

**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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**Preacher**

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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 (2-25-07)**

B.C. – 63  
A.M. – 88  
P.M. – 42  
Wed. B.C. – 49  
Offering – \$2,046  
Wkly Bdg. - \$1,702

**News & Notes**

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**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; Ashley  
Sowders; Ed Moore

**Prayer List** - (NOTE: Because of space limitations, names on the prayer list  
will only appear once, except by request. Sorry for any inconvenience - Michael)

**Mary Willis** (has cough and congestion)  
**Hermon Aaron** (in hospital @ Wadley; Linda Loe's brother)  
**Michelle Sanders** (on life support; neighbor of Jo Hawkins)  
**Chester Harrington** (scheduled for more surgery)  
**J.W. Penley** (in Houston - doctors have found a spot on his lung; lives near our  
church building)  
**Gary and Brenda Williams** (Gary is still undergoing cancer treatments; Michael  
Gilbert's uncle)

**Announcements**

\*Daylight Saving Time begins early this year...set your clocks forward 1 hour this  
Saturday night!  
\*There will be a bridal shower for Julie Hill (engaged to Jonathan Dalby) on  
March 11 from 2-4pm at the Gilbert's house. Julie is registered @ Wal-Mart.  
\*Happy Birthday: Pat Davis (3-4); Bessie Daniel (3-4); Francis Ramsey (3-9)!  
\*Congregational Singing practice: canceled, will resume next Sunday @ 5pm.  
\*Ladies' Class: Wednesday 10AM.  
\*Youth Night: March 28th.  
\*If you haven't signed up to donate a book to the New Boston Public Library, go  
ahead and sign up today...several have already signed up!  
\*Sign up to receive the bulletin via email. Send a message to:  
office@dekalbchurchofchrist.com.

**Brotherhood Events**

\*Gospel Meeting @ the Broken Bow Church of Christ, March 4-7 (7pm, Mon -  
Wed).  
\*Gospel Meeting @ Avery Church of Christ, March 18-22, (7pm, Mon - Wed);  
Buddy Ray will be speaking...lets all go and support him!

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**Privileged To Serve...**

**March 4<sup>th</sup>**

Announcements & 1<sup>st</sup> Prayer.... Buddy Ray

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

Lord's Table.... Giles Feazel, Dickie Dalby, Mitchell Weeks

Scripture Reading: Michael Gilbert

**Prayers -- AM & PM**

2<sup>nd</sup> prayer.....Jim Reaves

Closing.....John Loe

AM Sermon: Is the Bible God's Word?

PM Sermon Series: How We Got The Bible

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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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"All scripture is given by inspiration of  
God, and is profitable for doctrine, for  
reproof, for correction, for instruction in  
righteousness..." (2 Tim. 3:16)

Few people actually understand what  
the Bible is.

It is the very words of our Creator,  
passed down to us from generation to  
generation. It is the story of our salvation.  
Oh that America would readily accept  
this truth, as she once did!

**The Word 'Inspiration'**

In this text, the word 'inspiration' needs  
some explanation. It does not mean "to be  
uplifted or encouraged". Also, the Bible  
is not 'inspired' as Shakespeare was  
'inspired'.

To help us understand the meaning of  
'inspiration' in our text, let us note how  
the ESV translates the verse, "All  
Scripture is breathed out by God and  
profitable...". The Scriptures were  
literally 'breathed out' or 'spoken' by God.

**Both Covenants Are Inspired**

Paul defines the term 'scriptures' for us  
in 1 Timothy 5:18. He refers to  
Deuteronomy 25:4 and Luke 10:17 and  
calls them 'Scripture'. Therefore, both the  
Old and New Covenants are 'Scripture'  
and "breathed out by God".

If the Bible is actually from God (and it  
is), then it is your duty to study His word  
(Acts 17:11) and rightly divide it (1 Tim.  
2:15). Then, "the truth will set you free"  
(Jn. 8:32, ESV).

**Is The Bible God's Word?**

Text: 2 Timothy 3:16-17

*If the Bible is God's Word, then it must be obeyed...*

**I. What Does The Bible Say About Itself?**

**II. Is There Evidence To Verify The Bible's Claims?**

**III. Why Does It Matter?**

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**How We Got The Bible**

Text: 2 Tim. 3:16-17

There will be no outline for this series of lessons...and there is a good reason for that. Every person will be given a nice tract at the conclusion of the series. This full-color, laminated tract is the basic outline of these lessons. The space below will be left open for note-taking during these lessons.

**The Making of Ancient Books...**

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**A Preacher's Perspective...**

*by Michael Gilbert*

Have you ever wandered about baptism and congregational membership?

Maybe these questions have popped up in your mind - "does a person have to be a member of the same congregation where they were baptized?", or "what about placing membership?".

Thankfully, God has touched on these topics in His Word.

Baptism places a person into the church of Christ (Acts 2:47; 1 Cor. 12:13, etc.). However, it does not make one a member of a 'local church' (congregation).

All Christians worldwide cannot meet in the same place. Therefore, God established 'local congregations' that meet in various locations (e.g., the DeKalb Church of Christ). It is God's desire that all Christians associate themselves with a local church (Eph. 1:1).

**Placing Membership - A Good Practice**

Upon one's baptism, the new Christian should place membership with a particular congregation of God's people.

There are no forms to fill out...no one will take a vote. It simply means that a new Christian should notify a specific congregation of his intention to worship and work with them.

The same goes for a Christian who moves into a new area. He should seek out a faithful congregation of the church of Christ and express to them his desire to worship and work with them.

**Following Paul's Example**

The apostle Paul serves as an example of "placing membership". After his baptism, he "...assayed to join himself to the disciples: but they were all afraid of him, and believed not that

he was a disciple. But Barnabas took him, and brought him to the apostles, and declared unto them how he had seen the Lord in the way, and that he had spoken to him, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. An he was with them coming in and going out at Jerusalem" (Acts 9:26-28).

Paul's experience teaches us that all new converts should seek to associate with fellow members of the church of Christ.

**The Importance of Placing Membership**

Here's a list of reasons why Christians should place membership with a local congregation:

1. Paul realized the importance of being identified with the local church (Acts 9:26).
2. Placing membership acknowledges that the local church is Biblically right (1 Jn. 1:7).
3. Placing membership acknowledges one's desire to be with a local church family (1 Cor. 10:25)
4. Placing membership acknowledges that one respects the leadership of the local work (Heb. 13:17).
5. Placing membership acknowledges that one wants to use His talents for the local work (Rom. 12:4-10; Rom. 16:1).
6. Placing membership acknowledges that one wants regular association with the family (Heb. 13:1; 10:24-25).
7. Placing membership acknowledges that one wants to financially support the local work (1 Cor. 16:1-2).
8. Placing membership acknowledges that one wants to faithfully support the local work by regular attendance (Heb. 3:13; 10:25).

As you can see, acknowledging the desire to worship and work with a local church is both biblical and logical!