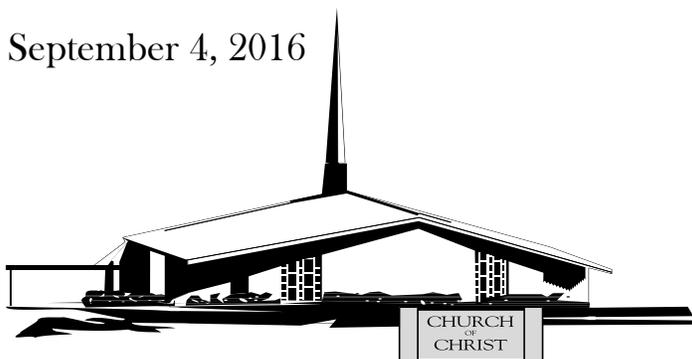


September 4, 2016



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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DEACONS

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Gospel Broadcasting Network
In Search of the Lord's Way
The Old Landmarks
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SEPTEMBER IS BIBLE SCHOOL EMPHASIS MONTH

Each September the Lord's church at DeGaulle Drive emphasizes how important Bible School is in our growth as God's people. Growing closer to anyone requires learning more about & appreciating that person. The same is true with God.

Bible School Emphasis 2016 will be each Sunday morning from September 4th-25th.

The theme is:

“As the Deer Panteth for the Water: Continuing to Know God.”

Sermons from the Psalms will remind us of key thoughts as we emphasize our need to worship in God's presence.

“I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.”
(Psalm 122:1).

OCTOBER IS MISSIONS EMPHASIS MONTH

Each October the Lord's church at DeGaulle Drive emphasizes World Evangelism & Stewardship in Sunday Bible Classes & Sunday morning sermons.

The Special Missions Collection is scheduled for **Sunday October 30th**.

This collection, above & beyond our regular contribution, allows us to continue supporting mission works throughout the world.

Please earmark all checks for the missions contribution as “Missions.”

As this special Sunday draws near, we ask all of the flock at DeGaulle Drive to pray, plan, & prepare to participate in the Special Missions Collection on October 30th.

We pray that God continues to bless us as we glorify Him in this endeavor.

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

OCTOBER 13TH-15TH
Tickfaw State Park

FREE OF CHARGE & 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!

You'll want to arrive **AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE** on **Friday, October 14th**, as we look at how we can each become the leader God wants us to be!

Please be part of this weekend of fellowship & leadership.

YOU SHOULD'VE SEEN WHAT HAPPENED ON SUNDAY

ALLEN WEBSTER

When Christians gather for worship on the Lord's Day, something special happens. Their common bond is strengthened as in concert they pour out their gratitude to their Savior. It is a time of worship (Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 16:1-2), rejoicing (Psalm 118:24), examination (2 Corinthians 13:5), and fellowship (Acts 2:42-47). It is the week's beginning and the week's highlight-nothing else done in the next six days equals it. We understand why Paul delayed a journey for seven days so he could worship the Lord on the Lord's day with the Lord's people (Acts 20:6-7).

People of all ages are usually present: babies, children, teens, young adults, families, empty-nest couples, senior saints, widows, and widowers. Each comes to express a common love for an uncommon God; each feels a universal thirst for eternal truth. While worship is formal and congregational, it is neither cold nor impersonal-it is 'in spirit' (John 4:24). Personalities are involved, and that can make it interesting. This past Lord's day we had an uncommon service. You should have seen what happened...

A BABY CRIED. Occasionally someone frowns when a child cries during services, but most of us smile. Parents recognize the need to take a child out to avoid disturbing others, but we don't want them to feel self-conscious. We are glad it happens! What if no baby had cried Sunday? It would have meant there were no babies there, for all babies cry. No church wants to be that quiet-a tomb is quieter than a nursery, but who wants to worship in a cemetery! A church without children is a church with its best days behind instead of ahead. If no babies had cried Sunday, it might also have indicated that parents saw no need to train the next generation in the Lord's way (Ephesians 6:4). Good parents want children to learn about God from their first Sunday on planet earth (cf. Matthew 18:1-3; 19:13-14). They do not want them to be able to remember the first time they came to worship. We know they'll eventually learn to be quiet, but for now we're glad to hear them.

A SISTER LEFT EARLY FOR WORK. In a perfect world, all businesses would close on the Lord's day so that every person could exalt the name of God in worship (Psalm 34:3). It will be that way in heaven, but it is not that way on earth. Christians are sometimes forced to make decisions. This sister had to be at work before the service ended ... what to do?

