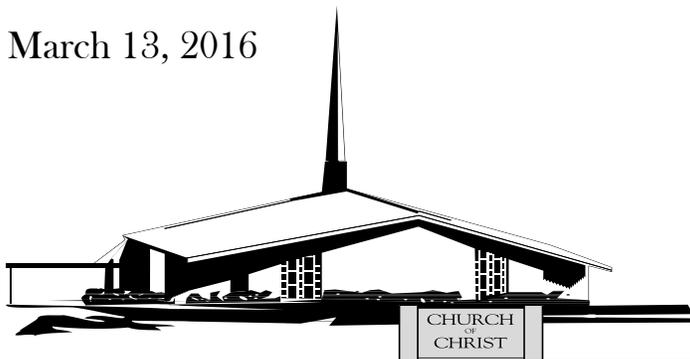


March 13, 2016



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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Howard Goodale	504-272-0502

DEACONS

Steve Tucker	504-812-2617
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Wes Arabie	504-858-2881

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In Search of the Lord's Way
The Old Landmarks
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curry.monta@gmail.com

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RCIndia@sonet.net

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Memphis School of Preaching

TO THOSE WHO SERVE AS LEADERS AS WE WORSHIP

It's a great privilege & responsibility to serve in a leadership role during a worship assembly. Please be sure to check the "Men to Serve" schedule on page three so as to stay abreast of the next time you have the opportunity to serve. Also, if you are scheduled to serve during a service, please be sure to arrive no later than 5 minutes before the scheduled service begins. Thank you!

WHERE TO TURN WHEN THERE IS NOWHERE TO TURN

Allen Webster

Abe Lincoln said, 'I have often been driven to my knees by the sincere conviction that there was no where else to go.'

The nobleman from Capernaum whose son was about to die had just about given up hope (John 4:46-54). The baby he had first held shortly after birth, the boy he had wrestled with on the floor of their living room, the son he hoped would care for him in his old age, was about to precede him through death's door.

Perhaps friends came by and told him about a miracle they had seen at a relative's wedding at

Cana some weeks before. News about Jesus often spread fast to those who had needs (Mark 2:1-3; Mark 6:55-56; Mark 10:47). This man Jesus could do some amazing things. Maybe He could help the boy.

At first, he likely dismissed it as wishful thinking, but then he came to see it as his last ray of hope. What could it hurt anyway? He could ask. All Jesus could do is say, 'No,' or try and fail. Either way, it couldn't hurt. The boy was dying anyway. Besides, just maybe ... So 'when he heard that Jesus was come ... into Galilee, he went unto him' (John 4:47).

YOU'LL GET THERE ...

If you haven't yet been to the place where you didn't know where to turn, you'll get there. You will be in a hospital waiting room or a funeral home or a police station or at the scene of an accident or a doctor's office or bank or courtroom, and know (perhaps for the first time) that you don't have all the answers.

Man is born to trouble (Job 5:7; Genesis 13:17-19; Ecclesiastes 2:17, Ecclesiastes 2:23; John 14:1-2; cf. 1 Corinthians 10:13). 'Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble' (Job 14:1). Like this nobleman, it may involve your son or daughter. While Jesus was on earth He was often approached by parents who were desperate for help with their children (Matthew 9:18; Luke 15:22; Luke 17:14-15; Luke 7:2). Some of the most heart-gripping requests in Scripture come from parents who had sick children (Luke 8:41-42; Mark 5:23, Mark 5:35-36).

The natural question at such a time is, 'Why? Why?' The word why is found 282 times in the Bible. Job asked, 'Why died I not from the womb?' (Job 3:11-23). Gideon asked it (Judges 6:13). The psalmist asked it (Psalm 42:9; cf. Psalm 27:9; Psalm 71:11). Jeremiah asked, 'Wherefore dost thou forget us for ever?' (Lamentations 5:20;

cf. Lamentations 1:12). Jesus asked it: 'Why hast thou forsaken me?' (Matthew 27:46; Mark 15:34). It is still asked by a thousand passionate voices.

1. From the sick room – 'Why this illness?'
2. From the cemetery – 'Why this death?'
3. From blood-soaked battlefields – 'Why this loss?'
4. From the lips of the oppressed – 'Why this suffering?'
5. From the burdened – 'Why this weight?'

But remember, why is an easy question to ask and a hard question to answer. God's people live on promises, not on explanations. Nowhere in his book does Job deny the Lord, curse Him, or question His holiness or His power. In fact, God's justice was Job's real problem: how could such a holy God permit such awful calamity?

Riches, power, influence, station, and education do not exempt us from such trouble (Job 1:3; Deuteronomy 8:5-20; Proverbs 23:5). The father of the sick boy in Capernaum was a nobleman, yet his son still got sick. Think of Abraham, David, and Solomon, who all had both riches and troubles.

