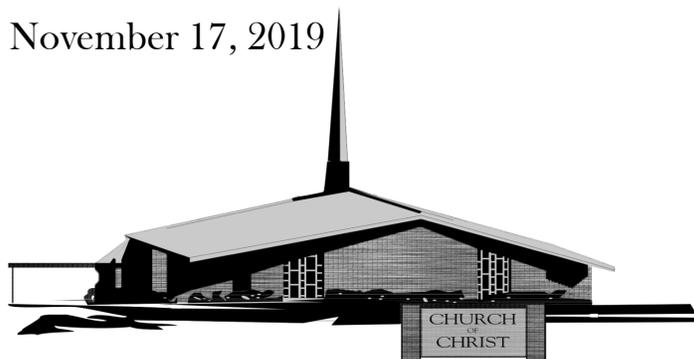


November 17, 2019



DeGaulle Drive

CHURCH OF CHRIST

4700 GENERAL DEGAULLE DRIVE

NEW ORLEANS, LA 70131

www.DegaulleDriveCOC.com

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

ELDERS

Wes Arabie	504-858-2881
Howard Goodale	504-319-3572
Steve Tucker	504-812-2617

DEACONS

Tyrone Barthelemy	504-361-8449
Jerome Riddick	504-392-4110

EVANGELISTS

Scott Cain	504-392-4110
Wes Arabie	504-858-2881

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Micronesia: Joey Treat Family

WORKS SUPPORTED:

Benevolence:

Childhaven of Cullman, AL

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Gospel Broadcasting Network
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In Search of the Lord's Way
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curry.monta@gmail.com

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RCIndia@sonet.net

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Memphis School of Preaching

WHEN TO GIVE THANKS

CLIFTON ANGEL

I am a member of the social network Facebook. It was there that I read the rather telling info-graphic:

“November ... the month where people who have complained on Facebook for the past 11 months become thankful for 30 days.”

The practice that many have of expressing specific thanksgiving each day of the month of November is a good one. It even may incite thanksgiving in others roundabout. However, let's be sure not to become the person that is described in the info-graphic. Complaints are mostly expressions of ingratitude, and November certainly is not the only time in the year that we should express thanksgiving. So, when should we give thanks?

Paul wrote to Christians in Ephesus telling them that they should be “*Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ*” (Ephesians 5:20). Every day of our lives affords us a multitude of opportunities for which we should give thanks to God. For it is He that gives us the day, and it is He that gives us every thing that is truly good. “*Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning*” (James 1:17). I am confident Paul has in mind “*every good gift and every perfect gift*” when he says to give thanks for “all things.”

Furthermore, Paul wrote to the church in Thessalonica, “*In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you*” (1 Thessalonians 5:18). One dear friend of mine has said, “I am thankful that Paul said ‘In every thing give thanks,’ and not, ‘Give thanks for every thing.’” His point was that we can be thankful even in times of tragedy, but it is not necessary that we be thankful for the tragedy itself. Very recently, my dad died unexpectedly. This is a tragedy for which I am not thankful. However, in the same day of the loss of my dad, I found things for which to be very thankful. I was (and still am) extremely thankful for the confidence that I have in his conversion to Christ. I was (and still am) truly thankful to have been with him when he died and to not have had to make a 430- mile trip after a tragic call. I was (and still am) abundantly thankful to know that his physical death contained far less suffering than the cancer or other lasting ailment with which I thought he would eventually be diagnosed. I was (and still am) thankful that my dad was doing one of his favorite things when he died—spending time with his only son.

When are we to give thanks? **Always** and **in every thing**. Not only in November. Every human being would do well to be more thankful and give thanks more often.

When do you give thanks?

9 OUT OF 10 CHILDREN

ANONYMOUS

Consider some questions which deserve answers.

- 1) If nine out of ten children that rode their bicycles on the road were struck by automobiles, would you allow your child to go out on the road and ride?
- 2) If nine out of ten children that ate in the school cafeteria consistently came home with severe cases of food poisoning, would you encourage your child to eat in the cafeteria?
- 3) If nine out of ten children that went to the mall were never seen again, would you allow your child to go to the mall?
- 4) If nine out of ten children that played ball were injured and handicapped for life, would you allow your child to play ball?