She could have skipped the service and told others that she 'had to work.' She could have slept in, had plenty of time to get ready, left in time to avoid traffic, and got a bite to eat before her shift. But she chose to get up early, be in Bible class, sing God some songs, open her heart to Him in prayer, thank Him for Christ's sacrifice during communion, give Him part of last week's check, and listen to His Word. She sat toward the back so as not to disturb others when she got up a few minutes before the sermon ended. Few saw her sermon on

The view from the pulpit is often interesting. People are so used to watching unresponsive TV and computer screens that they forget preachers can see them! After a while, the unexpected becomes commonplace, and he is able to keep his composure though 'the walls come tumbling down.'

priorities (Matthew 6:33; Colossians 3:1-2)-but the preacher did.

PAGES RUSTLED. As the messenger preached the word (2 Timothy 4:2), hearers 'searched the scriptures to see whether those things were so' (Acts 17:11). Far from offending him, it was music to his ears. Jesus found 'the place where it was written' (Luke 4:17), and so should we. We joke that our favorite words in a sermon are 'in conclusion,' but we find most Christians thirsty for the Word (1 Peter 2:1-2) and hungering after righteousness (Matthew 5:8). They bring their Bibles, read their Bibles, mark their Bibles, memorize their Bibles, and live by their Bibles.

A SISTER NODDED. The preacher was probably the only one who noticed, but a faithful sister nodded in agreement with a sermon point. She did not speak out to say 'amen' (1 Corinthians 14:16), but she encouraged the preacher just as much without saying a word. Nods also help others in the audience to know that the sermon is expressing both the preacher's convictions and those of other Christians.

A CHILD DREW A PICTURE. Any parent knows that 'out of the mouths of babes' come profound statements. Often a little child has led God's people (cf. Isaiah 11:6). Most churches can point to some young people whose example is worth imitating by those much older (1 Timothy 4:12). Last Sunday a child was interested enough to draw a picture of what the preacher was talking about (cf. 1 Timothy 3:15). There is nothing so unusual about that - when a PowerPoint presentation is made, little eyes are always paying attention, and little hands are often copying those words down. They may not yet fully comprehend the concepts, but the seed is planted, the foundation is laid, the base color is on the canvas. One day fruit will ripen, the structure will stand, and the painting will be perfected. And these very notes may become fresh classes and sermons for another generation of children. Some in pulpits now still occasionally use notes written with childish letters on yellowing paper. These have been born again into lessons for those who were not born when the notes were first taken. The truth never ages; it only needs recycling.

A CHRISTIAN WORSHIPPED FOR THE FIRST TIME.

Baptized on Tuesday, a young man offered God acceptable worship for the first time Sunday. God cleansed him from sin, set him in the church, and watched with interest as he bowed his soul in adoration (Acts 22:16; 1 Corinthians 12:13, 28). If the Lord delays His return, and the new Christian's days are prolonged, that is probably only 1 of 10,000 times he will offer public worship to his Creator (John 4:24; Hebrews 10:25), but it may never mean more to God or him than this first service. It was a beautiful step on a long journey, a first note in a grand symphony.

SOULS OF ALL AGES STAYED COMMITTED TO READING THE BIBLE.

We constantly encourage each member to read through the Bible. On Sunday, souls of all ages were counted as continuing their Bible reading goals for this year. The youngest is just under eight years old and is reading the Bible for the first time. Perhaps this is the first of fifty or more times this mind will have the cleansing Water of Life purify its recesses. The oldest is past ninety and may be reading it for the last time (Hebrews 9:27; James 4:14).

TEARS FLOWED. Christian love often finds itself expressed in tears, as it did with Jesus and the early Christians (Luke 19:41; Acts 20:37). God's Word touched good and honest hearts, and souls responded Sunday to the Lord's invitation. Joyful tears flowed over 'one sinner that repenteth' (cf. James 5:16; James 5:19-20).

What's going to happen this Sunday? Come and see!

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NEWS & NOTES

LAST WEEK'S RECORD

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- SONG LEADING CLASS:** Will meet today at 4:30PM.
- WORK DAY:** SEPTEMBER 24th at 9AM. Lunch will be provided. The elders ask each member to plan to participate in this great time of fellowship as we cleanup & fix-up the building inside & out.
- POTLUCK:** SEPTEMBER 25th after the AM worship hour. Last names A-L have setup & cleanup.
- 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 ITEMS NEEDED: Vienna sausage, canned tuna & chicken. White potatoes, sweet potatoes, mixed vegetables, chicken broth, beans, ketchup, pudding cups, spaghetti sauce with meat, tuna & chicken helper, & peanut butter. We have plenty of mac & cheese.

