording of a sentence from Article I, Section 7 of the *Constitution*: “If any Bill shall not be returned by the President within ten Days (Sundays excepted) after it shall have been presented to him, the Same shall be a Law, in like Manner as if he had signed it....” “**Sundays excepted**”? The government shuts down and does not transact business on Sunday? Why? If this provision had been made in respect of Jews, the *Constitution* would have read “Saturdays excepted.” If provision had been made for Muslims, the *Constitution* would have read “Fridays excepted.” If the Founders had intended to encourage a day of inactivity for the government without regard to any one religion, they could have chosen Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday. Instead, the federal *Constitution* reads “**Sundays excepted**”—proving conclusively that America was **Christian** in its orientation and that the Framers themselves shared the Christian worldview and gave **political recognition to and accommodation of that fact**.

Third, if these two allusions to Christianity are not enough, consider yet another. Immediately after Article VII, the *Constitution* closes with the following words:

Done in Convention by the Unanimous Consent of the States present the Seventeenth Day of September in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Eighty seven and of the Independence of the United States of America the Twelfth....

Did you catch it? Their work was done “in the Year of our Lord.” The Christian world dates all of human history in terms of the birth of Christ. “B.C.” means “before Christ,” and “A.D.” is the abbreviation for the Latin words “*anno Domini*,” meaning “year of our Lord.” If the Framers were interested in being pluralistic, multi-cultural, and politically correct, they would have refrained from using the B.C./A.D. designation. Or they would have used the religionless designations “C.E.,” Common Era, and “B.C.E.,” Before the Common Era (see “Common Era,” 2008). In so doing, they would have avoided offending Jews, atheists, agnostics, and humanists. Or they could have used “A.H.” (*anno hegirae*—which means “in the year of the Hijrah” and refers to Muhammad’s flight from Mecca in A.D. 622), the date used by Muslims as the commencement date for the Islamic calendar. Instead, the Framers chose to utilize the dating method that indicated the worldview they shared. What’s more, their reference to “our Lord” does not refer to a generic deity, nor does it refer even to God the Father. It refers to God the Son—**an explicit reference to Jesus Christ**. Make no mistake: the *Constitution of the United States* contains an explicit reference to Jesus Christ—not Allah, Buddha, Muhammad, nor the gods of Hindus or Native Americans!

Let’s get this straight: The *Declaration of Independence* contains four allusions to the God of the Bible. The U.S. *Constitution* contains allusions to the freedom to practice the Christian religion unimpeded, the significance and priority of Sunday worship, as well as the place of Jesus Christ in history. So, according to the thinking of the ACLU and a host of liberal educators, politicians, and judges, **the Constitution is—unconstitutional!** Go figure.

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1ST ANNUAL DEGAULLE DRIVE CHURCH OF CHRIST MEN’S LEADERSHIP RETREAT!

OCTOBER 13TH-15TH
Tickfaw State Park

FREE OF CHARGE & for all men of the
DeGaulle Drive Church of Christ.

The Earlier, the Better!

Thursday, October 13th, will be a day of
fellowship, preparation, & enjoying Tickfaw
State Park. Come out early & have some fun!

You’ll want to arrive AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE ON
Friday, October 14th, as we look at how we
can each become the leader God wants us to
be!

Please be part of this weekend
of fellowship & leadership.

NEWS & NOTES

LAST WEEK'S RECORD

Attendance

Service	2016 Time	Last Goal	Week
Bible Study	70	81	
Sunday AM	100	126	
Sunday PM	60	69	
Wednesday	60	55	

Bible Reading

Reading Plan	2016 Goal	Last Week
Daily Readers	45	34
Bible in 2016	45	27
NT in 2016	60	38

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- SONG LEADING CLASS:** Will meet today at 4:30.
- POTLUCK:** SATURDAY JULY 16th at the home of Ron & Paula Landis a 4:00PM.
- 1ST ANNUAL DEGAULLE DRIVE CHURCH OF CHRIST FAMILY RETREAT:** August 4th-6th at Fontainebleau State Park; free of charge & open to all members at DeGaulle Drive.
- MEN'S LEADERSHIP RETREAT:** October 13-15 at Tickfaw State Park; free of charge & open to all men of the congregation. Check back in the coming weeks for more information.

