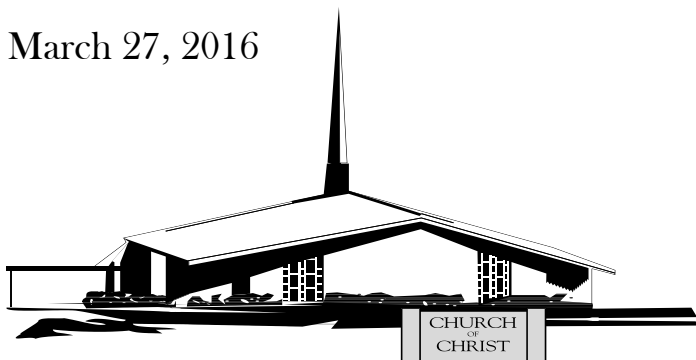


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DeGaulle Drive

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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IF GOD SAYS IT'S WRONG

Scott Cain

"I know what the Bible says, but..." These words, devoid of all spirituality, have passed from the lips of untold millions of people who claim to cling to Christ while simultaneously condoning, committing, or contributing to sin. There are various excuses behind this attitude: societal influence, past actions, money, family, & even poor Christian examples. Whatever the excuse, no person can embrace both worldliness and godliness at the same time: "No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other, Ye cannot serve God and mammon" (Matthew 6:24). Which do I love: Jesus or the world? If I love worldliness then I do not have love for God (I John 2:15). On the other hand, if I love Jesus then I am going to keep His commandments (John 14:15). I cannot just pick and choose the commandments that I like. Jesus said for Christians "to observe **all** things" that He has commanded (Matthew 28:20). If I love the Lord, then I will hold to the truth of His Word.

Jesus brought truth (John 1:17), & He made it clear that mankind can know & understand the truth. Truth is found in God's Word (John 17:17), & the sum of what God's Word teaches on a subject constitutes the truth (Psalm 119:160 - ASV). *The Bible* is our true standard for discerning good from evil & right from wrong. *The Bible* contains "all things that pertain unto life and godliness" (II Peter 1:3); *the Bible* teaches us how to be "approved unto God" (II Timothy 2:15); *the Bible* renders us "complete, furnished completely unto every good work" (II Timothy 3:16-17 - ASV). Therefore, by saying, "I know what the Bible says, but..." a person is actually saying, "I know what God wants & I know what is right, but I just do not love God enough to do it." For the faithful Christian, when God calls something wrong, there are no "but's." If God says it is wrong, it is wrong. If God says it is right, it is right.

That which God calls *wrong* does not become *right* just because society does it. God's truth is not dependent upon the majority's opinion. Why would I want to follow the majority when the majority will not enter God's reward? Jesus said, "Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and **many** there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and **few** there be that find it" (Matthew 7:13-14). Society's approval of murderous practices such as abortion & euthanasia does not make the deeds any less sinful (Genesis 9:6; Exodus 20:13; Matthew 19:18). Life is life & murder is murder, whether life is in the formative stages in the womb or the degenerative stages of old age.

That which God calls *wrong* does not become *right* just because I used to do it. Those who obey the gospel have repented; they have changed their minds about sin & thus changed their lives (Acts 3:19; II Corinthians 7:9-10; Romans 12:2). It can be difficult to oppose the very activities that we once openly espoused, but that is exactly what Christians must do. The world may cry "Hypocrisy!" over the former liar who opposes dishonesty or the former bartender who opposes recreational drinking, but while a particular sin may have been a defining characteristic of my past, the child of God is a new creature with a new life (II Corinthians 5:17; Romans 6:4). Christians do not continue to commit or condone sins of their pasts; instead, they put those sins exactly where they belong: in the past (I Corinthians 6:9-11; Romans 6:1-2).

That which God calls *wrong* does not become *right* just because I get paid to do it. Practically everyone would agree that since fornication is a sin (I Corinthians 6:18), it follows that prostitution is a sin. Since theft is a sin, then a Christian cannot be a career criminal (Ephesians 4:28). What about lying? Jesus condemned dishonesty in

the same breath as His condemnation of fornication & theft (Matthew 19:18-19). Some argue that a lie at work is acceptable if it helps to put food on the table. However, if my job requires me to be dishonest then I am doing the devil's work, not God's (John 8:44).

That which God calls *wrong* does not become *right* just because my family does it. "He that loveth father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me" (Matthew 10:37). If I do not love Jesus the most then I do not love Jesus enough. I demonstrate a lack of love for Jesus if I allow the false religion of my parents to stand between me & the pure, undefiled, & uncorrupted Gospel of Jesus Christ (Galatians 1:6-9). I also demonstrate a lack of love for Jesus if I choose to allow or turn a blind eye toward my children when they are "sowing their wild oats" rather than demonstrate a love for both God & them by doing everything possible to instruct them in the ways of righteousness. God loves my family even more than I do: He gave His Son to die for them (John 3:16). Yet God will not compromise truth, & neither can we. Are we really showing the proper love for our families if never do anything to lead them to Christ?

That which God calls *wrong* does not become *right* just because the preacher or the elders do it. Those who occupy roles of leadership in the Lord's church are still human, & they can make mistakes (I Corinthians 9:27; I Timothy 5:19-20). Follow the good example that others set, but only inasmuch as that example follows Christ (I Corinthians 11:1). If I allow myself to be misled or deceived, then I have failed to hold to God's Word (I Thessalonians 5:21; II Thessalonians 2:11-13).

