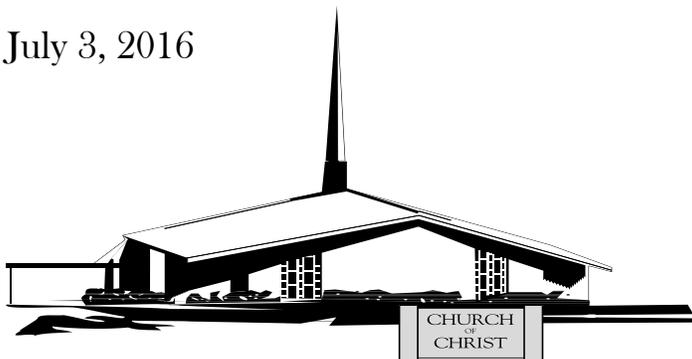


July 3, 2016



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

ELDERS

Wes Arabie	504-858-2881
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DEACONS

Steve Tucker	504-812-2617
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PREACHER TRAINING:

Memphis School of Preaching

BUT BEFORE THAT...

In 1992, when Governor Kirk Fordice stated unreservedly, "America is a Christian nation," the response bordered on hysteria. *But before that...* Congress declared 1983 to be the "Year of the Bible" and stated that the Bible, the Word of God, has "made a unique contribution in shaping the U.S. as a distinctive and blessed nation... Biblical teaching inspired concepts of civil government that are contained in our Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the U.S." (Public Law 97-280, Stat. 1211, approved 10/4/1982).

But before that... Former Chief Justice Earl Warren said in 1954 that the history of our country and the documents/charter exhibit the same objective: "A Christian land governed by Christian principles..."

But before that... Abraham Lincoln, April 30, 1863, appointed a National Fast Day and declared, "It is the duty of nations as well as men to own their dependence upon the overruling power of God, to confess their sins and transgressions in humble sorrow yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon, and to recognize the sublime truth, announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history: that nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord."

But before that... George Washington said on October 3, 1789: "It is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly implore his protection and favor."

But before that... The Mayflower Compact of 1620 was a covenant "in the presence of God," "In the name of God, Amen... by the Grace of God... have undertaken for the glory of God and advancement of the Christian faith."

But before that... Calvin wrote to the King of France in 1536, "Now, that king who in ruling over his realm does not serve God's glory exercises not kingly rule but brigandage [oppression]. Furthermore, he is deceived who looks for enduring prosperity in his kingdom when it is not ruled by God's scepter, that is, his Holy Word; for the heavenly oracle that proclaims that "where prophecy fails the people are scattered" (Proverbs 29:18) cannot lie."

BUT LONG BEFORE THAT... PSALM 33:12 SAID, "BLESSED IS THE NATION WHOSE GOD IS THE LORD..."

Taken from: <http://housetohouse.com/but-before-that/>

1ST ANNUAL DEGAULLE DRIVE CHURCH OF CHRIST FAMILY RETREAT!

AUGUST 4TH-6TH
Fontainebleau State Park

This Family Retreat is **FREE OF CHARGE** & is open to all members of the DeGaulle Drive Church of Christ.

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

Editor's Note: *The article below first appeared in this bulletin exactly 5 years ago. In the last 5 years, have things improved or worsened? In the next 5 years, will I be part of the problem or part of the solution?*

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL?

Eric Lyons

Have you ever walked the white, sandy beaches of Florida or hiked the hills of Tennessee? Have you stood at the base of a giant California Redwood or sat atop the Rocky Mountains overlooking the Great Plains? "From sea to shining sea," the United States of America is a beautiful country. As Katharine Bates wrote in the latter part of the 19th century, "God shed his grace" on this country of "spacious skies...amber waves of grain...purple mountain majesties" and "fruited plains." Few countries can claim so many diverse, splendid sights as America. Physically speaking, America is "the beautiful"! (How anyone can live in this blessed country and maintain "there is no God," is mindboggling).

Spiritually speaking, however, America has lost its moral compass. In reality, it is a filthy, ungodly nation. Instead of printing and disseminating Bibles (as did our Founding Fathers), which inform children that they are made in the image of God (Genesis 1:26-27), we print millions of taxpayer-funded textbooks that tell young people they came from slime. Instead of abhorring and detesting the sin of homosexuality (as did our first Commander in Chief ["George....," 1778] and as does God [Genesis 19; Romans 1:24-32]), our current President embraces the perversion of homosexuality. Instead of hating the shedding of innocent blood (Proverbs 6:17), many millions of Americans elect representatives who support the murder of innocent, unborn children.

Oh, but do not think that evolution, homosexuality, and abortion are the only spiritual diseases infecting this country. Rather than acknowledge fornication, adultery, and impurity as sin (Galatians 5:19-21; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10), most Americans, including many so-called Christians, embrace these actions as normal, fun, and innocent. Evil entertainment is more prolific and easily accessible than ever in our country's history. The number one downloaded song on iTunes only a few weeks ago was Brittany Spears' latest hit titled simply "3." What is "3"? Only a song about "gettin' down with 3P" (i.e., three people having sexual relations together at the same time). This former number one song glamorizes sin from beginning to end. Twice in the song Spears specifically mocks that which the Bible says separates man from God (Isaiah 59:1-2), saying, "Livin' in sin is the new thing (yeah)." How many people in this "Christian nation" are walking around singing this song? How many "Christians" currently have this song on their iPod? [NOTE: I spoke with a small group of Christian teens recently, one of whom admitted to having already downloaded this song on her cell phone.]

