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DeGaulle Drive

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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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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In Search of the Lord's Way
The Old Landmarks
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IS THERE ANYTHING IN A NAME?

David Sargent

Ask "Talula Does The Hula From Hawaii." That was the name given to a little girl in New Zealand by her parents. The now 9-year-old girl has been so embarrassed at the name that she kept it from even her closest friends. She asked to be called "K" instead.

But she won't have to wear that name anymore.

A family court judge in New Zealand, Judge Rob Murfitt, made the 9-year-old girl a ward of the court so that her name could be changed. In his ruling the judge stated, "The court is profoundly concerned about the very poor judgment which this child's parents have shown in choosing this name. It makes a fool of the child and sets her up with a social disability and handicap, unnecessarily."

Sin causes each of us to have a bad name. Unlike "K," we have no one to blame but ourselves. It is because of our wrong choices that we incur the names "sinner," "transgressor," "offender," and "condemned." Sin ruins our reputations, disgraces us, separates us from God, and condemns us (Proverbs 14:34; Isaiah 59:1-2; Romans 6:23).

God wants to give us a new name. This new name, "Christian," does not mean that we are sinless, but it does indicate that we are forgiven. When we are given the name Christian, it reveals that our sins have been washed away by the blood of Jesus Christ, who died on the cross so that we might have the forgiveness of our sins (Ephesians 1:7).

We are given this new name when we believe in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turn from our sins in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confess Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and are baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of our sins (Acts 2:38).

The name Christian is to be worn honorably (1 Peter 4:16), for wearing the name brings the responsibility to live a life that reflects Christ.

Instead of "sinner," we can be called "saved" because of Christ! He will change your name if you will submit your life to Him.

Won't you?

SPECIAL NOTE

PANTRY USE:

The elders have instructed that all requests to receive items from the pantry are to go through the office. Please call if items are needed & they will be prepared for you prior to pickup.

HELLO, MY NAME IS LOSER

In 1958, a New York City father named Robert Lane decided to call his baby son "Winner." The Lanes already had several children, each with a fairly typical name, but Robert Lane apparently had a special feeling about this boy. Winner Lane: How could he fail with a name like that?

Three years later, the Lanes had another baby boy, their seventh & last child.

For reasons that no one quite explain today, Robert decided to name this boy "Loser." Robert wasn't unhappy about the new baby; he just seemed to get a kick out of the name. First a Winner, now a Loser. But if Winner Lane could hardly be expected to fail, could Loser Lane possibly succeed?

Loser Lane did in fact succeed. He went to prep school on a scholarship, graduated from Lafayette College in Pennsylvania, & joined the New York Police Department where he made detective &, eventually, sergeant. Although he never hid his name, many people were uncomfortable using it. To his police colleagues today, he is known as "Lou."

As for his brother, the most noteworthy achievement of Winner Lane, now in his late 40s, is the sheer length of his criminal record: more than 30 arrests for burglary, domestic violence, trespassing, resisting arrest, & other mayhem.

What's in a name? Names can reveal one's character & even shape it. Names can provide a goal for which a person may strive to achieve. By contrast, one can fail to live up to a name that he has been given.

What's in a name? There is conviction in a name that we all wear due to our wrong choices: sinner. "For ALL have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23).

What's in a name? There is salvation in the name of Jesus. "Neither is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

Jesus died on the cross to save us from our sins (Matthew 1:21). When we respond in trusting obedience by believing in Him (Acts 16:30-31), turning from our sins in repentance (2 Corinthians 7:9-10), confessing His name before men (Romans 10:9-10), & being baptized (immersed) in His name, Jesus gives us a new name: Christian.

Wearing the name "Christian" indicates that we have been forgiven of our sins, & it also gives us a goal for which to strive: Christ-likeness. God has promised that as a Christian walks in the light of His Word, He will continue to cleanse that one of his sins (1 John 1:7).

What's your name? Labels can hurt; titles can reward. But the name above every name is Jesus, & He wants to be your Savior so that He can give you a new name, a name filled with glory & honor as well as responsibility, the name "Christian."

LESSONS IN LEADERSHIP

**HOW TO PART
YOUR HAIR
WITH ATTITUDE** A lady woke one morning, looked in the mirror, & noticed that she had only three hairs on her head. "Well," she said, "I think I'll braid my hair today." So she did, & she had a wonderful day.

The next day she woke up, looked in the mirror & noticed she had only two hairs on her head. "Hmm," she said, "I think I'll part my hair in the middle today." So she did, & she had a great day.

The next day, she woke up, looked in the mirror, & noticed that she had only one hair on her head. "Well," she said, "I think I'll wear my hair in a ponytail." So she did, & she had a grand day.

The next day, she woke up, looked in the mirror & saw that there wasn't a single hair on her head. "Yay," she exclaimed. "I don't have to fix my hair today."

Attitude is everything!

"Whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."

A MERRY HEART DOETH GOOD

**LIFE
OBSERVATIONS
FROM LITTLE
ONES** **Marc (age 4)** was carefully observing a young couple kissing in a restaurant. Without taking his eyes off of them, he asked his dad, "Why is he whispering in her mouth?"

James (4) listened to his father tell of a Bible event: "The man named Lot was warned to take his wife & flee out of the city, but his wife looked back & turned to salt." James asked, "What happened to the flea?"

Tammy (4) & her mother met an elderly, wrinkled woman her mom knew. Tammy looked for a while & then asked, "Why doesn't your skin fit your face?"

Connor (age 4) went with his father to visit an elderly member of the church. During the visit Connor observed, "Dad, she smells like roast beef!"

His horrified father managed to divert attention from the comment. As soon as they left, he told the boy, "Son, it's not nice to say a person smells like roast beef."

Realizing his intentions were misunderstood, Connor clarified: "But Dad," he said, "I *like* roast beef!"