God speaks to us through His Word. If God's Word says something is right, then it is right. If God's Word says it is wrong, then it is wrong. We cannot change the Lord (Hebrews 13:8). We cannot change His Word (Revelation 22:18-19). Let us be willing to change ourselves, to let God's Word change us, & to approach life in the manner prescribed by the Giver of Life.

A MERRY HEART DOETH GOOD

Washer Settings

One day, a housework-challenged husband decided to wash his sweatshirt. Seconds after he stepped into the laundry room, he shouted to his wife, "What setting do I use on the washing machine?" "It depends," she replied. What does it say on your shirt? He yelled back, "LSU Tigers!"

- Cybersalt Digest

WORSHIP GOD

Henry Ward Beecher, the famous pulpit orator, once had to be absent and his brother was invited to speak for him.

The church house was crowded, but when it became evident that the eloquent Henry Beecher was not going to appear, many started to leave. Beecher's brother was not disturbed. He stood up before the murmuring crowd, called for silence and said, All who came this morning to worship Henry W. Beecher may now leave. The rest will remain and worship God.

What are we doing in our assemblies? Some, like the Athenians, come only to hear the preacher say something (Acts 17:20-21). Is it relevant? Is it positive? Are mental guidelines used in judging sermons? Some attend to judge the singing, the prayers, or the friendliness of the congregation. These go away with a host of criticisms.

Why do we gather for worship? Some are here to get it over with for a week; to get their tickets validated once more. But those who are here because they need strength in carrying their crosses know the value of worship. Worship has nothing to do with the song leader or the talent of the preacher. It has to do with you and your God.

Norman Easter, *You and Worship, The Voice of Truth International*, Vol. 34, p. 55.

Oh come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. For He is our God. - Psalm 95:6-7

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!!

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	54
Sunday AM	100	86
Sunday PM	60	56
Wednesday	60	52

Bible Reading

Reading Plan	2016	Last
	Goal	Week
Daily Readers	45	31
Bible in 2016	45	36
NT in 2016	60	40

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- SONG LEADING CLASS:** Will meet at **4:30 PM** today.
- GOSPEL MEETING:** Chalmette April 3rd-7th with Scott Cain as guest speaker.
- 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.
- FRIENDS & FAMILY DAY/FELLOWSHIP MEAL:** Will be April 24th. M-Z are asked to set up & clean up.
- 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.

LADIES CLASS: Is cancelled on March 29th & will resume on April 5th.

WORK NIGHT FOR THE MASTER: March's work night produced 246 local mailings, 31 cards of encouragements, & 30 World Bible School Correspondence course mailings.

REJOICE: William Fitzgerald & Justice Pitts both responded to Christ's invitation recently to express repentance & to ask for the prayers of God's people.

NEEDING CARE & PRAYERS

Our Members & Visitors

Bill & Barbara Burchett
Toilyn DeArmas
Paul & Sharon Macaluso
Meijah Lieteau
Lillie Smith

John & Mary Cullum
Family of Dan Joseph
James Lieteau
Gelanda Riddick
Family of Debbie Starr

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.

Family of Clinton "Tony" Greathouse: George's older brother; passed away on Thursday after declining in health during recent months.

Linda Greathouse: Received good reports from her tests.

Family of Buddy Lavern: Nephew of Doris Lepine & cousin of Sidalize Tate; passed away.

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.

Kayah Alexander
Carol & EJ Fisher
Quinn Merryman
Mia Paige

Lisa Cormier
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 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

NEXT WEEK

APRIL 3

Sunday AM

Welcome:

Howard Goodale

Prayer:

Don Robinson

Song Lead:

Ron Landis

Communion Scripture:

Ron Landis

Romans 6:1-10

Lord's Table:

Ron Landis (2)

Sermon:

Wes Arabie

Dismissal:

Keith Cooper

Sunday PM

Welcome:

Howard Goodale

Prayer:

Glenn Bates

Song Lead:

Ron Landis

Lord's Table:

Ron Landis (2)

Sermon:

Readings: 1Cor 9-10

Dismissal:

Jerome Riddick

April 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 Chalmette Meeting	4	5	6	7	8	9 Chalmette Ladies Day
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 Friends & Family Day Fellowship Meal	25 DeGaulle Meeting	26	27	28	29	30
<p>BIRTHDAYS</p> <p>2 Joretta Foxx</p> <p>7 Michelle LaCaze</p> <p>16 Kiersten Kaigler</p> <p>25 Drew McKinney</p>						
<p>ANNIVERSARY</p> <p>28 Ronny Jr. & Holly Landis</p>						

CHALMETTE GOSPEL MEETING:

Will be April 3rd-7th. Guest speaker is Scott Cain.

CHALMETTE LADIES DAY:

Will be April 9th. Registration begins at 9:30 A.M. See Board for details.

FELLOWSHIP MEAL &

FRIENDS & FAMILY DAY: April 24th after A.M. worship, M-Z

WORK NIGHT: Will be April 20th.

DEGAULLE GOSPEL MEETING:

Will be April 25th-29th each evening at 7PM. Guest speaker is Glenn Colley.



Please Remember

READING THROUGH THE BIBLE IN

2016? April begins with I Kings 1 & goes through II Chronicles 36. Please see additional schedules on the table.