

November 22, 2015



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 (September—May)	10:00 AM
Wednesday Bible Class	7:00 PM

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BE YE THANKFUL

Thanksgiving: it is the time of year when the collective focus of America considers the abundance of blessings that have been bestowed upon her citizens. The basis of this national holiday is generally thought to go back 394 years to the celebration of the Plymouth Plantation in 1621 (although some claim that the first 'thanksgiving feast' occurred in St. Augustine, Florida in 1565). While the national observance of Thanksgiving comes once every year, children of God have reason to offer thanksgiving to God every day. A daily and continual offering of gratitude to the Father is a repeated detail of scripture. "*Giving thanks **always** for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ*" (Ephesians 5:20). "*And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body, and be ye thankful*" (Colossians 3:15).

God's Word repeatedly exhorts God's children to be thankful (Psalm 100:4; 140:13). Regardless of the circumstances, there is always a reason to be grateful to God, Who provides every good thing in life (James 1:17). "*Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus*" (Philippians 4:6-7). Paul was in a Roman prison when he wrote these words, yet neither his chain nor his pain caused him to complain. Instead, Paul was grateful for the opportunity to be a Christian, a preacher, and a teacher (1 Timothy 1:12-15; Ephesians 3:8). He had learned to look beyond his obstacles and weaknesses, to focus on Christ, and to be thankful (2 Corinthians 12:8-10; Colossians 3:15; Philippians 4:11-12). Paul's gratitude toward Christ enabled him to face whatever the future might bring, and thus he could confidently say, "*I can do all things through Christ, Which strengtheneth me*" (Philippians 4:13).

The greatest hindrances to gratitude involve selfishness. Paul's focus on the Savior instead of self caused him to be thankful even in the face of adversity. In modern society, however, there is a focus on *self* instead of the Savior. This is not a new occurrence; throughout the centuries ingratitude has been characteristic of those who refuse to serve God (Romans 1:21). This selfishness manifests itself in a number of ways. Some have a sense of entitlement and believe that society *owes* them something; instead of saying "thank you," these individuals are more likely to say "it's about time" or "here's what you can get for me now." Some possess jealousy and envy, and they are too busy worrying about how to "keep up with the Joneses" to stop and appreciate those things that they already have. Still others harbor too much pride and arrogance to express any sincere gratitude; for people such as this, a show of appreciation is an indication of inferiority.

Selfishness can also manifest itself in self-reliance. Self-reliant people are more than willing to do their fair share of work, they are not driven to

acquire material things just because they envy their neighbors, and they are not too proud to realize that some things are beyond their abilities. The problem among the self-reliant is the "I Earned It" mentality; they believe that they earned everything in their lives by the sweat of the brow, and they fail to realize that God brought His generosity to fruition through their toiling. The self-reliant may not always be the wealthiest people in the world, but this mindset was the problem of the rich fool who planned to build larger barns (Luke 12:13-21). Instead of giving credit to God for his riches, he was focused on all that *he* had accomplished in the past and all that *he* planned to accomplish in the future. He was too busy being greedy to be grateful, and he was too busy gathering to be generous; as a result, his soul was unprepared to meet his God (Luke 12:20-21).

God saves sinners by grace (Ephesians 2:8). Grace is unmerited favor: a gift. People are not *entitled* to salvation, but it is available to them if they will heed God's works of righteousness (James 2:26). Neither envy, jealousy, arrogance, nor pride will gain salvation, but selflessness and humility will (James 4:10). While God expects man to do works of righteousness (James 2:26), man must remember that all of the works of righteousness in the world to not *merit* God's grace: it is a gift. Be grateful.

The righteous are grateful to God (Psalm 140:13). Selfishness prevents gratitude, and thus inhibits righteousness. As the nation celebrates Thanksgiving, let Christians be truly grateful unto God by focusing on the Savior instead of self.

CHIEF WISDOM

"When you arise in the morning, give thanks for the morning light, for your life and strength. Give thanks for your food, and the joy of living. If you see no reason for giving thanks, the fault lies with yourself."

- Tecumseh, Shawnee Chief

A MERRY HEART DOETH GOOD

CHILDREN ARE QUICK TEACHER: Glen, why do you get so dirty?
GLEN: I'm a lot closer to the ground than you are.

TEACHER: Now, Simon, tell me frankly, do you say prayers before eating?

SIMON: No sir, I don't have to; my Mom is a good cook.

TEACHER: Clyde, your composition on "My Dog" is exactly the same as your brother's. Did you copy his?

CLYDE: No, sir. It's the same dog.