How is it that a television series largely about single women's sexual escapades (*Sex and the City*) gets nominated for 50 Emmy Awards (winning seven times) during its six seasons on television? Why are songs, television shows, and movies (e.g., *The 40-Year-Old Virgin*) that mock purity and celebrate sin so popular? Why is the fruit of the Spirit (faithfulness, gentleness, self-control, etc.) continually ridiculed, while the works of the flesh (sexual immorality, impurity, debauchery, etc.) are constantly paraded as acceptable lifestyles of "good people"? Because most Americans, even many "Christian" Americans, have forgotten God and grown accustomed to calling "evil

good, and good evil" (Isaiah 5:20). Righteousness is ridiculed regularly, while sin is celebrated incessantly.

America most certainly was founded by men who professed faith in God, read the Scriptures regularly, and made many proclamations and policies that closely mirrored biblical teachings (see Miller, 2008). America was not founded by Muslims, Hindus, or Buddhists. Our Founding Fathers claimed to be Christians, and believed that the God of the Bible was instrumental in the establishment of this nation. At one time in our country's history, atheism, homosexuality, adultery, lewdness, etc. were considered repulsive and rarely celebrated publicly. Today, however, America is far from being a "Christian nation." We live in a physically beautiful, God-given country which, sadly, is filled with ungrateful, ungodly non-believers and hypocritical "Christians."

May God help the faithful children of God (1) to keep "unspotted from the world" (James 1:27), while (2) reflecting the light of Jesus Christ to a sin-stained country in need of a great spiritual awakening.

"Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people" (Proverbs 14:34).

"Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; who put darkness for light and light for darkness; who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter" (Isaiah 5:20).

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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!

NEWS & NOTES

LAST WEEK'S RECORD

Attendance

Service Time	2016 Goal	Last Week
Bible Study	70	63
Sunday AM	100	115
Sunday PM	60	57
Wednesday	60	62

Bible Reading

Reading Plan	2016 Goal	Last Week
Daily Readers	45	38
Bible in 2016	45	29
NT in 2016	60	42

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- SONG LEADING CLASS:** Will NOT meet today.
- 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.

THANK GOD FOR SOFT HEARTS: Justice Pitts responded to Christ's invitation last Sunday, repenting for sin & rebellion against God & seeking the prayers of the Lord's saints.

WEEP WITH THEM THAT WEEP: Lori Simmons is grateful for the love & support she received from the church, especially after sharing her struggles with her brethren last Sunday night. Please pray for Lori & her son Christian (CC) as Lori bravely holds God's hand following the sensitive circumstances surrounding the passing of her late husband. She wants CC to associate the church with joy, & we can help her by not discussing this sensitive matter with her in CC's presence. **If you were absent last Sunday evening & wish to encourage Lori in the BEST possible way,** please see **ONLY** Howard, Wes, or Scott, & they can share with you the hardships that Lori chose to share with the church.

NEEDING CARE & PRAYERS

Our Members & Visitors

Edward Jones: Achilles Tendon repair on June 7th.

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: Is back after breaking a leg in a fall in Tennessee two weeks ago. She is scheduled to get a new pacemaker on July 8.

Bill & Barbara Burchett

David & Roberta Callaghan

John & Mary Cullum

James Lieteau

Meijah Lieteau

Yvette James

Sandy Jones

Our Shut-In

Elwanda Piskorik

Our Family & Friends

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

Teresa Frazzella: Sister of Yvette James; had her gallbladder removed.

Sandra Martin: Former member of DeGaulle Drive; diagnosed with stage 4 cancer in the bones. Has an appointment at MD Anderson in Houston for a 2nd opinion; she is also scheduled for several more radiation treatments for painful tumors on her spine

Ronnie Estrade

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 3

JULY 10

Sunday AM

Sunday AM

Welcome:

Wes Arabie

Welcome:

Howard Goodale

Prayer:

Don Robinson

Prayer:

Ron Landis

Song Lead:

Wes Arabie

Song Lead:

Howard Goodale

Communion Scripture:

Paul Macaluso (2)

Colossians 1:15-20

Communion Scripture:

Roland Keith

Romans 5:1-11

Lord's Table:

Paul Macaluso (2)

Lord's Table:

Paul Macaluso (2)

Sermon:

Scott Cain

Sermon:

Scott Cain

Dismissal:

Keith Cooper

Dismissal:

Wes Arabie

Sunday PM

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Welcome:

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Prayer:

Paul Macaluso (2)

Prayer:

Glenn Bates

Song Lead:

Scott Cain

Song Lead:

Ron Landis

Lord's Table:

Paul Macaluso (2)

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Paul Macaluso (2)

Sermon:

Jeff Brauer

Sermon:

Scott Cain

Dismissal:

Roland Keith

Dismissal:

Jerome Riddick

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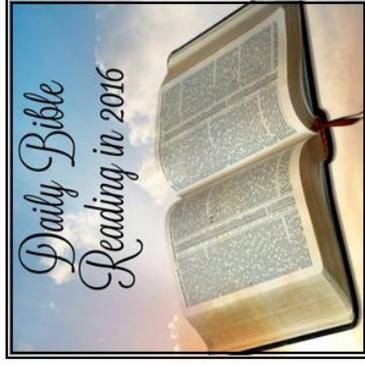
FELLOWSHIP MEAL:

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.