BIBLE CLASS PROMOTION: TODAY! Parents, please visit with your children's teachers as to which class they will begin attending September 4th & 7th.

WORK NIGHT FOR THE MASTER: August's work night produced 331 local mailings, 14 cards of encouragement, & 40 World Bible School correspondence courses.

Attendance

Service	2016	Last
Time	Goal	Week
Bible Study	70	64
Sunday AM	100	89
Sunday PM	60	53
Wednesday	60	57

Bible Reading

Reading Plan	2016	Last
	Goal	Week
Daily Readers	45	27
Bible in 2016	45	24
NT in 2016	60	28

NEEDING CARE & PRAYERS

Our Members & Visitors

- Robin Clark:** Struggles with Fibromyalgia.
Louise Fitzgerald: Is at Our Lady of Wisdom.
Caleb Hensley: His mother & stepfather have lost their home to the floods in the Baton Rouge area.
Sandy Jones: Is back home & gaining strength after her recent hospital stay.
Ann Roberts: Injured her left knee while leaving to attend worship. She has torn tendons & ligaments from her knee to her ankle.
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| Bill & Barbara Burchett | Louise Fitzgerald |
| Meijah Lieteau | James Lieteau |
| Voncile Lieteau | Yvette James |
| Ed Kaminski & Ruth Weems | Lorraine Stephen |
| Taylor Washington | Latoria Washington-Brooks |

Our Shut-In

Elwanda Piskorik

Our Family & Friends

- Ed Fitzgerald:** Husband of Louise Fitzgerald; being treated for pneumonia at Ochsner North Shore
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| Kaiyah Alexander | Family of Evelyn Biagase |
| Family of Dave Denedo | Family of Winnie Keith |
| Mary Macaluso | Sandra Martin |
| Family of Patricia Dyes Patterson | Martha Williams |

Deployed Servicemen

Nathan Gillespie: Nathan, Dawn, Tempe, & Dalton as they adjust to living in Charleston.

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

SEPTEMBER 4

Sunday AM

Welcome:

Howard Goodale

Prayer:

Ron Landis

Song Lead:

Howard Goodale

Communion Scripture:

Paul Macaluso (2)

1 Cor. 10:15-17

Lord's Table:

Paul Macaluso (2)

Sermon:

Scott Cain

Dismissal:

Keith Cooper

Sunday PM

Welcome:

Howard Goodale

Prayer:

Roland Keith

Song Lead:

Ron Landis

Lord's Table:

Paul Macaluso

Sermon:

Scott Cain

Dismissal:

Jerome Riddick

NEXT WEEK

SEPTEMBER 11

Sunday AM

Welcome:

Wes Arabie

Prayer:

Paul Macaluso (2)

Song Lead:

Howard Goodale

Communion Scripture:

Keith Cooper

Luke 23:13-25

Lord's Table:

Paul Macaluso (2)

Sermon:

Scott Cain

Dismissal:

Ron Landis

Sunday PM

Welcome:

Wes Arabie

Prayer:

Don Robinson

Song Lead:

Wes Arabie

Lord's Table:

Paul Macaluso

Sermon:

Devo: Scott Cain

Mission Report

Dismissal:

Wes Arabie

September 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1		2	3
4	Promotion & Bible School Emphasis	6	7	Promotion & Bible School Emphasis	9	10
11		13	14	15	16	17
18		20	21	22	23	24
						Work Day 
25	AM Fellowship 	26	28	29	30	
			Work Night 			

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Randy Lepine
- 2 John Cullum
- 3 Linda Greathouse
- 6 Voncile Lietau
- 16 Margaret Spahr
- 16 Stacey England
- 20 Meijah Lietau
- 21 Quintona Sylve
- 22 Jackie Keith
- 26 Christian Simmons
- 27 Carol Byes
- 27 Mack Meek
- 30 Ewlene Harris
- 30 Jennifer Riddick



ANNIVERSARY

THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER IS BIBLE SCHOOL EMPHASIS!

Children will move to their new classes September 4th & 7th.

WORK DAY Will be September

24th. Please help clean & repair the building grounds.

SEPTEMBER FELLOWSHIP MEAL:

Will be after morning worship on September 25th. Those with last name A-L are asked to setup & cleanup.

WORK NIGHT: Will be September

28th. We will celebrate September birthdays after work night.



READING THROUGH THE BIBLE IN

2016? September begins with Hosea

1 & goes through Malachi 4. Please

see additional schedules on the table.