AND GOD WILL ALREADY BE THERE ...

One day you may find yourself in a similar situation and you will think, 'I'm in deep trouble. What am I going to do? Who can help me now?' There may be a parent to ask or a friend to call or an elder to counsel, but sometimes they are just as helpless as we are. Jeremiah said, 'O Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps' (Jeremiah 10:23).

God is everywhere; therefore, He is near everyone (Psalm 139:7-12). But there is a special sense in which God is with His children (1 Peter 3:12; Psalm 23:3-4; Isaiah 43:2-4). Was God not present in Daniel's den of lions? (Daniel 6:1). Was God not present in Shadrach, Meshech, and Abednego's fiery furnace? (Daniel 3:1). Was God not present in Paul's Philippian jail? (Acts 16:1).

It is at times like these that the Lord invites, 'Call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me' (Psalm 50:15; cf. Psalm 78:34). God is there for His people in trouble.

The psalmist said, 'God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble' (Psalm 46:1). God is a Helper—a present Helper; a Helper that can be found; a willing Helper; and a Helper that is always near. We could not even invent a better Helper: He knows everything, has every power, is everywhere, and loves everybody!

Jesus turned to the Father in prayer in life's hard spots. While on the cross our Lord addressed God three times—first, fourth, and final statements. His first, middle, and last thoughts were on His Father. It does not surprise us that the first word that Jesus uttered on His cross was a prayer, for prayer had been His habit from youth. We expect to hear Him pray under these frightening circumstances. Even those who refuse to pray when the sea is smooth, generally pray when their sea is whipped by a storm.

We should not give up hope, even when life gets dark. If we feel God is not paying us any attention, we should read the passages that say He remembers us (Genesis 8:1; cf. Psalm 106:4; Luke 23:42). There are times when God seems to hide

Himself, but we may rest assured that He is there (Job 23:3; Psalm 10:1; Psalm 13:1-3; Psalm 89:46; Isaiah 8:17; Isaiah 45:15; 1 Timothy 6:16).

For Job, God seemed to stand at a distance and frown upon him. Job thought that he wanted to argue with God, but when he got the chance, he declined (Job 40:1-5; cf. Psalm 43:1). Where can we find the Almighty? (Job 23:3; Isaiah 55:6-7; 2 Corinthians 5:19-20; Hebrews 4:16). 'Blessed be God, we may know where to find Him. He is in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself; and upon a mercy-seat, waiting to be gracious' (Matthew Henry, Comments on Job 23).

BUT BEFORE YOU GO ...

We need to develop faith in God before tragedy comes. Since trouble can come to any life at any time, now is the time to act. We must prepare for the storm while the weather is still calm (Job 3:26; Psalm 143:11; Matthew 28:20; Hebrews 13:5). Sometimes trouble comes when least expected (Job 30:26; 1 Thessalonians 5:3).

If we refuse to listen to God's Word in good times, He will refuse to hear us in bad times. One preacher began a popular sermon with the words, 'You may find this strange, but I never want to hear God laugh. Why? Because it's always a sad day when God laughs.' The text was:

Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded; but ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof: I also will laugh at your calamity (Psalm 1:24-26).

The Bible mentions God laughing four times. Each time the one who hears it wishes he had not. If I hear God laugh, I must have:

- Rejected His counsel (Proverbs 1:24-33).
- Sided with a wicked ruler (Psalm 2:2-4).
- Mistreated the needy (Psalm 37:12-15).
- Persecuted the righteous (Psalm 59:2-8; cf. Psalm 7:1-8:9).

Go ahead, now, and get on speaking terms with God. He will be there for you later.

God was there for the nobleman's dying son; He was there for Job.

If you get to know God now, He will be there for you when you don't know where to turn.

- Slightly Adapted

FAMILY RETREAT!!

**1ST ANNUAL DEGAULLE DRIVE
CHURCH OF CHRIST FAMILY RETREAT**

August 4th-6th at 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 part of this wonderful weekend of fellowship.

NEWS & NOTES

LAST WEEK'S RECORD

Attendance

Service	2016	Last
Time	Goal	Week
Bible Study	70	57
Sunday AM	100	84
Sunday PM	60	53
Wednesday	60	51

Bible Reading

Reading Plan	2016	Last
	Goal	Week
Daily Readers	45	36
Bible in 2016	45	25
NT in 2016	60	36

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- SONG LEADING CLASS:** Will meet at **4:30 PM** today.
- GOSPEL MEETING:** Franklin St. in Gretna: March 13-16th with Derek Wilson as guest speaker.
- 1ST ANNUAL DEGAULLE DRIVE CHURCH OF CHRIST FAMILY RETREAT:** August 4th-6th at Fontainebleau State Park. This Family Retreat is free of charge & is for all members of the DeGaulle Drive Church of Christ. Please plan to be part of this wonderful weekend of fellowship.
- 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.

