

**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 (1-14-07)**  
B.C. – 44  
A.M. – 71  
P.M. – ??  
Wed. B.C. – ??  
Offering – \$1,673

**News & Notes**

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**Shut-Ins**

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

**Prayer List**

**Homer Batchelor** (continue to remember in prayer)  
**DeWayne Garner** (still in a lot of pain, continues to request our prayers)  
**Ed Moore** (extended health problems; friend of the Dalby's)  
**Clifton Juantez** (suffering dementia; father of Sherry Ray, she had to travel to AR to be with him on Thursday)  
**Herman Aaron** (recovering from broken hip, but doctors are still trying to get his blood lowered; brother of Linda Loe)

**Announcements**

\*Happy Birthday to: Mike Nolte (1-21) and Chuck Phillips (1-26)!  
\*Happy Anniversary to: Buddy and Sherry Ray (1-25)!  
\*Devo @ Sunny Acres - today, 3pm.  
\*Prayer Sister Revealing - this Tuesday, in the Multi-Purpose bldg. Bring a salad or dessert (7pm).  
\*Jan. 24th, 10 AM - the Ladies' Class resumes. All ladies are encouraged to attend.  
\*Don't forget - our 5pm youth training classes will resume today(5-5:45pm)! (parents: the boys should have Gen. 1:1 & Gen. 3:15 memorized by classtime)  
\*There are new *House to House/Heart to Heart* tracts & booklets on the table, feel free to distribute these to friends and family, leave in restaurants, etc. The latest issue of HTH should be in our mailboxes soon.  
\*Next Sunday, Ken Bonham will be here from Boles Home to pick up the "Cans for Children".  
\*Next Sunday is our monthly potluck meal after the morning services.

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**Privileged To Serve...**

**January 21<sup>st</sup>**

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

*Song Leader (AM & PM)...Parker Turner*

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

*Scripture Reading: Michael Gilbert*

**Prayers -- AM & PM**

*2<sup>nd</sup> prayer.....Doyle Raney*

*Closing..... Benny Booth*

*AM Sermon: The Power Of Proper Prayer*

*PM Sermon: Dust On The Bible*

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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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*"Even he shall build the temple of the Lord; and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne; and he shall be a priest upon his throne: and the counsel of peace shall be between them both" (Zechariah 6:13)*

Small passages have big messages. Such is the case with Zechariah 6:13.

**The Temple of the Lord**

Over 500 years prior to Christ's birth, Zechariah foretold of His building the church (temple). Of course, Jesus clarified and specified His plans for the church (Matt. 16:18, Eph. 3:10-11, etc.). He even shed His blood to establish the law of the church, the New Testament (Matt. 26:28).

**He Shall Bear the Glory**

Because He built the church, and not man, Christ alone bears the glory. In fact, Paul taught that one cannot worship acceptably outside of the church Christ established, for he wrote, "Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus..." (Eph. 3:21). The church was established for Christ's glory, and the Father's glory, never for satisfaction of man. This is why most reject the church of the Bible.

**Christ: King & Priest**

Christ is now "King of Kings and Lord of Lords" (1 Tim. 6:15) as well as the Christian's High Priest (Heb. 8:1). Therefore, man must attempt to approach God through His Word, not man's will.

## *Sermon Outlines*

### *The Power of Proper Prayer*

*Text: Matthew 6:5-15*

*Jesus taught us to pray with...*

**I. Reverence (our Father, Hallowed be Thy name)**

**II. Brevity (no vain repetitions)**

**III. Regularity (our 'daily bread')**

**IV. Self-Inspection (forgive us 'our' debts)**

**V. Petitions ("give us this day our daily bread")**

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### *Dust on the Bible*

*Text: 2 Kings 21-23*

*Because of the dust on our Bibles, we have lost...*

**I. Our Morality (2 Kings 23:7)**

**II. Our Fellowship With God (2 Kings 22:20)**

**III. Our Children (2 Kings 21:6)**

**IV. Our Land (2 Kings 22:16)**

**V. Our Religion (2 Kings 23:5)**

## *The Mote That Is In Thy Brother's Eye*

*by Burt Jones*

As a very young company commander in the 60's I was stationed in Germany, Recently I was reminded, while browsing through old army pictures, of an extremely embarrassing incident that happened to me as I conducted an inspection. Everything in the inspection was proceeding as it should, until I approached a young E-2 (private), freshly arrived from basic training in the States. I stopped face to face in front of this young man - whose pulse you could see throbbing in his throat.

The first thing that caught my eye was an unbuttoned pocket on the shirt of the young enlisted man's fatigue uniform. I barked out in my best command voice, "Button that pocket, soldier!" The young soldier turned three shades of red, looked to the left and right, and then sheepishly asked, "Right now, sir?" I answered: "Of course, right now. When did you think I meant for you to do it?" The young soldier then did something that is virtually considered close to treason in the armed forces. He handed ME his weapon, and with both hands trembling HE REACHED OUT AND BUTTONED THE FLAP ON MY SHIRT POCKET!

Why is it easier to observe the mote that is in thy brother's eye than it is to see the plank in our own? Splinters in the eyes of others seem to be more manifest than beams in our own eyes (Matthew 7:3). The Lord says that this is hypocritical. We first need to cast the beam from our own eye so that we can see clearly to cast the mote out of the eye of our brother (Matthew 7:4). Incidentally, I now closely check **my** pockets each morning before I feel comfortable in advising others of theirs.

## *A Preacher's Perspective*

*by Michael Gilbert*

Thanks to all who made last week's meeting a success! Brother Jones preached the gospel, as well as helped us to improve our congregational singing. What a way to kick off the new year!

Our Gospel Meeting was great because our preacher respected the authority of the Bible. Isn't it refreshing to hear the Bible preached in its purity! Brother Jones' attitude was that of Micaiah, "As the Lord liveth, what the Lord saith unto me, that will I speak" (1 Kgs. 22:14). A preacher who declares, "...I cannot go beyond the word of the Lord my God, to do less or more" (Num. 22:18) is worth his weight in gold!

Did you notice all of our visitors? At least nine area congregations made the cold trip to DeKalb to support us in our meeting. That speaks well of them, but it also speaks volumes about our desire to strengthen the Lord's body in NE Texas. By providing events such as this, we are not only helping ourselves, but those around us.

What a wonderful time of fellowship we had! I suppose there is nothing that recharges our spiritual batteries more than good old-fashion fellowship. I noticed that several of our members seemed to deeply enjoy talking with brother Jones before and after the services, as well as in some homes. In fact, some may have wanted him to stay here longer! As a preacher, Gospel Meeting time is special - a needed break from routine, and a time to access the wisdom of years from long-time preachers.

A special thank you go to all who prepared meals and bought lunches for brother Jones, and for my family as well. Brother Jones was very thankful for all your kindnesses toward him, as are we.

Be praying for our good elders as they plan more exciting, edifying times in the future!