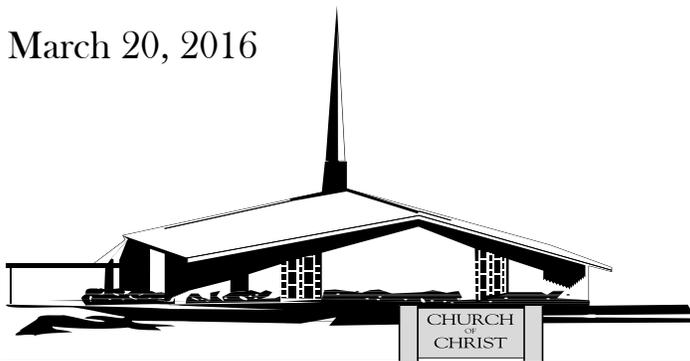


March 20, 2016



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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LIFE'S REMOTE CONTROL

Allen Webster

One young girl was asked to recite the fruit of the Spirit. She answered, "Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and *remote* control..." (cf. Galatians 5:22-23). It might be easier if there was an omnipotent hand pressing the buttons to direct our lives, but it does not work that way—we must have *self*-control. The Bible says to add "temperance" to faith (1 Peter 1:6). Temperance is "self-control."¹

WE MUST CONTROL OUR TONGUES.

Speech is a powerful tool—either for good or for evil. With it we can praise God, or we can curse Him. With it we can teach others the Good News, or we can teach false doctrine. With it we can encourage a brother, or we can discourage him. The tongue can say, "I love you" to a spouse or child, but the same organ can say, "I hate you" to an enemy. James addressed these possible discrepancies: "...*the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God. Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be*" (James 3:8-10). We must not use our tongues for constant complaining. It's easy to find something to criticize; it takes a mature person to find something to compliment. Two kids sat down for lunch, and one opened his lunchbox and began to gripe. "Baloney again? This is the fourth day in a row! I'm sick and tired of baloney." His friend said, "I bet if you just tell your mom you don't like baloney, she'll fix something else." "Mom?" he replied. "I fix my own lunch!" The ancients said: "...*I will take heed to my ways, that I sin not with my tongue: I will keep my mouth with a bridle, while the wicked is before me. I was dumb with silence, I held my peace...*" (Psalm 39:1-2).

WE MUST CONTROL OUR TEMPER.

Anger should be held in by self-restraint (Proverbs 14:17; 15:18; 16:32; James 1:19). The Bible uses the word *anger* 234 times in 228 verses, which shows it must be a problem for Adam's race. The wise man said, "*He that hath no rule over his own spirit is like a city that is broken down, and without walls*" (Proverbs 25:28). Kipling said that it was the test of a man if he could keep his head when everyone else was losing his and blaming it on him, and if when he was hated he did not give way to hating. In sports we hear, "How a man plays the game shows something of his character; how he loses shows all of it." Joseph showed self-restraint when he faced his brothers (Genesis 43:31), but Herod did not when the magi tricked him (Matthew 2:16). Though Jesus preached about anger (cf. Matthew 5:21-14), the ten disciples who heard about James' and John's plan to be exalted became indignant (Mark 10:35-45).

WE MUST CONTROL OUR SEXUAL DESIRES (Matthew 15:9; Titus 2:12).

Times have changed. One mother said she had scoffed at the idea of a generation gap—until recently. When talking to her pre-teen daughter, she mentioned how important it was to be *chaste*. "But why, Mom?" she asked. "I'd rather do the chasing myself instead of being chased." That's a problem today—too many are more interested in being *chased* than *chaste*. The book, *The Day America Told the Truth*, reported: "Almost one-third of all married Americans (31%) have had or are now having an affair. This isn't a number from Hollywood or New York City. It's the

national average for adultery... American affairs last, on the average, almost a year... Only a minority of those who are cheating (28%) have any plans to end their current affairs soon... Today, the majority of Americans (62%) think that there's nothing morally wrong with the affairs they're having... Sixty-seven percent of us are tempted at least once a week" (p. 94-98). In a time when adultery is laughed about and fornication among teens is expected, we need more teaching about self-control. It seems many have forgotten what the Lord said about sexual sin.

Some adults are like a group of first graders in Sunday School. The teacher was a little nervous about trying to explain, "Thou shalt not commit adultery," and sure enough, a seven-year-old raised her hand with a question. She asked, "What does *commit* mean?!" People are asking the wrong questions. They are asking, "How can I get away with it?" instead of, "How can I avoid it?" They want to know, "How can I hide it?" instead of, "How can I elude it?" Solomon wondered, "*And why wilt thou, my son, be ravished with a strange woman, and embrace the bosom of a stranger?*" (Proverbs 5:20). God still warns, "...*whoso committeth adultery with a woman lacketh understanding: he that doeth it destroyeth his own soul*" (Proverbs 6:32; cf. Hebrews 13:4). Recent political scandals show the truth of this statement even in a modern age. Paul discussed self-control with another politician named Felix. His three points were: "*righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come*" (Acts 24:25). Paul made his point to the extent that this Governor "trembled." It is no wonder that Felix was terrified. He was a stranger to righteousness, knew no self-

MEN'S LEADERSHIP RETREAT!!

