

**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 (2-18-07)

B.C. – 41
A.M. – 69
P.M. – 41
Wed. B.C. – 46
Offering – \$2,186
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;
DeWayne Garner; Ashley Sowders; Herman Aaron; Ed Moore

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

Francis Ramsey & family (our sympathy is extended to sister Francis and her family. Her husband, William, passed away Tuesday morning)
Hoyt & Jeanette Raney (extended health problems; Doyle Raney's brother)
Billy Don Sikes (kidney stones; Doyle Sikes' brother)
Billy Blakeney (St. Michael's room 466 N.)
Craig Loe (had Dr.'s appointment last week; requests our prayers)
Lea'e Anderson (requests prayers for her brother, **Maxie Kimbrell**. He is serving in Iraq; her grandmothers are doing better)
Florice Morris (triple bypass surgery; Genita Dalby's sister in Dallas)
Fore household (strep throat is present in their household - more than one of them may have it)

Announcements

*Happy Birthday to: Jessica Mitchell (2-26), Cole Fore (2-26), and Elizabeth Gilbert (2-26)!
*Song Leading Classes: today @ 5-5:30pm (for any man interested in leading singing).
*Congregational Singing practice: today @ 5:30pm.
*Ladies' Class: Wednesday 10AM.
*Youth Night: is this Wednesday

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 25th

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.....Jim Reaves

Closing.....Craig Loe

AM Sermon: The Power of Proper Preaching

PM Sermon: The Restoration Movement

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**

"Nevertheless he left not himself without witness, in that he did good, and gave us rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness." (Acts 14:17)

All People Can Know God Exists

Our God is reasonable. In fact, He demands that mankind be reasonable. Time and again, God calls upon mankind to use common sense.

He pleaded with Israel to "Come now, and let us reason together..." (Is. 1:18). Again, the message is clear, "Produce your cause...bring forth your strong reasons, saith the King of Jacob" (Is. 41:21).

According to our text (Acts 14:17), Paul used a logical argument to turn the people of Lystra from the vanity of idolatry. Paul knew that God provided them evidence for His existence via the creation. In fact, all men can view the creation and know that God exists (Ps. 19:1-6). Paul expected the citizens of Lystra to leave idols and serve God because of this evidence. Truly, "He left not Himself without witness..." (Acts 14:17).

Provides For Our Physical Needs

The fact that our physical needs continue to be met is enough evidence to prove the existence of God.

Mankind's daily necessities are a gift from God, for it is God that has prepared the earth for our use. He made the earth, and He knows how to cause it to bring forth our food. Praise God, our Provider!

The Power of Proper Preaching

Text: Luke 4:16-17

We should demand that our preachers preach like Jesus. Jesus' preaching was always...

I. Loving (Luke 4:22, 28)

II. Direct (John 8:30, 39-42, 59)

III. Logical (Luke 2:47; John 10:19-20)

IV. Scriptural (Luke 4:21; 24:25-27, 44-45)

V. Downplaying Emotion (Matthew 13:1-3ff)

The Restoration Movement

Text: Nehemiah 8:1-8

Every member of the church should be involved in restoring the New Testament Church...

I. Restoration Is A Process

II. What Foundation Must We Lay?

A Preacher's Perspective...

by Michael Gilbert

Sometimes it happens when loved ones die. Sometimes it comes when those dreaded "problems" disrupt the unity of the local church. Other times, it comes when our marriages are strained. Perhaps a friend's lapse in judgment shatters his seemingly stable spiritual life and brings "it" into *our* lives.

"It" is the discouragement which leads to forsaking the Lord and His people.

Jeremiah almost quit. Ezekiel cried out to God because of it. Job surely possessed his share. And who could forget King David's despair? The mighty Moses even battled it. We, too, have had our share of discouragement.

What enabled these men of God to overcome discouragement? What can help us to defeat this great enemy of God's people?

Personally speaking...I have experienced discouragement in my life. During these "down times", we all are tempted to forsake the Lord and His people. We begin focusing on ourselves instead of others, and it is hard to get "out of the rut".

During times of great discouragement, we deceive ourselves, fully believing that we are "thinking clearly". However, our judgment is clouded.

I now understand the words of my instructor at MSOP, "Don't make a decision on a blue day". What great advice.

How do we overcome discouragement?

Remember - Others Rely On You

Deep discouragement almost caused the Psalmist to abandon God and His people (read Psalm 73). It caused him to focus on his problems, rather than helping others.

At one point, he thought, "*Verily I have cleansed my heart in vain...for all day long have I been plagued, and chastened every morning*" (Ps. 73:13-14). He thought it was useless to live for God!

How thankful we should be because the Psalmist gives us his secret for overcoming discouragement in the very next verse - "*If I had said, "I will speak thus," I would have betrayed the generation of your children*" (Ps. 73:15, ESV). He was concerned about his influence on God's children! His attention was finally focused on others!

So remember, when that terrible feeling of discouragement hits just think about all the people that you would influence for the worse if you decide to give up your faith in God, stop worshipping, and/or begin complaining. Think about your brothers and sisters in Christ. Think about your family. If you forsake Christ and His church because of discouragement, others may follow.