

**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 (1-21-07)**  
**B.C. – 39**  
**A.M. – 63**  
**P.M. – 48**  
**Wed. B.C. – 44**  
**Offering – \$1,120**

**News & Notes**

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**Shut-Ins**

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

**Prayer List**

**Homer Batchelor** (at home; requests our prayers)  
**DeWayne Garner** (continues to request our prayers)  
**Ed Moore** (needs our prayers; friend of the Dalby's)  
**Clifton Calley** (prolonged illness; father of Sherry Ray)  
**Herman Aaron** (in rehab; brother of Linda Loe)  
**Jean Jagers & family** (our sympathy is extended to the Jagers' family in the death of Coy; the funeral was Thursday)  
**Julie Hill** (we rejoice that Julie was baptized on Wednesday)

**Announcements**

\*Happy Birthday to: Mitchell Weeks (1-29)!  
\*Happy Anniversary to: the Barrett's (1-28) and the Dalby's (1-30)!  
\*Today is our monthly potluck meal after the morning services.  
\*Youth Training Classes: today @ 5pm. (parents: the boys should have Gen. 1:1 & Gen. 3:15 memorized by classtime)  
\*Ladies' Class - Wednesday 10AM.  
\*Potluck lunch following the morning service.  
\*Thanks to all who gave so generously last week to Boles Home!  
\*note from Burt Jones: "Dear Brethren, Just a brief note to say that our recent meeting was extremely encouraging to me. It is gratifying to join together with those of kindred spirits. The fruit of this great effort on your part will be seen in a deeper understanding of the Word of God and in more harmony among fellow Christians. If I can be of assistance to any of you, please call on me. I predict an outstanding future for the church there. In His Service, Burt Jones".

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**Privileged To Serve...**

**January 28<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Song Leader (AM & PM)...** Alex Evans

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

**Scripture Reading:** Michael Gilbert

**Prayers -- AM & PM**  
2<sup>nd</sup> prayer.....John Loe  
Closing..... Dwayne Jeffery

**AM Sermon:** The Power of Proper Giving  
**PM Sermon:** Anger

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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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"Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me"

Oh, what a wonderful effect it would have if our brotherhood began searching the Scriptures again!

The Jews were fond of letting people know that they had been given the Scriptures (Matt. 23:5). However, salvation is not found in the mere possession of the Scriptures. Rather, salvation is found in the man about whom the Old and New Testaments were written - Jesus Christ.

Every Scripture, in one way or another, speaks of our Savior. This is why a knowledge of the Old Testament is just as important as a knowledge of the New. We know the New Testament speaks of Christ, so let's note a few places where the Old Testament speaks of our Savior.

Gen. 3:15 - He is the seed of woman.  
Ex. 12:11 - He is the passover lamb.  
Lev. 8-9 - He is our High Priest  
Num. 20:11 - He is the Rock  
Deut. 18:15 - He is the coming Prophet

We could go through every book of the Old Testament and find pictures of our Savior.

In fact, if one truly desires to know Jesus, he will spend as much time looking for Him in the Old Testament as he does in the New Testament.

# Sermon Outline

## **The Power Of Proper Giving**

Text: 1 Cor. 16:1-2

To experience the power in proper giving, I must:

### **I. Give Proportionally**

- A. I must give in proportion to my \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Cor. 16:2)
- B. I will give in proportion to my \_\_\_\_\_ (Jn. 3:16; 1 Jn. 4:19)

### **II. Give Purposefully**

- A. To give purposefully means I must \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Sam. 24:24)
- B. To give purposefully means I must \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 4:34-37)

### **III. Give Properly**

- A. God asks me to give to the right \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 4:36-37; 1 Cor. 16:1)
- B. God asks me to give on the right \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Cor. 16:2)

### **Giving...** by V.P. Black

All giving can come under three major heads:

1. Support to preach the gospel
2. Support to care for the sick and poor
3. Support for physical facilities

Much is said in the Bible about the support of the gospel. In 1 Corinthians 9:14, Paul says, "Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel".

For many years in the church there has been a double-standard used. Too often the minister has been looked upon as the one who is to make financial sacrifices for the cause of Christ.

Frequently, in supporting the minister, the people have looked upon him as one who should have little of this world's goods because of his calling.

The story is told of one member who defended this position with the assumption that a minister was to have "souls for hire".

When the men, in a business meeting, would suggest a raise for the minister, this idolater would object, saying, "The preacher should have souls for hire". He mentioned this once too often, so the preacher said, "I can't eat souls; my wife and children can't eat souls, and if we could eat souls, it would take twelve dozen of your size to make my family a continental breakfast!"

This problem has been solved in most cases. Most preachers are well supported, but it has taken a lot of teaching to do the job.

1 Corinthians 9:7-11, "Who goeth a warfare any time at his own charges? who planteth a vineyard, and eateth not of the fruit thereof? or who feedeth a flock, and eateth not of the milk of the flock? Say I these things as a man? or saith not the law the same also? For it is written in the law of Moses, Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn. Doth God take care for oxen (Deut. 25:4)? Or saith he it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written: that he that ploweth should plow in hope; and that he that thresheth in hope should be partaker of his hope. If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things?"

Philippians 1:3-5, "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy, For your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now".

Much is also said in the Bible about caring for the poor and needy.

Matthew 25:34-40 "Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me".

History bears out the fact that the early church did care for the needy. Apology of Aristides written about 135 AD, "And is there among them a man that is poor or needy, and they have an abundance of necessaries, they fast two or three days that they may supply the needy with their necessary food". Justin Martyr spoke of keeping the poor as it was practiced in Samaria in 140 AD, "And the wealthy among us help the needy. And they, who are well-to-do and willing, give what each thinks fit". Tertullian at Carthage, 199 AD, "These gifts, as it were, piety deposit fund. For they are not taken thence and spent on feasts, and drinking-bouts, and eating houses, but to support and bury poor people, to supply the wants of boys and girls destitute of means and parents". There is no doubt about it, much concern was given to the poor and unfortunate during the early days of New Testament Christianity. Read Acts 4:34-37.

Concerning physical facilities, nothing is said in the NT about Christians building church houses. Since they were commanded to assemble to worship, they, of necessity, had some kind of building, whether they rented these buildings or bought land and constructed their own buildings, we are not told. The church in recent years, has put great emphasis on constructing elaborate buildings. When we place more emphasis on buildings than we do mission work, it is wrong. Many churches do practically no mission work because they take all the money and apply it on buildings. We must remember there is a judgment day coming when we must give an account.