

November 29, 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	10:00 AM
(September—May)	
Wednesday Bible Class	7:00 PM

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Howard Goodale	504-272-0502

DEACONS

Steve Tucker	504-812-2617
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Gospel Broadcasting Network
In Search of the Lord's Way
The Old Landmarks
The Truth in Love

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RCIndia@sonet.net
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brauer@padovateam.org
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PREACHER TRAINING:

Memphis School of Preaching

KEEP YOUR FORK

DAVID SARGENT

A young woman was diagnosed with a terminal illness and given a short time to live. As she was getting her things in order, she asked her preacher to drop by to discuss her funeral.

She mentioned the songs she wanted to be sung, scriptures to be read, and a few other details. As he prepared to leave, she had one more request.

“There is one more thing,” she said.

“What’s that?” the preacher replied.

“I want to be buried with a fork in my right hand.”

Puzzled, the preacher asked, “Please pardon me, but did you say you wish to be buried with a fork in your right hand?”

She explained. “Yes. In all my years of attending church dinners and potlucks, I remember that when the dishes were being cleared, someone would remark, ‘Don’t forget to keep your fork!’ This was a reminder that something wonderful was coming, such as chocolate cake, banana pudding, or deep-dish apple pie. So when people see me in my casket with fork in hand, you can tell them that I expect something far better to come.”

The preacher’s eyes welled up with tears as he hugged her, knowing that this might be the last time he would see her. He also realized that she had a profound grasp of heaven.

At her funeral, scores of people walked by the casket, noting the fork in her hand. Over and over, the preacher overheard the question, “Why the fork?” He smiled but said nothing.

During the eulogy, he told the audience about the fork and about what it meant to the woman. Although a few were crying prior to the preacher’s remarks, not a dry eye remained after he explained the meaning of the fork.

The next time you grab a fork at a fellowship meal, hold on to it a few extra moments and remember that for the faithful child of God, the best is yet to come!

Sin doesn’t give that kind of hope: “For the wages of sin is death” (Romans 6:23). This is terrible news, since “All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23). But the good news (the gospel) is that God loves us so much that He gave His Son to die on the cross for our sins (John 3:16; Romans 5:8). Through Jesus, we can have the forgiveness of our sins, be reconciled to God, and rejoice in the hope of eternal life (2 Corinthians 5:17–21; Titus 1:2).

In order to accept God’s offer of salvation and eternal life, we must place our faith and trust in Christ (Acts 16:30–31), turn from sin in repentance (Acts 17:30–31), confess Jesus before men (Romans 10:9–10), and be baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of our sins (Acts 2:38). Then, we can “rejoice in hope” as we continue to walk in the light of God’s Word (Romans 5:2; 1 John 1:7).

As a child of God, you can keep your fork, for the best is yet to come!

A MERRY HEART DOETH GOOD

A COW WITH NO HORNS

“Mister, why doesn’t this cow have any horns?” asked the young lady from a nearby city on a field trip to the country.

The farmer cocked his head for a moment, then began in a patient tone, “Well, ma’am, cattle can do a powerful lot of damage with horns. Sometimes we keep ’em trimmed down with a hacksaw. Other times we can fix up the young’uns by puttin’ a couple drops of acid where their horns would grow in, and that stops ’em cold. Still, there are some breeds of cattle that never grow horns.

“But the reason this cow don’t have no horns, ma’am, is ’cause it’s a horse.”

TRAITS PASSED FROM PARENTS TO CHILDREN

A father, mother, and their three sons, John (the oldest), Mike (middle), and Steve (youngest), were conversing around the table after dinner.

The subject of traits of parents being passed on to children came up.

The father said, “John has my eyes, Mike has my creativity, and Steve has my intelligence.”

Steve responded, “Daddy, what’s intelligence?”

WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

A quaint inscription was found on a gravestone in an old British cemetery not far from Windsor Castle. It read:

Pause, my friend, as you walk by;
As you are now, so once was I.
As I am now, so you will be.
Prepare, my friend, to follow me!

A visitor read that epitaph and added these lines:

To follow you is not my intent,
Until I know which way you went!

That is a good thought, isn’t it? Where are you going when life ends?

WRITTEN IN IRONY PEN

On the grave of a British soldier appears the following inscription:

Here lies Captain Ernest Bloomfield. Accidentally shot by his orderly, March 2nd 1879.

Well done, good and faithful servant.

LESSONS IN LEADERSHIP

A FEW PARENTING SECRETS

Don’t get hung up on a job that keeps you away from home. Fewer things can lead to fewer hours of work. Keep in touch with your children. Cut away the heavy social schedule, so you can be at home to supervise (Deuteronomy 6:1–9; Proverbs 22:6).