NEWS N' NOTES: Please see the board for notes of gratitude from Brandi Smith & Roger & Pauline Ferrell.

TRANSPORTATION: Please see Wilma Blache if you can give her a ride to any of our meeting times. She lives off of St, Bernard Ave in New Orleans East. 1401 Caton St..

NEEDING CARE & PRAYERS

Our Members & Visitors

Glen & Kyeosha Bates: Have received orders for Los Angeles, California. Their last month will be July. The remainder of their time here is expected to be very hectic as Glen goes to school for his new job & as they prepare to move.

Ed & Ruth Kaminski: Seeking prayers for spiritual strength as they look for work.

Lorraine Stephen: Was scheduled to receive a new pacemaker on July 8th. She will continue her recovery at the Goodale home.

Bill & Barbara Burchett

David & Roberta Callaghan

John & Mary Cullum

James Lieteau

Meijah Lieteau

Yvette James

Edward Jones

Sandy Jones

Lori & Christian Simmons

Our Shut-In

Elwanda Piskorik

Our Family & Friends

Kaiyah Alexander: 1 year old granddaughter of Yvette James; is scheduled to have both of her kidneys removed on July 20th. She will be on nightly dialysis for about 1 year & will hopefully receive a new kidney thereafter.

Mary Macaluso: Recently sustained a concussion. Needs prayers for recovery both spiritually & physically.

Sandra Martin: Former member of DeGaulle Drive; diagnosed with stage 4 cancer in the bones. Has visited MD Anderson in Houston for a 2nd opinion & hopes to get the results on the 18th; she has also completed radiation treatments for painful tumors on her spine

Ronnie Estrade

Teresa Frazzella

Kenneth LaGarde

Sue Mathern

Patricia Patterson

Courtney Sanders

Toni Sylve

Deployed Servicemen

Nathan Gillespie: Nathan, Dawn, Tempe, & Dalton as they make adjustments to move to Charleston.

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

NEXT WEEK

JULY 10

JULY 17

Sunday AM

Sunday AM

Welcome:

Howard Goodale

Welcome:

Steve Tucker

Prayer:

Ron Landis

Prayer:

Paul Macaluso (2)

Song Lead:

Howard Goodale

Song Lead:

Howard Goodale

Communion Scripture:

Roland Keith

Romans 5:1-11

Communion Scripture:

Jerome Riddick

Acts 2:41-47

Lord's Table:

Paul Macaluso (2)

Lord's Table:

Paul Macaluso (2)

Sermon:

Scott Cain

Sermon:

Scott Cain

Dismissal:

Wes Arabie

Dismissal:

Glenn Bates

Sunday PM

Sunday PM

Welcome:

Howard Goodale

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Prayer:

Glenn Bates

Prayer:

Roland Keith

Song Lead:

Ron Landis

Song Lead:

Wes Arabie

Lord's Table:

Paul Macaluso (2)

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Paul Macaluso (2)

Sermon:

Scott Cain

Sermon:

Scott Cain


Dismissal:

Jerome Riddick

Dismissal:

Keith Cooper

July 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 <i>Fellowship</i>
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 	28	29	30
31	1	2	3	4 <i>Family Retreat</i>	5	6
<p>BIRTHDAYS</p> <p> 21 Yvette James 31 Melissa Cain</p> <p>22 Markell Birden</p> <p>23 Paul Macaluso</p> <p>24 Latonia Washington</p> <p>25 Lila Roberts</p> <p>30 Khloe Oubre</p>						
<p>ANNIVERSARY</p> <p> 5 Glenn & Kyeosha Bates</p> <p>7 Keisha & Cornel Rogers</p> <p>22 Paul & Sharon Macaluso</p> <p>31 Tyrone & Jennifer Barthelemy</p>						

FELLOWSHIP MEAL:

Will be at the home of Ron & Paula Landis on July 16th at 4:00 P.M.

WORK NIGHT:

Will be July 27th. We will celebrate July birthdays after work night.

DEGAULLE'S FAMILY RETREAT!!!!

Will be August 4th-6th



READING THROUGH THE BIBLE IN 2016?

July begins with Proverbs 1 & goes through Isaiah 58-62. Please see additional schedules on the table.