

**DeKalb Church  
of Christ**  
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**Schedule of  
Services**

**Sunday**  
*Bible Study 9:30*  
*Worship 10:25*  
*Worship 6:00*  
**Wednesday**  
*Bible Study 7:00*  
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**What must I do to  
be saved?**

1. **Hear the Gospel.**  
(Rom. 10:17; Acts. 18:8)
2. **Believe in Christ.**  
(Jn. 8:24; 20:30-31)
3. **Repent of my sins.**  
(Acts 17:30-31)
4. **Confess my faith in Christ.**  
(Acts. 8:37; 1 Tim. 6:12)
5. **Be baptized into Christ.**  
(Acts. 2:38; Mk. 16:16)
6. **Be faithful.**  
(Rev. 2:10)

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**Record (12-31-06)**  
**B.C. – 30**  
**A.M. – 65**  
**P.M. – ?**  
**Wed. B.C. – 38**  
**Offering – \$1,860**

**News & Notes**

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**Shut-Ins**

Carlos Rodgers; Bessie Daniel; Paula Hodgson; Netia Ward; Neta Wilsford;  
Our brethren @ Telford; Our friends @ Sunny Acres

**Prayer List**

**Homer Batchelor** (left today for MD Anderson in Houston - if all goes well, he will have surgery to reverse his colostomy on Wednesday)  
**Lucy Merchant** (Linda Batchelor's mother is in 418 N. @ St. Michael's)  
**Bonnie Rodgers** (her niece, Sandy, passed away)  
**Gerald Hornbuckle** (recovering from pneumonia @ home)  
**The family of Ty Keith** (Ty was killed recently; his family are members of the church in Magnolia, AR)

**Announcements**

\*There is a sign-up sheet on the table for those who would like to have the visiting preacher over for a meal (either lunch or dinner).  
\*Don't forget to invite your friends and neighbors to the gospel meeting!  
\*Buddy Ray's new class "**Parenting 101**" starts today in room 15.  
\*Michael & Elizabeth's new classes begin today @ 5pm in the auditorium (boys) and room 11 (girls).

**Upcoming Area Events**

\*Our gospel meeting with Burt Jones this coming Sunday - Sunday (regular times) - Mon. - Thurs. (7:30pm). Please plan to support this congregational effort to preach the gospel here in DeKalb!

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**Privileged To Serve...**

**January 7<sup>th</sup>**

*Announcements & 1<sup>st</sup> Prayer.... Dickie Dalby*

*Song Leader (AM & PM)... Micah Dawson*

*Lord's Table.... Craig Loe, Dwayne Jeffery & Phillip Raney*

*Scripture Reading: Michael Gilbert*

*Prayers -- AM & PM*  
*2<sup>nd</sup> prayer..... Jim Reaves*  
*Closing..... Parker Turner*

*AM Sermon: Redeeming The Time*  
*PM Sermon: What Is Worship?*

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**Welcome!**

The DeKalb Church of Christ is committed to the 'old paths' (Jer. 6:15). We preach Jesus Christ as the resurrected Son of God (I Cor. 15:1-4) and the Bible as His revealed will for all nations of the earth (Mk. 16:15-16).

We invite you to come worship with us at every opportunity you may have. Should you desire to study the Bible with us in your home, please let us know. We will be happy to give you a Bible answer for your Bible question.

We have three elders: Dickie Dalby, Pat Davis, and John Loe. These men oversee the congregation (Acts 20:28; Heb. 13:7, 17; I Tim. 3:1ff). We also have three deacons - Giles Feazel, Dwayne Jeffery, and Jim Reaves, who serve the congregation in various ways (Acts 6:3; Phil. 1:1; 1 Tim. 3:8ff). Our preacher is Michael Gilbert (2 Tm. 4:2).

**Highlights From  
Highlighted Passages**

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*"The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it."  
(Luke 16:16)*

I have highlighted many passages in my Bible because of their importance. One such passage is Luke 16:16.

Understanding the difference between the *Old Testament* (i.e., the Law of Moses - Lk. 24:44) and the *New Testament* (i.e., the Law of Christ - Gal. 6:2) is essential to understanding the Bible. It has been said that that the Old Testament is the New Testament *concealed* and the New Testament is the Old Testament *revealed*. To truly understand Christianity, one needs to have a basic understanding of both Testaments.

The table of contents in my Bible agrees with Luke's assessment that "the law and the prophets" (the Old Testament) were until John the Immerser (Lk. 3:1-6). From John's time on, the "kingdom of God" (otherwise known as the church, Matt. 16:18, Acts 2:47) was and is preached. Christ's law was given to replace the law of Moses (Heb. 9:15; 10:9-10) and govern spiritual Israel, the church (Gal. 6:16; Matt. 26:28).

