

**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)

Record (1-7-07)
B.C. – 46
A.M. – 66
P.M. – 48
Wed. B.C. – 47
Offering – \$1,850

News & Notes

Shut-Ins

Carlos Rodgers; Bessie Daniel; Paula Hodgson; Netia Ward; Neta Wilsford

Prayer List

Homer Batchelor (surgery was more extensive than planned; will have to stay longer than expected @ MD Anderson)
DeWayne Garner (still in a lot of pain, continues to request our prayers)
Linda Batchelor (our sympathy is extended to Linda Batchelor and family in the death of her mother, Lucy Merchant; arrangements unavailable prior to the printing of the bulletin)
Gerald Hornbuckle (our sympathy is extended to Gerald in the death of his father, Charles; the funeral is today @ 2pm, Bates-Rolf in charge)
Ed Moore (extended health problems, must go on kidney dialysis; friend of the Dalby's)
Kyle Grooms (thanks the congregation for the prayers on his behalf in the sickness and death of his father, Don)
Faye Anderson (has been ill; grandmother of Lea'e Anderson)
Braxton Wyatt (one eye doing ok, the other still improving; grandson of Ophelia Walraven)

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!
*Happy Birthday to: Alex Evans (1-14); Delores Brewer (1-16); Ophelia Walraven (1-17)!
*Happy Anniversary to: Bill & Jo Hawkins (1-15)!
*Birthday party @ Sunny Acres - this Wednesday, 2pm.
*Devo @ Sunny Acres - next Sunday, 3pm.
*Prayer Sister Revealing - Jan. 21st in the Multi-Purpose bldg. Bring a salad or dessert.
*Jan. 24th, 10 AM - the Ladies' Class resumes. All ladies are encouraged to attend.
*Don't forget about our new classes: Parenting 101 with Buddy Ray, and the young men and young ladies training classes with Michael & Elizabeth!

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Privileged To Serve...

January 14th

Announcements & 1st 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
2nd prayer.....Buddy Ray
Closing..... Doyle Raney

AM Sermon: What in the world are you waiting for?

PM Sermon: Heaven

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**

"Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them...But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women." (Acts 8:5, 12)

As Philip preached the gospel to Samaria, it should be noted that he preached: (1) the kingdom of God, and (2) the name of Jesus Christ.

Sincere Bible students know that the kingdom of Christ was established on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:30-33) and was called the "church" (Acts 2:47). When Philip preached, it was with power and conviction. He message was a narrow message - he preached "the" kingdom. Obviously, his message and confirming miracles were in direct opposition to the beliefs of the people and the current practices of Simon the Sorcerer, but he preached anyway, no doubt offending many, for all did not obey his message.

He also preached the "name of Christ", which simply means the authority of Christ. Philip preached exactly what Peter preached, namely, that Jesus is now the resurrected "Lord and Christ" (Acts 2:36), and obedience must be rendered to Him now, for one day, He will be the Judge of all (2 Cor. 5:10). After Philip preached, many were baptized.

Preaching Christ, then, means preaching the true, singular nature of the kingdom and preaching that all must render obedience through baptism to the resurrected King of Kings.

Why Have Gospel Meetings?

by Michael Gilbert

What is so great about having a Gospel Meeting? After all, it takes up so much time and money, and they are not well attended like they used to be. Perhaps we should drop them altogether, or maybe even replace them with something that's actually interesting to people. Who wants to hear a man preach the Bible for an hour anyway?

Because Truth Is Preached

To those who love the truth, the Gospel Meeting is another opportunity to hear the Truth preached. Salvation comes only through the preaching of the Truth, for Paul wrote, "So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are in Rome also. For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation..." (Rom. 1:16). Paul spoke of God's wisdom in using preaching when he wrote, "For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe" (1 Cor. 1:21).

In a time when Satan attacks God's people with a ruthless vengeance, why *shouldn't* Christians desire to hear the simple Gospel preached? When the world is groping in darkness, is there a reason why Christians *shouldn't* cherish the opportunity to invite a lost friend to hear God's power of salvation proclaimed by faithful and able men?

To Strengthen The Church

To those who love the truth, Gospel Meeting time is an opportunity to build up the Lord's church. Who could deny that the Lord's people have been on decline since the 1960's or earlier? The reasons for this decline are many.

Brotherhood wide, our leaders have lost much of their biblical knowledge. When Israel and Judah were in decline, God, through the prophet Hosea offered the following reason, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children"

(Hosea 4:6). Among many leaders, emotions and feelings have replaced knowledge and reason. Conviction and passion is now viewed as being mean-spirited and offensive.

Brotherhood wide, the spiritual interests of many members have been replaced with entertainment.

