

**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 (1-28-07)
B.C. – 42
A.M. – 83
P.M. – 36
Wed. B.C. – 26
Offering – \$2,122

News & Notes

Shut-Ins - (Remember with calls, cards, prayers, and/or visits)

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

Prayer List - (Remember with calls, cards, prayers, and/or visits)

Homer Batchelor (at home; requests our prayers)
DeWayne Garner (continues to request our prayers)
Ed Moore (no more kidney dialysis; friend of the Dalby's)
Clifton Calley (showing signs of improvement; father of Sherry Ray)
Herman Aaron (he is @ home now; brother of Linda Loe)
Larry Keister (needs lung transplant; co-worker of Jo Hawkins)
Nancy Kier (doing some better)
William Roy Ritchardson (he is @ St. Michael's; lives near church bldg.)
Alex Fore (broken arm; recovering nicely)
Jean Jagers (continue to remember her)

Announcements

*Happy Anniversary to: the Phillip's (2-1) and the Nolte's (2-3)!
*Happy Birthday to: Brandi Booth (1-4); Margaret Yates (1-4); Ricky Wilson (1-5); and Renae Nolte (1-9)!
*Youth Training Classes - today @ 5-5:45pm.
*Ladies' Class - Wednesday 10AM.
*Sunny Acres: February 18 - Devo (3pm); Feb. 21 - Birthday party (2pm)
*Youth Night: February 28

Brotherhood Events

*Holding to the Traditions meeting @ the Lynn Lane Church of Christ, February 10, 9am-12. (various speakers)

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Privileged To Serve...

February 4th

Announcements & 1st Prayer.... John Loe

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

Lord's Table.... Giles Feazel, Craig Loe, Doyle Raney

Scripture Reading: Michael Gilbert

Prayers -- AM & PM

2nd prayer.....Buddy Ray
Closing.....Dwayne Jeffery

AM Sermon: The Power of Proper Singing

PM Sermon: Love

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**

*"For whatsoever things were written
aforetime were written for our learning,
that we through patience and comfort of
the scriptures might have hope"*
(Romans 15:4)

The "things..written aforetime" is a direct reference to the Old Testament Scriptures. According to Paul, those Old Testament Jewish writings produce patience, comfort and hope for Christians. If that is true (and it is), then why are so many unfamiliar with its teachings? Could it be because our preachers haven't taught us the proper use and value of the Old Testament? Could it be because we haven't listened to our preachers as they attempted to teach us the value of the Old Testament? Whatever the case, allow me to give seven reasons why a Christian needs to know about the old Jewish Scriptures.

1. The Old Testament is inspired of God (2 Tim. 2:16-17)
2. The Old Testament shows that God and His *principles* (i.e., love, mercy, patience, etc. - Malachi 3:6) never change.
3. To better understand the New Testament (Gal. 3:24, books of Rom., Heb.)
4. To make us "wise unto salvation" (2 Tim. 3:15)
5. To better understand our Savior, through prophecies about Him (Is. 53)
6. To *fully* understand the love of God (Micah 7:18, etc.)
7. To understand what great faith can accomplish (Rom. 4:3; Heb. 11)

Sermon Outline

The Power of Proper Singing
Text: Ephesian 5:19

In Ephesians 5:19, Paul teaches us that our worship in song must be...

- I. Pure ("be not drunk with wine...but..." - v. 18)**

- II. Spiritual ("in your heart" - from your innermost self)**

- III. Emotional ("make melody in your heart", but not unbridled emotion)**

- IV. Joyous ("speaking to yourselves"; we live under the New Covenant of Christ)**

- V. Vocal ("singing" - notice how specific the apostle Paul is)**

- VI. Congregational ("speaking to yourselves")**

- VII. Addressed to God ("to the Lord")**

A Note From The Preacher: This congregation is to be commended for planning and attending our recent congregational singing school. All who attended enjoyed themselves, and seemed to appreciate brother Jones and his instruction. Congregational singing is perhaps the most beautiful part of our worship to the Almighty. However, it is readily acknowledged that in America 2007, there are many religious folks, even among the churches of Christ, who disagree with point 5 of the above sermon concerning instrumental music (i.e., the Richland Hills Church of Christ near Dallas, et. al). If you happen to fall into that category, please don't kill the messenger (preacher)! I will be happy to study the Scriptures further with you - Michael.

A Preacher's Perspective...

by Michael Gilbert

How wonderful it is to start out a new year with a new sister in Christ. We are thankful that Julie Hill was baptized into Christ for the remission of her sins on January 24! We hope every member here at DeKalb will continue to make Julie feel at home. May this occasion help each of us to be aware of souls that need to know Christ as their Savior.

Since we are discussing salvation from sin, I came across an article by a Nashville, TN preacher named Carl Sims that I hope you will enjoy.

Contacting The Blood Of Christ

A question that has been asked often, "Is the blood of Jesus applied and salvation obtained at the point of faith?" The answer to this question is found in the record of the day of Pentecost after the death of Christ. Peter had explained about the death, burial and resurrection of the Lord. Now notice what Acts 2:36-40 tells us: "*Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ. Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.*"

Notice that Peter told them to believe Jesus to be "both Lord and Christ." Because they believed, they asked, "What shall we do?" Then they are told, "Repent and be baptized every one of you". If they were saved at the point of faith, there would have been no need for that command. They were captains of their own destiny as shown in v. 40, which states: "save yourselves". Peter surely did not expect unbelievers to repent and be baptized and

therefore "save themselves". Nor did Peter believe that they had been saved by the blood of Jesus Christ before receiving this charge (i.e., at the point of faith).

The question is "how do we reach the blood of Christ"? Paul answers this question in Romans 6:3-4: "*Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.*" Jesus shed His blood in His death on the cross and we reach that blood when we are buried with Him in baptism into His death and then walk in newness of life. Keep your eye on the cross of Jesus Christ!

Now that I have contacted Christ's blood, what am I and what can I do for the cause of Christ, my fellow Christians, and a lost world?

As a disciple...I must study
(Acts 11:26; 17:11)

As a child...I must grow
(Gal. 3:26-27; 2 Pet. 3:18)

As a priest...I must sacrifice
(1 Peter 2:5)

As a saint...I must live a holy life
(1 Cor. 1:2)

As a branch...I must bear fruit
(Jn. 15:1-8)

As a soldier...I must fight
(Eph. 6:10-11; 2 Tm. 2:3)

As a steward...I must use my talents
(Matt. 25:14-30)

As a Pilgrim...I will long for home
(1 Pet. 2:11; Heb. 11:10)