

**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 (2-4-07)

B.C. – 49
A.M. – 81
P.M. – 43
Wed. B.C. – 51
Offering – \$1,724
Wkly Bdg. - \$1,702

News & Notes

Shut-Ins/Extd illness - (Remember with calls, cards, prayers, visits, etc.)

Carlos Rodgers; Bessie Daniel; Paula Hodgson; Netia Ward; Neta Wilsford
Pat and Mary Ann Davis; Homer Batchelor

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

Letha Robbins (sister Robbins' grand-daughter was involved in a very serious car accident on Thursday; the grand-daughter was @ Tyler, TX as of Thursday)

Larry Keister (needs lung transplant; co-worker of Jo Hawkins)

William Roy Ritchardson (very serious condition; lives near church bldg.)

DeWayne Garner (doctor's appointment in San Antonio this weekend)

Announcements

*We are pleased to have John Gilbert with us today to lead our singing!

*Happy Anniversary to: the Jeffery's (2-14)!

*Youth Training Classes: today @ 5-5:45pm.

*Ladies' Class: Wednesday 10AM.

*Ladies' Night Out: Feb. 20th, here @ M.P. Bldg (7pm)

*Sunny Acres: February 18 - Devo (3pm); Feb. 21 - Birthday party (2pm)

*Youth Night: February 28

Brotherhood Events

*4th Annual Ladies' Day @ the N. Jefferson Church of Christ, April 14th.

(registration begins @ 9:30am; salad luncheon provided @ noon)

*Gospel Meeting @ the Broken Bow Church of Christ, March 4-7.

*Gospel Meeting @ the Fouke Church of Christ, April 22 - 25th. (7pm Mon-Wed; various speakers)

Fill in the blank - (AM) - Christ; death; 2nd coming; world; inner self; (PM) morality; fellowship; children; land; religion

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Privileged To Serve...

February 11th

Announcements & 1st Prayer.... John Loe

Song Leader (AM & PM)...John Gilbert

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

Scripture Reading: Michael Gilbert

Prayers -- AM & PM

2nd prayer.....Dickie Dalby

Closing.....Doyle Raney

AM Sermon: The Power of a Proper Memorial

PM Sermon: Dust on the Bible

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**

"Hear this, I pray you, ye heads of the house of Jacob, and princes of the house of Israel...Zion for your sake shall be plowed as a field and Jerusalem shall become heaps..." (Micah 3:9-12)

If I had lived in Micah's day, I would have told him. I couldn't let him ruin his influence as a preacher. So, when I finally got up the nerve, I would have said, "Oh, Micah! How could you? Don't you know that you can't mix politics and religion? You ought to preach the Bible only and leave the politicians alone. Mixing politics and religion makes more enemies than friends. As your friend, Micah, I must tell you that *you can't change society*...and that's a fact! I know you are passionate, but as you get more wisdom, you will calm down. *You can't change the world!*"

Of course, Micah was hard-headed and would not have listened. I would have tried to warn him, after all, I like preachers. But, preachers today make the same mistake. Why do they always try to get involved in politics? Don't they understand that people won't listen when preachers mix politics and religion? Why are they always talking against political issues like same-sex marriage, abortion, human cloning, and embryonic stem-cell research? I think I know the problem. Too many preachers are reading from Micah's book. If we could just get them to stop reading Micah 3, especially verse 8...maybe they would stop mixing politics and religion.

The Power of a Proper Memorial

Text: 1 Corinthians 11:22-29

According to Paul, when we commune with Christ at His table, we should look:

- I. Upward - to _____ ("*in remembrance of Me*" - v. 24-25)
- II. Backward - to His _____ ("*...My body...My blood*" - v.24-25)
- III. Forward - to His _____ ("*till He come*" - v. 26)
- IV. Outward - to the _____ ("*ye do shew the Lord's death*" - v. 26)
- V. Inward - to our _____ ("*...let a man examine himself...*" v. 27)

Dust on the Bible

Text: 2 Kings 21-23

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

- I. Our _____ (2 Kings 23:7)
- II. Our _____ With God (2 Kings 22:20)
- III. Our _____ (2 Kings 21:6)
- IV. Our _____ (2 Kings 22:16)
- V. Our _____ (2 Kings 23:5)

A Preacher's Perspective...

by Michael Gilbert

Local Evangelism

The task of every congregation is that of local evangelism. The church at Thessalonica was a great evangelistic congregation, for Paul wrote, "*For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything*" (1 Thess. 1:8, ESV).

The church here at DeKalb is also an evangelistic church. We send money to the orphan homes with the hope that the orphans will one day obey the gospel. We send money to foreign missionaries. We support our own preacher. Also, we mail out a great periodical, *House to House/ Heart to Heart*, as well as publish an article in the *DeKalb News*.

And that's not all...we also have gospel meetings and VBS which promote the gospel in this community.

But can we really ever do enough? No, not really. Personally and congregationally, there is always room for improvement. With this thought in mind, I want to give you the opportunity to be evangelistic in another way.

The New Boston Public Library

This past week, I made a call to the New Boston Public Library. I asked if they accepted books and/or video donations, and the librarian said "yes"!

So...since many of you quizzed me pretty hard about my views of evangelism in the community during my "tryout" last Mother's day...and since I assured you that I would propose new ideas on occasion...I am presenting you with a list of books (and a some videos), written by faithful Christians, which can be donated to the New Boston Library!

Here's How It Works

- (1) find the item you want to donate using the list below;
- (3) sign the list (located on the table) beside the item you have chosen (if an item is already taken, please choose another).
- (4) give Michael Gilbert or the elders the appropriate amount of money, earmarked "donation - title of selection".

Suggested Children's Books:

- 1. *Truth Be Told* (5th grade level book dealing with the myths of evolution)
- 2. *Dinosaurs Unleashed* (deals with the biblical view of dinosaurs and creation)
- 3. *How Do You Know The Bible Is From God?* (deals with how we got the Bible)

Suggested Adult Books:

- 1. *The Quran Unveiled* (deals w/Islam)
- 2. *Behold! The Lamb of God* (deals with the question "was Christ a historical person")
- 3. *Sin & Salvation* (2-volume set which focuses on God's plan of salvation from sin)
- 4. *Why I am a Member of the Church of Christ* (25 solid reasons to be a member of the church of Christ)

Suggested Videos:

- 1. *Science & Nature: Two Votes for God* (deals with creation/evolution)
- 2. *The Silencing of God* (deals with the systematic dismantling of America's Christian heritage by atheists, the ACLU, etc.)
- 3. *The Quran & New Testament Christianity* (deals with the dangers of Islam)

Suggested Magazines(1-year subscriptions):

- 1. *Discovery* (kids magazine dealing with Science & the Bible; dinosaurs, etc.)
- 2. *Think* (deals with a variety of topics - designed especially to be placed in public places such as libraries, hospitals, lobbies, etc.)

(If you would like to view anything on this list before donating it, please see Michael)