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

October 13th-15th at Tickfaw State Park

This retreat is free of charge & is 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!

We encourage everyone to arrive *as early as possible* on **Friday, October 14th**, as the men of DeGaulle Drive congregation will look at how each of us can become the leader God wants us to be!

Don't miss out on this weekend of fellowship & leadership.

FAMILY RETREAT!!

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CHURCH OF CHRIST FAMILY RETREAT

August 4th-6th at Fontainebleau State Park.

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Please plan to be part of this wonderful weekend of fellowship.

control, and was unprepared for the judgment. According to the ancient historian Tacitus, he was guilty of "every kind of cruelty, and lust, he exercised the authority of a king with the temper of a slave." The historian represents Felix as considering himself licensed to commit any crime with impunity (*Annals*, 11:54). The last of his three wives, the beautiful Drusilla, young daughter of Herod Agrippa I, was wooed away from her husband Azizus, king of Amesa. Thus Felix had been married three times and Drusilla twice. Sexual scandal among politicians is nothing new, of course; for that matter it's nothing new among citizens, either! All – great and small – will be judged by the same Book on the world's last day (John 12:48; Revelation 20:12-15).

WE MUST CONTROL OUR PHYSICAL APPETITES. Peter pled, "*Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul*" (1 Peter 2:11). In December 1993, a thirty-two-year-old man in Buenos Aires died of overeating. At death he weighed 660 pounds. Five days before he died, he ate an entire piglet for dinner, which put him in intensive care. To carry him to the hospital, doctors had to call the town's fire brigade. Any appetite that's out of control is dangerous, whether it is the appetite for food, drink, nicotine, money, or power (1 Corinthians 6:12). Take drinking, for instance. The Bible forbids drunkenness, of course (Proverbs 23:29-35; 20:1), but it forbids more than just legal intoxication (.10% blood alcohol level in most states). We should avoid even "looking at" (tempting ourselves with) wine in the cup (Proverbs 23:31); the wicked servant was condemned for "*drinking with the drunken*" (Matthew 24:49); and Paul forbade being "*drunk with wine*" (Ephesians 5:18), a word meaning, "to begin to be softened with wine." Paul also taught that Christians are not to associate with drunkards (1 Corinthians 5:11). While working as the chaplain for the Cub Scouts, one man asked the boys if they could name any of the Ten Commandments. They began to call out several, including, "Don't drink and drive!" It's not exactly one of the Ten Commandments, but it is pretty close.

Remember, life's only remote control is the one between our ears.

Endnote

¹The New Testament word (*egrateia*, from *en* and *kratos*) literally means "one holding himself in" and refers to subduing fleshly, sensual appetites. Chrysostom defined it as "mastering passion of tongue, hand, and unbridled eyes."

NEWS & NOTES

LAST WEEK'S RECORD

Attendance

Service	2016 Goal	Last Week
Bible Study	70	63
Sunday AM	100	95
Sunday PM	60	50
Wednesday	60	46

Bible Reading

Reading Plan	2016 Goal	Last Week
Daily Readers	45	37
Bible in 2016	45	31
NT in 2016	60	40

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- SONG LEADING CLASS:** Will meet at **5:00 PM** today.
- FELLOWSHIP MEAL:** Today after AM worship. Last names A-L have setup & cleanup.
- LADIES DAY:** Chalmette: April 9th with Dee Parramore 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.

Welcome!: Adrienne Ardoin has expressed her desire to be a part of the fold that meets here.

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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.

Paul & Sharaon Macaluso: Request prayers as Paul seeks new employment.

Gelanda Riddick: Diagnosed last week with asthmatic bronchitis.

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; requests 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 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

NEXT WEEK

MARCH 27

Sunday AM

Welcome:

Wes Arabie

Prayer:

Don Robinson

Song Lead:

Howard Goodale

Communion Scripture:

Jerome Riddick

Isaiah 53:1-12

Lord's Table:

Paul Macaluso (2)

Sermon:

Scott Cain

Dismissal:

Roland Keith

Sunday PM

Welcome:

Wes Arabie

Prayer:

Ron Landis

Song Lead:

Ron Landis

Lord's Table:

Paul Macaluso (2)

Sermon:

Readings: 1Cor 9-10

Dismissal:

Keith Cooper

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.

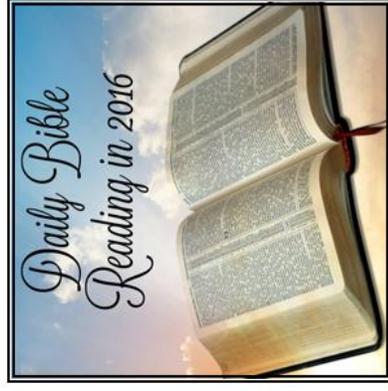
HOLLYWOOD RD GOSPEL MEETING: March 6th—9th. See board for details. .

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.