TEACHER: George Washington not only chopped down his father's cherry tree but also admitted it. Now, Louis, do you know why his father didn't punish him?

LOUIS: Because George still had the axe in his hand.

TEACHER: Why are you late?

STUDENT: Class started before I got here.

TEACHER: Harold, what do you call a person who keeps on talking when people are no longer interested?

HAROLD: A teacher

AIN'T MISBEHAVIN' Preparing my five-year-old son, Keegan, for his first overnight sleepover, I explained, "Eat whatever is served, say thanks, and make sure you behave yourself."

"Oh, don't worry, Mom," Keegan replied. "I never sin at anyone else's house."

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MEMBERS & VISITORS

We thank you for being here today. Your presence is an encouragement to us all. Please take a moment to complete an attendance card from the pew in front of you.

ATTENDANCE CARD

Name: R. U. Heer Date: 2-Day

Address: 1714 Straitway Road
New Orleans, LA 70131

Thank you for helping us as we seek to edify each other in the way of the Lord!

NEWS & NOTES

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS:

1. **SONG LEADING CLASS:** Will meet today at 4:30PM.
2. **GENERAL ASSEMBLY:** There will be a general assembly on November 25th. All members will remain in the auditorium during our regular Bible class time.

WORK NIGHT FOR THE MASTER: November's work night produced 113 local mailings, 35 cards of encouragement, & 26 World Bible School correspondence courses. Thanks to all who participated, & to God be the glory!!

PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED: Due to space constraints in our pantry we ask that **ONLY** the following items be brought: canned tuna, chicken, & fruit, spaghetti sauce, mac & cheese, 1-meal dinners, shampoo, toothbrushes, women's deodorant, soap, & razors.

LAST WEEK'S RECORD

Attendance

Bible Study	62
Sunday AM	93
Sunday PM	N/A
Wednesday	34

NEEDING CARE & PRAYERS

Our Members & Visitors

Family of Tommie Brock: Tommie breathed her last Tuesday morning at 4:13 AM. Her funeral was held on Friday. She had turned 81 on Sunday.

Mary Cullum: Has had the flu & underwent an MRI on her shoulder. The MRI results show a torn rotator cuff.

Debbie Starr: Has begun radiation.

Dan Joseph: His cancer has returned, & he will be receiving chemo bi-weekly.

Bill & Barbara Burchett

Eugene Carter

Loretha "Bubba" Starr

Tony & Louise Sylve

LaTonya Brooks-Washington

Our Shut-In

Elwanda Piskorik

Our Family & Friends

Mike Roberts: Husband of Ann Roberts; had surgery & tests last Tuesday & it was confirmed that he does have cancer in his neck.

Tony Greathouse: Brother of George Greathouse; has a stomach infection & pneumonia. Doctors are running tests.

Joby Smith, Jr.: Grandson of Wes & Cheryl Arabie; needs prayers & encouragement. Please send your kind thoughts to him at the following address:

Tennessee Children's Home

Attn: Joby Smith

P.O. Box 10

Spring Hill, TN 37174

Kimi Miller & family: Friends of William Goodale; facing difficulty & needs prayers.

Mia Paige: Brother of Justice Pitts; doing well & has been reading the Bible

Kaiyah Alexander

Horace Ledet

Quinn Merryman

Allen Morris

Martha Ruddy

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

NOVEMBER 22

Sunday AM

Welcome:

Howard Goodale

Prayer:

Roland Keith

Song Lead:

Howard Goodale

Communion Scripture:

Wes Arabie

Luke 23:32-38

Lord's Table:

Paul Macaluso (2)

Sermon:

Wes Arabie

Dismissal:

Wes Arabie

Sunday PM

Welcome:

Howard Goodale

Prayer:

Don Robinson

Song Lead:

Howard Goodale

Lord's Table:

Paul Macaluso (2)

Sermon:

Readings: 1Cor. 1-2

Dismissal:

Ron Landis

NEXT WEEK

NOVEMBER 29

Sunday AM

Welcome:

Wes Arabie

Prayer:

Jerome Riddick

Song Lead:

Howard Goodale

Communion Scripture:

Roland Keith

Luke 23:44-47

Lord's Table:

Paul Macaluso (2)

Sermon:

Scott Cain

Dismissal:

Paul Macaluso

Sunday PM

Welcome:

Wes Arabie

Prayer:

Paul Macaluso (2)

Song Lead:

James Cobette

Lord's Table:

Paul Macaluso (2)

Sermon:

5th Sunday Singing

Dismissal:

Howard Goodale