PANTRY NEEDS: *CANNED ITEMS:* chicken breast, potatoes (sweet & white). *OTHER ITEMS:* boxed juices, fruit, boxed meals, dessert snacks, small jars of jelly, toiletries.

Updates: The following updates are in the digital directory & Instant Church Directory App.

Elwanda Piskorik has been moved to a new care facility. Her mailing address is:

Elwanda Piskorik, Riverbend Rm. 509 B,
13735 Hwy. 23,
Belle Chasse, LA 70037.

Chris Meek's new work number is 504-391-1644.

NEEDING CARE & PRAYERS

Our Members & Visitors

The Starr Family: Our deepest sympathy is extended to the many friends & family of Debbie Starr. She passed away on March 8th after a courageous battle with cancer. Her memorial celebration was held yesterday.

Paul & Sharaon Macaluso: Request prayers as Paul is seeking new employment.

Bill & Barbara Burchett

Toilyn DeArmas

James Lieteau

Voncile Lieteau

Charles & Pam White

John & Mary Cullum

Family of Dan Joseph

Family of Dianne Mason

Lillie Smith

Our Shut-In

Elwanda Piskorik

Our Family & Friends

Nancy Cash: Dearest childhood friend of Ewlene Harris; recently diagnosed with cancer again after 20 years in remission

Lisa Cormier: Cousin of Keith Cooper; recovering from surgery & other health issues.

Carol Fisher: Friend of Gelanda Riddick; request prayers for health concerns.

Joby Smith, Jr.: Grandson of Wes & Cheryl Arabie; needs prayers & encouragement. His mailing address can be found on the News & Notes boards. Please send your kind thoughts to him.

Kaiyah Alexander

Robyn Cox

Linda Greathouse

Quinn Merryman

Mia Paige

Brandi Smith

Family of Donna Breaux

EJ Fisher

Seth Loy

Allen Morris

Joe Peek

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

MARCH 13

Sunday AM

Welcome:

Howard Goodale

Prayer:

Wes Arabie

Song Lead:

Howard Goodale

Communion Scripture:

Roland Keith

1 Cor. 10:15-17

Lord's Table:

Paul Macaluso (2)

Sermon:

Scott Cain

Dismissal:

Keith Cooper

Sunday PM

Welcome:

Howard Goodale

Prayer:

Howard Goodale

Song Lead:

Wes Arabie

Lord's Table:

Paul Macaluso (2)

Sermon:

Scott Cain

Dismissal:

Ron Landis

NEXT WEEK

MARCH 20

Sunday AM

Welcome:

Steve Tucker

Prayer:

Jerome Riddick

Song Lead:

Howard Goodale

Communion Scripture:

Glenn Bates

Luke 23:13-25

Lord's Table:

Paul Macaluso (2)

Sermon:

Scott Cain

Dismissal:

Wes Arabie

Sunday PM

Welcome:

Steve Tucker

Prayer:

Paul Macaluso (2)

Song Lead:

James Cobette

Lord's Table:

Paul Macaluso (2)

Sermon:

Scott Cain

Dismissal:

Glenn Bates

March 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 Hollywood Road Ladies Day
6 Hollywood Rd. Gospel Meeting	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Franklin St. Gospel Meeting	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 AM Fellowship	21	22	23  Work Night	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

BIRTHDAYS		ANNIVERSARY	
2	Lorraine Stephen	25	Nikki Rogers
4	Elwanda Piskorik		
5	Margaret Robinson		
12	Ronny Landis, III		
12	Wilma Blaché		
12	Debbie Bychurch		
19	Nya Athanase		
19	Tyrone Barthelemy		
21	Walker Cain		
			05 Jerome & Gelande Riddick

HOLLYWOOD ROAD LADIES DAY:
March 5th. Registration begins at 8:30 AM.

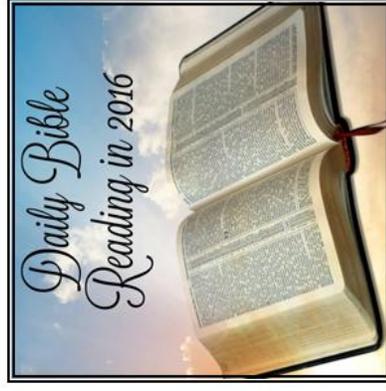
HOLLYWOOD RD GOSPEL MEETING: March 6th—9th. See board for details. .

FRANKLIN ST. GOSPEL MEETING:
March 13th—16th. See board for details.

FELLOWSHIP MEAL: March 20th after AM worship. A-L

WORK NIGHT: Will be March 23rd.

Please Remember



READING THROUGH THE BIBLE IN 2016P March begins with Joshua 1 & goes through 2 Samuel 24. Please see additional schedules on the table.