

**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 (2-11-07)

B.C. – 32
A.M. – 67
P.M. – 40
Wed. B.C. – 51
Offering – \$1,651
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; William Roy Ritchardson

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

Ashley Sowders (in ICU, has developed pneumonia; Letha Robbins' grand-daughter)

DeWayne Garner (appointment went well, change in meds seems to help)

Anthony Booth (major dental work, he is doing fine)

Jordan McDaniel (out of hospital, tests temp. delayed; Dot Swint's grandson)

Herman Aaron (possible strokes; brother of Linda Loe)

Linda Loe (dealing w/vertigo)

Gerald Hornbuckle (knee problems; waiting on test results)

Announcements

*All the ladies interested in hosting a Bridal shower for Julie Hill need to meet down front immediately after evening services. (she is engaged to Jonathan Dalby)

*Happy Birthday to: Jean Jagers (2-20)!

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

*Ladies' Class: Wednesday 10AM.

*Ladies' Night Out: this Tuesday, here @ the M.P. Bldg (7pm)

*Sunny Acres Devo; Today @ 3pm; Feb. 21 - Birthday party @2pm.

*Youth Night: February 28

*Sign up to receive the DeKalb Digest via email - just send a message to the office: office@dekalbchurchofchrist.com

Brotherhood Events

*Gospel Meeting @ the Broken Bow Church of Christ, March 4-7 (7pm, Mon-Wed).

*Gospel Meeting @ the Westside Church of Christ (Idabel), April 1-6; H.D. Simmons preaching).

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Privileged To Serve...

February 18th

Announcements & 1st Prayer.... John Loe

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

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

Scripture Reading: Michael Gilbert

Prayers -- AM & PM

2nd prayer.....Pat Davis

Closing.....Benny Booth

AM Sermon: True Married Love

PM Sermon: Joseph - Faithful in a Faith-less World
(a sermon for the youth)

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**

"And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery" (Matthew 19:9)

Marriage and divorce is a touchy subject. However, Jesus himself spoke these words, and man's responsibility is to conform to the teachings of the Master. After all, humanity will be judged according to His words (Jn. 12:48).

The Master gave one reason for divorce and remarriage - fornication. Most understand that term, but for those who don't, it simply means sexual intercourse with someone other than your husband/wife.

If a divorce occurs for a reason other than fornication, neither party is free to remarry. *The government may sanction divorce and remarriage for trivial reasons, but Jesus does not.*

Some have divorced for reasons other than fornication, waited until the former spouse gave in to lust, then claimed "My husband/wife committed fornication, and I am free to remarry". The divorce was not "for fornication". Rest assured, the God of heaven is not easily deceived.

On the other hand, according to Matt. 19:12, some have divorced (not for fornication) and have "...made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven's sake..." (i.e., remained single to obey God's marriage law). An action that is pleasing to Jesus, to be sure. All people should ask, "What about my marriage?".

True Married Love (2-18-07)

Text: Song of Solomon 8:6-7

True married love is expressed in...

I. *Commitment (Genesis 2:24)*

II. *Permanency (Matthew 19:9)*

III. *Purity (Hebrews 13:4)*

Not a One...by David Sargent

Little Chad was a shy, quiet young fellow. One day he came home and told his mother that he'd like to make a valentine for everyone in his class. Her heart sank. She thought, "I wish he wouldn't do that!" because she had watched the children when they walked home from school. Her Chad was always behind them. They laughed and hung on to each other and talked to each other. **Chad was never included.** Nevertheless, she decided she would go along with her son. So she purchased the paper and glue and crayons. For three whole weeks, night after night, Chad painstakingly made thirty-five valentines.

Valentine's Day dawned... and Chad was beside himself with excitement! He carefully stacked them up, put them in a bag, and bolted out the door. His mom decided to bake him his favorite cookies and serve them up warm and nice with a cool glass of milk when he came home from school. She just knew he would be disappointed -- maybe that would ease the pain a little. It hurt her to think that he wouldn't get many valentines -- maybe none at all.

That afternoon... she had the cookies and milk on the table. When she heard the children outside, she looked out the window. Sure enough here they came, laughing and having the best time. And, as always, there was Chad in the rear. He walked a little faster than usual. She fully expected him to burst into tears as soon as he got inside. His arms were empty, she noticed, and when the door opened she choked back the tears. "Mommy has some warm cookies and milk for you." But he hardly heard her words. He just marched right on by, his face aglow, and all he could say was: "**Not a one -- not a one.**" Her heart sank. And then he added, "**I didn't forget a one, not a single one!**"

Because of His love, God provided a plan whereby **each and every man and woman** can be **saved from SIN**. His plan required the DEATH of His Son, **Jesus**, on the cross for the sins of the world. One may participate in His plan by placing his trust in Jesus (Hebrews 11:6), repenting of sin (Acts 17:30-31), confessing Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), being baptized for the forgiveness of sin (Acts 2:38), **AND** living faithfully to the Lord for the rest of one's life (Revelation 2:10).

Not a one – not a one. God did not forget a single one! Jesus, by the grace of God, died for EVERY man (Hebrews 2:9; 1 John 2:2).

Will YOU accept His gift on His terms?

A Preacher's Perspective...

by Michael Gilbert

(Since this article mentions Keller, TX, I thought you might be interested in this little bit of news. Keller, TX is only 3 short hours from DeKalb - just north of Ft. Worth. Brethren, DeKalb is not immune from the these sinister influences of the ACLU and their lawyers - Michael)

The Insane Expulsion of God

by Dave Miller, Ph.D.

On a daily basis in America, the Christian religion and the God of the Bible are subjected to disdain, contempt, and open hostility by those who seem determined to eradicate the Christian worldview. The number and nature of these outrageous affronts are increasing in magnitude and absurdity. One recent instance is seen in the removal of "In God We Trust" from the image of a nickel on the yearbook of the Liberty Elementary School in Keller, Texas. The Superintendent said the decision was made to omit the phrase since it "might create an issue with people of several religious faiths" (Brown, 2006).

In another incident, the Fredericksburg, Virginia city council voted to ban any reference to Jesus Christ in prayers after being threatened by the ACLU if the practice continued (Battle, 2006).

The 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals had already unanimously ruled that by opening its meetings with a prayer that mentions Jesus Christ, the Great Falls, South Carolina Town Council was guilty

of an unconstitutional government advancement of one religion, i.e., Christianity ("4th Circuit...", 2004).

Another ACLU instigated lawsuit resulted in a U.S. District Judge ruling that the Indiana House of Representatives could not formally open with prayers that mention Jesus Christ or use Christian terms such as "savior" because they amount to state endorsement of a religion (Wilson, 2006).

All such actions fly flagrantly in the face of over 180 years of contrary legislative and judicial practice. "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord" (Psalm 33:12).

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