Don’t get strung out. Stay away from liquor, sleeping pills, and drugs. Be normal, be “square” (Ephesians 5:17–18; Proverbs 20:1).

Bug them a little. Use strict but loving discipline. Don’t let them ride out the storm. Give them an anchor (Proverbs 13:24; 23:13).

Be dignified. Keep the dignity of parenthood. Don’t dress, act, or talk like the teens do. Children need a loving parent, not an adult who acts like a peer (Proverbs 19:18).

Take the world off their shoulders. Share your children’s problems. Let them know that your love for them is constant, and make your home a peaceful harbor (Psalm 119:9–16; Galatians 6:2).

Light them a candle. Show your children a living faith (Titus 2:7–8).

Shake things up when needed. Punish them when they first go wrong. Tell them why and convince them that more severe punishment will come if they disobey again in the same manner. Don’t punish them out of anger (Proverbs 13:1; Ephesians 6:4). When you punish your children in anger, you usually provoke them to anger.

Call their bluff. Stand firmly on what is right, even when your children threaten to run away or drop out of school (Ephesians 6:4; Proverbs 15:5).

Be honest with them. Tell the truth at all times. Praise your children when you can, but criticize when you must. Never keep your children in doubt of where you stand on important matters (Romans 12:9; Colossians 3:9; Ephesians 4:29).

Keep your cool. Don’t lose your head in every crisis. Children need confidence and a steady hand (Galatians 5:22–23; Ephesians 6:4).

“Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.” – Proverbs 22:6.

“Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is his reward. As arrows in the hand of a mighty man; so are the children of the youth.” – Psalm 127:3–4

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.

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.

NEWS N' NOTES: Please see the board for a note of gratitude from Paul & TeNeal Macaluso & a note from Gayle Hopkins; sister of Tommie Brock.

LAST WEEK'S RECORD

Attendance

Bible Study	53
Sunday AM	78
Sunday PM	N/A
Wednesday	32

NEEDING CARE & PRAYERS

Our Members & Visitors

Debbie Starr: Has begun radiation.
Dan Joseph: His cancer has returned, & he will be receiving chemo bi-weekly.
Family of Tommie Brock **Bill & Barbara Burchett**
Mary Cullum **Loretha "Bubba" Starr**
Tony & Louise Sylve **LaTonya Brooks-Washington**

Our Shut-In

Elwanda Piskorik

Our Family & Friends

Family of Delmar Cooper: Father of Keith Cooper; passed away last Sunday.
Family of Daryl McKinney: Grandfather of Drew McKinney; passed away last Monday.
Roger Ferrell: Will need further surgery in the near future concerning a recurrent hernia.
Sean Brown: Son of Carol Byes; installed as a deacon with the Forest Hill church of Christ in Cleveland. Asking for prayers that he may fulfill the duties of the position.
Mike Roberts: Husband of Ann Roberts; had surgery & tests confirmed that he does have cancer in his neck.
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

Mia Paige: Brother of Justice Pitts; doing well & has been reading the Bible
Kaiyah Alexander **Tony Greathouse**
Quinn Merryman **Kimi Miller & family**
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 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

NEXT WEEK

DECEMBER 6

Sunday AM

Welcome:

Howard Goodale

Prayer:

Keith Cooper

Song Lead:

Howard Goodale

Communion Scripture:

Troy Singleton

Romans 5:6-8

Lord's Table:

Ron Landis

Sermon:

Scott Cain

Dismissal:

Glenn Bates

Sunday PM

Welcome:

Howard Goodale

Prayer:

Wes Arabie

Song Lead:

James Cobette

Lord's Table:

Ron Landis

Sermon:

Scott Cain

Dismissal:

Don Robinson

December 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16  Work Night	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 General Assembly	24	25	26
27	28	29	30 General Assembly	31		
<p> <u>BIRTHDAYS</u></p> <p>6 Donis Lepine 9 Deanna Royal 12 Darryl Sunyly 15 Glenn Bates 18 Kalvin Cooper 18 Paula Landis 19 Liliana Barthelemy</p>						
<p> <u>ANNIVERSARY</u></p> <p>3 John & Mary Cullum 18 Keith & Portia Cooper</p>						
<p><u>WORK NIGHT:</u> Will be December 16th. We will celebrate December birthdays after work & the Cains will be hosting their annual dessert night for the congregation.</p> <p><u>GENERAL ASSEMBLY:</u> December 23rd December 30th</p>						