Since the law of Moses is no longer binding on Christians today, we shouldn't go to the Old Testament to find authority for our religious practices. Rather, we should follow Christ's law, and use Moses' Law simply for our learning (Rom. 15:4). See also Gal. 3:19, 23-27.

# Sermon Outlines

## ***Redeeming The Time***

Text: Eph. 5:16

- I. Forgetting The \_\_\_\_\_**
- A. Don't \_\_\_\_\_ on past spiritual accomplishments for future security. (Jeremiah 7:4-7)
- B. Don't fail because of \_\_\_\_\_ failures. (1 Tim. 1:12; Jonah 3:2; Ps. 103: 8-14)
- II. Preparing For The \_\_\_\_\_**
- A. Make a \_\_\_\_\_ (Josh. 24:15)
- B. Stay the \_\_\_\_\_ (Josh. 23:6)

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## ***What Is Worship?***

Text: Jn. 4:24

- I. Worship Is \_\_\_\_\_**
- A. Worshipping God is the most \_\_\_\_\_ of all human undertakings.
- B. Old Testament \_\_\_\_\_ in worship.
- C. New Testament \_\_\_\_\_ in worship.
- II. Worship Is \_\_\_\_\_**
- A. There is a \_\_\_\_\_ design to worship (John 4:24)
- B. Worship is designed to bring glory to our Creator, not \_\_\_\_\_ (Ps. 89:7)
- III. Worship Is \_\_\_\_\_**
- A. True worship is \_\_\_\_\_ (Ps. 42:1-2)
- B. Worship is expressed in the proper outward physical acts: (1) \_\_\_\_\_ Eph. 5:19; (2) \_\_\_\_\_ 1 Tm. 2:8; (3) \_\_\_\_\_ 1 Cor. 16:1-2; (4) \_\_\_\_\_ 1 Cor. 11:26; and (5) \_\_\_\_\_ Acts 20:7.

## ***A Preacher's Perspective***

by Michael Gilbert

As you can see, we now have a new bulletin format. It is much smaller than the old format, but it will still carry most of my sermon outlines. We hope this format is warmly received by all.

Elizabeth, J.M. and I deeply appreciate the time off during this Christmas season. Spending time with family is important, especially when J.M.'s grandparents (on both sides) don't get to see him very much.

### **OUR GOSPEL MEETING**

I hope you are as excited about *our upcoming Gospel Meeting* with Burt Jones as I am - remember, it starts this coming Sunday. As we have advertised, brother Jones will preach the gospel on Sunday, Monday, & Tuesday. Then, we will 'shift gears' and he will conduct a singing class for the congregation. I was privileged to attend one of these singing schools while in East TN and it was warmly received by the congregation there, and they seemed to appreciate brother Jones' instruction. Singing is such an important part of our worship. The Bible says, "Speaking to yourselves in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord" (Eph. 5:19). Our Savior taught His apostles to sing for Matthew wrote, "And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives." (Matt. 26:30). What a joy it is to sing with Christians without the use of instruments! I can see our Lord's wisdom in forbidding the use of instruments in worship - without instruments, the songs truly come from the heart!

### **SIGN UP TO FEED THE VISITING PREACHER!**

In regard to the visiting preacher, you can sign up to have him in your home for a lunchtime or evening meal. Please use the sheet

on the table in the foyer. This is a good opportunity for fellowship, and Elizabeth and I would be glad to visit and enjoy a meal with you as well during this time.

Now, let us turn our attention to things of a Biblical nature.

### **IS SALVATION IN THE CHURCH?**

The word 'church' in the question above refers to the divine institution mentioned by Jesus when He said, "...upon this rock, I will build my church" (Matt. 16:18). Is salvation in that church which Jesus promised to build? What does the Bible say?

In the first place, has God promised salvation outside of the church? Many answer yes. Slogans such as "get saved, then join the church of your choice" or "Jesus saves, but the church doesn't" make *salvation* and *church membership* two separate things. But, do these slogans have any basis in the Bible? NO! Paul told the elders at Ephesus "to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood" (Acts 20:28). Again, Paul wrote that Jesus is "the saviour of the body" (Eph. 5:23) and that He "gave himself for it" (Eph. 5:25). How then can anyone separate salvation and church membership?

Next, if salvation is not in the church, then salvation is not in the body of Christ, the kingdom of Christ, or the house/family of God. How can this be? It is simple: the body, the kingdom, and the house/family of God are all different names for the church (church/body - Eph. 1:22-23; church/kingdom - Mt. 16:18-19 & Col. 1:13; and church/house - 1 Tim. 3:15). For anyone to claim that salvation is not in the church, they would also have to claim that one does not have to be in the body of Christ, the kingdom of Christ, or the house of God to be saved. Surely no one would make such an assertion! "And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved" (Acts 2:47)