Ours is the age of technology, and Satan surely smiles as we recreate ourselves to death with modern gadgets. Hollywood's use of movie theaters, VCR's and DVD players has certainly been a tool of Satan over the years. We have committed ourselves to giving our entertainers a large portion of our paycheck while the treasury of the Lord's church dwindles. Paul's warning grows more ominous by the day..."*Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap*" (Gal. 6:7). We are "sowing the wind" and soon we will "reap the whirlwind" (Hosea 8:7)

Brotherhood wide, too many parent's have not taught their children the way of God (Deut. 6:5-7). Rest assured, if parents aren't taking the opportunity to teach their children, then Satan will. And Satan's teachings lead down the path of doom and destruction. Our children are a gift from God, and they must be presented back to God just as He gave them to us - pure and free from sin (Eccl. 7:29). This can only be done through Jesus Christ's precious blood (1 Pet. 1:18-19).

Why not take this opportunity to not only attend the Gospel Meeting this week, but to also invite your friends and family? Brother Jones will do an excellent job this week in our Gospel Meeting, and he will also help us to enhance our worship through song. Why not be present at every assembly? You'll be glad you did!

Sermon Topics for our Gospel Meeting

Bible Class: *Authority*

AM Sermon: *What In The World Are You Waiting For?*

PM Sermon: *Heaven*

Monday: *Tomorrow*

Tuesday: *Save The Children*

Wed. & Thu.: *Congregational Singing School*

A Preacher's Perspective

by Michael Gilbert

Our visit to Idabel's *Museum of the Red River* to see the dinosaur was exciting, but there was one hitch - the teachings of the tour guide.

Don't get me wrong, she was very polite and she knew all about the exhibits, especially the dinosaur exhibit. But she believed in, *and taught as fact*, the wild theory of evolution.

Meet "Fran" the Dinosaur

The dinosaur on exhibit is nicknamed "Fran". She is an *Acrocanthosaurus atokensis*, "acro" for short.

According to the "fact" sheet distributed by the museum, "Fran" is 125-110 million years old. She was found by amateur paleontologists Cephis Hall and Sid Love. They spent three years (1983-1985) recovering "Fran" from "a dense, grey mud layer, about twelve feet below the surface. They recovered over 50% of the original dinosaur's skeleton". The amazing thing about this fossil is the skull, which includes 67 teeth - an unusual occurrence.

A cast mold of the skull rests on a table at the museum for all to see, as well as a full reconstruction of the dinosaur. When my one year old son saw the full replica he looked amazed at its sheer size - over 40 feet long!

A Conversation with the Tour Guide

My family ventured into the room with "Fran", and the friendly tour guide soon followed. She began talking about the dinosaur, and the information she gave was straight from the evolutionary, anti-religion, anti-God playbook, which wasn't too surprising, although one hopes to hear at least a little respect for the Bible in a small "hometown" museum. Allow me to explain.

As she began explaining "Fran's" age, it was obvious she agreed with the age given to the dinosaurs by atheistic scientists. She stated *as*

fact that "Fran" lived about 40 million years before the famous *T. Rex* appeared on the earth. She kindly pointed out the large time-line on the wall, which named the various ages of the earth such as the Jurassic period (remember the movie *Jurassic Park?*), during which the *T. Rex* is said to have lived, and the Early to Mid-Cretaceous Period, during which "Fran" lived, and noted the time difference in the two.

Some Unanswered Questions

After our guide finished her speech on the age of the dinosaurs, this writer asked if she had ever considered the evidence for dinosaurs and humans living together. In her response, she told of her extensive reading about fossils and the age of the dinosaurs, and how it is "not possible" that humans lived with dinosaurs - she didn't answer my question. She proceeded to explain that dinosaurs became extinct about 65 million years ago, and that humans didn't appear until around 50,000 years ago - with no evidence offered for her beliefs. Our friend also stated, "...it's pretty much a proven fact that people and dinosaurs didn't live together". We beg to differ.

What about the dinosaur drawings made by American Indians in the Hava Supai section of the Grand Canyon, which were discovered in 1924 by Samuel Hubbard? What about the ancient Inca Burial Stones (ca. AD 500 - 1500) with perfect depictions of dinosaurs carved on them? These old artists could not have drawn dinosaurs unless they saw them, or had someone describe the dinosaurs to them. (see Lyons and Butt, 2004 or apologeticspress.org). Remember, dinosaur fossils were not "discovered" until the 1800's, and our modern depictions of dinosaurs came after that.

Atheistic scientists may reject the evidence, but the Bible is right when it says that God created man and animals (even dinosaurs) on day six of creation (Gen. 1:24-26; Ex. 20:11), about 6,000 years ago.