The answers are obvious, aren't they? We love our children and their health and safety are high priorities. This is what I want you to contemplate. Studies have shown that nine out of ten children whose parents are in attendance only on Sunday morning either never become Christians or having done so, do not remain faithful to the Lord. Hey, isn't that 90%? Those are the odds of your child serving the Lord if the depth of your Christianity is only Sunday worship.

The problem is not one of attendance, but one of heart. Lack of conviction rubs off. Does God come first? It will be apparent. Some would be ready to fight if they were told they didn't love their children. But are we, parents, ready to show our love for our children by being faithful and devoted to the Lord, saving our souls and leading them to heaven also?

PANTRY NEEDS

Canned items: fruit, soups with meat, chicken, & Vienna sausages.

Variety packs of cereal, small bags of rice, ketchup, Tuna Helper, Chicken Helper, mac & cheese that has the sauce.

Travel sized toiletries (mouthwash, toothbrushes, etc.)

Please bring items that can be shelved & distributed in manageable quantities rather than large bulk packages like 10-pound bags of rice or cereal.

SOME UNUSUAL THINGS FOR WHICH TO BE THANKFUL

ANONYMOUS

- Be thankful that you don't already have everything you desire. If you did, what would there be to look forward to?
- Be thankful when you don't know... it gives you the opportunity to learn.
- Be thankful for the difficult times... during those times you grow.
- Be thankful for limitations... they give you opportunities for improvement.
- Be thankful for a new challenge... it will build strength and character.
- Be thankful for your mistakes... they will teach you valuable lessons.
- Be thankful when you're weary... it means you've made a difference.
- Be thankful for the mess after a party... it means you have friends.
- Be thankful for the taxes you pay... it means you are employed.
- Be thankful for clothes that fit a little snug... it means you have plenty to eat.
- Be thankful for a shadow that watches you work... it means you are out in the sunshine.
- Be thankful for a lawn that needs mowing, windows that need cleaning, and gutters that need fixing... it means you have a house.
- Be thankful for the spot you find at the far end of the parking lot... it means you are capable of walking.
- Be thankful for all the complaining you hear about our government... it means we have freedom of speech.
- Be thankful for a huge heating bill... it means you are warm.
- Be thankful for the lady behind you in worship who sings off-key... it means that you can hear.
- Be thankful for the piles of laundry and ironing... it means your loved ones are nearby.
- Be thankful for the alarm that goes off in the early morning hours... it means that you're alive.
- Be thankful for weariness and aching muscles at the end of the day... it means you have been productive.

It's easy to be thankful for the good things. A life of rich fulfillment comes to those who are also thankful for the setbacks.

Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ – Ephesians 5:20

NEWS & NOTES

LAST WEEK

Attendance

Service	2019 Time	Last Goal	Week
Bible Study	70	62	
Sunday AM	100	75	
Sunday PM	60	41	
Wednesday	60	60	

Bible Reading

Reading Plan	2019 Goal	Last Week
Daily Readers	45	31
Bible in 2019	45	20
NT in 2019	60	36
My Plan 2019	60	44

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- SONG LEADING CLASS:** Will not meet today. Class will resume next week.
- POTLUCK:** November 24th after PM worship. Last names A-L have setup & cleanup.
- EVANGELISM TEAM:** Meets Tuesday, December 3rd at 6:30PM.

To GOD BE THE GLORY!!: God has once again showered blessings from the windows of heaven through His people at DeGaulle Drive. Since October 27th, \$142,557 has been collected to serve as the DeGaulle Drive missions budget for 2020. We thank God for you, because you care for lost souls! We pray He will continue using us to His glory! We pray our Father will use us as tools in His hands & as a light on a hill!

NEEDING CARE & PRAYERS

Our Members & Visitors

James Cobette: Is now on Hospice care & experiencing some pain. He enjoys visits but please call prior to visiting.

Marcel Birden
John & Mary Cullum
Toilyn Dearmas
Ewlene Harris
Jeff Lacaze
The Riddick Family
Lillie Smith
Alisa Terrell

Martha & William Clark

"Pray without ceasing."
1 Thessalonians 5:17

"Talking to God"
DeGaulle Drive Church of Christ

I will pray for...

- Praise: God's omnipotence (all powerful)
- Thanksgiving: Necessities – daily bread, shelter, clothes
- Cheryl Arabie
- Stacey England
- Voncile Lieteau
- Quintona Sylve
- Goal: 45 Daily Bible Readers at DeGaulle Drive
- Labors for the Lord: Baby Fold Bible class & teachers
- Missionaries: Curry, Dora, Mark, & Attila Montague – Budapest, Hungary
- Events: Vacation Bible School
- Souls who were recently baptized
- For God to forgive us as we forgive others
- That the church at DeGaulle Drive will have strong, sound, & capable elders

Prayer Card

#1

Our Shut-In

Lorraine Stephen

Our Family & Friends

Family of Jeffrey Arabie: 35-year old nephew of Wes & Cheryl Arabie; passed away November 6th leaving behind a wife & 3-year old daughter.

Cedrick Bell
Don Blackwell
Ruby Bradd
Mac & Chris Meek
Francis Scott
Ruby Sims
Lynn Williams

Our Neighbors' Prayer Needs:

Sophia	Kanita
Karen Burke	Iriana
Cindy	Glenda
Judy	Donna Peters

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

THIS WEEK

NOVEMBER 17

Sunday AM

Welcome:

Wes Arabie

Prayer:

Jerome Riddick

Song Lead:

Howard Goodale

Communion Scripture:

Roland Keith

Luke 23:44-47

Lord's Table:

Nicklas Smith

Sermon:

Scott Cain

Dismissal:

Keith Cooper

Sunday PM

Welcome:

Wes Arabie

Prayer:

Paul Macaluso (2)

Song Lead:

Ron Landis

Lord's Table:

Nicklas Smith

Sermon:

Scott Cain

Dismissal:

Yahmaine L. Ford

NEXT WEEK

NOVEMBER 24

Sunday AM

Welcome:

Tyrone Barthelemy

Prayer:

Paul Macaluso (2)

Song Lead:

Howard Goodale

Communion Scripture:

Eugene Carter

1 Cor. 1:17-29

Lord's Table:

Nicklas Smith

Sermon:

Wes Arabie

Dismissal:

Troy Singleton

Sunday PM

Welcome:

Tyrone Barthelemy

Prayer:

Jerome Riddick

Song Lead:

Howard Goodale

Lord's Table:

Nicklas Smith

Sermon:

Readings:

Luke 9-10

Dismissal:

Dontell Terrell

Please submit all prayer requests in writing to Scott or Melissa Cain. Please supply regular updates on each individual in order to keep the prayer list up-to-date. For the sake of space, any name (except 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.

November 2019

NEWS

EVANGELISM TEAM: Meets November 5th at 6:30 PM.

POTLUCK: Will be November 24th after PM worship. Last names A-L have setup & clean-up.

WORK NIGHT: Will be November 20th.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY: Will be November 27th.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	
3	4	5 Evangelism Team 	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 Work Night 	21	22	23
24 PM Potluck 	25	26	27 General Assembly	28	29	30

BIRTHDAYS

2 Claire Buckley

3 Jeff LaCaze

5 Norman Starr

8 Tamiaka Suazo

13 Toilyn Dearmas

15 Hunter Cain

19 Izabella Blancaneaux

20 Paul Macaluso (2)

23 Ben Blancaneaux

23 Gloria Smyly

30 Scott Cain

30 Stephen Goodale

ANNIVERSARIES

1 Dontell & Alisa Terrell

7 Paul & TeNeal Macaluso

8 Yahmaine & Takesha Ford

18 James & Voncile Lieteau