

**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 (2-25-07)

B.C. – 46
A.M. – 68
P.M. – 44
Wed. B.C. – 43
Offering – \$1,707
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; Ashley Sowders; Ed Moore;
DeWayne Garner

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

- ***Jack Dotson** (had tests this week on what is believed to be an aneurysm)
- ***Jack & Christine Williams** (been under the weather, but doing better)
- ***The Fore's** (several have had sickness again this week)
- ***The Gilbert's** (all 3 of them have sick this week)
- ***Chester Harrington** (well known in the community; in physical therapy)
- ***J.W. Penley** (spot on his lung; neighbor of Homer & Linda Batchelor)
- *Our sympathy is extended to **the family of Jeanette Raney**. Her funeral was held last Wednesday.

Announcements

- *There will be a bridal shower for Julie Hill (engaged to Jonathan Dalby) today from 2-4pm at the Gilbert's house. Julie is registered @ Wal-Mart.
- *The congregation is invited to a birthday party for sister Ola Lee Steuart (90th birthday!) this Saturday from 2-4pm in the Multi-purpose building.
- *Happy Birthday to: Craig Loe (3-12) and "Kit" Carson (3-16)!
- *Happy Anniversary to: John and Linda Loe (3-16)!
- *Congregational Singing practice @ 5pm (for everyone, not just song-leaders)
- *Sunny Acres Devo is next Sunday (3-18); Birthday party is (3-21)
- *Ladies' Class: Wednesday 10AM.
- *Youth Night: March 28th.
- *Want to receive the bulletin via email? Send your request to Michael @ office@dekalbchurchofchrist.com.

Brotherhood Events

- ***Correction:** Gospel Meeting @ Avery Church of Christ, March 18-22, (7pm, **Mon - Thurs**); Buddy Ray will be speaking...lets all go and support him!
- *Gospel Meeting @ the Westside Church of Christ (Idabel), April 1-6; H.D. Simmons preaching).

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Privileged To Serve...

March 11th

Announcements & 1st Prayer.... Buddy Ray

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

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

Scripture Reading (Communion): Michael Gilbert

Scripture Reading (Sermon): Charles Lee

Prayers -- AM & PM

2nd prayer.....John Loe

Closing.....Dewayne Jeffery

AM Sermon: A Better Resurrection

PM Sermon Series: How We Got 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**

"Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection"
(Hebrews 11:35)

What is this "better resurrection" spoken of by the Hebrews' writer?

It is that grand day when Jesus will call the righteous to life eternal. Jesus promised, "...the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life..." (Jn. 5:28-29).

It is a "better" resurrection than the one experienced by the widow's son who was raised from the dead (1 Kings 17:8-24).

What could be better than coming back from the dead to live again? The answer is in the nature of the "better resurrection".

It is a resurrection unto eternal glory. It is a resurrection unto a place where there is no death. It is a resurrection unto a place where there will be no sorrows. In fact, this better resurrection takes us to heaven where "...God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away" (Rev. 21:4)

A Better Resurrection

Text: Hebrews 11:32 - 12:2

To obtain this "better resurrection", we must (1) have the proper faith, and (2) keep the proper company.

I. What Could Be Better Than Being Raised From The Dead?

II. The Faith Required To Obtain This "Better Resurrection"

III. The Company That Must Be Kept To Obtain This "Better Resurrection"

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 family 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 Doctrine of Bible Preservation...

A Preacher's Perspective...

by Michael Gilbert

The great Judgment Day is a reality. All must experience it, for Paul wrote, "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad" (2 Cor. 5:10, NKJV).

Are you ready for the Judgment Day? God's Word stresses the importance of the Judgment day for at least three reasons, the Judgment day is (1) final, (2) unavoidable, and (3) not feared by Christians.

Judgment Day Is Final

There are no appeals come Judgment Day. God's ruling will be final. The book of Hebrews' explains, "...it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment..." (Heb. 9:27). That's it. Nothing will follow the Judgment day except eternity.

Jesus, in the great Judgment scene of Matthew 25 stated, "And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life" (v.46). Heaven and hell are our only two options. This decision is final.

Judgment Day Is Unavoidable

No person can avoid the great Judgment Day. God has lovingly offered salvation to all, but all will not accept. In fact, very few will enter the gates of heaven (Matt. 7:13-14).

Nevertheless, God "desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth" (1 Tim. 2:4). God has extended His heavenly invitation to all humanity. Jesus declared, "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations..." (Matt. 28:19). No person, group, or country is excluded providing they submit to Jesus, the "...author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him" (Heb. 5:9).

This wonderful invitation has been extended to all because God intends to judge all men. The great missionary preached, "Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained..." (Acts 17:30-31). But what evidence lends credence to this claim?

The empty tomb of Christ is the assurance to all of impending judgment on humanity, for Paul also said, "He has given assurance of this (judgment, MG) to all by raising Him from the dead" (Acts 17:31). I will continue to warn about the final Judgment until I die, unless someone can legitimately produce the bones of Jesus Christ. It cannot be done!

The universal standard of Judgment will be the teachings of Jesus of Nazareth. He specifically warned all who would listen, "He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him -- the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day" (Jn. 12:48).

Judgment Day Is Not Feared By Christians

John explained that Christians need not fear the Judgment Day. In fact, he wrote, "Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment..." (1 Jn. 4:17).

This boldness (confidence) characterizes Christians because they are "in Christ" by virtue of their baptism into Him (Gal. 3:27, "For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ"). Being "in Christ" means that Christians are in the place where God has placed salvation, for Paul referred to salvation being "in Christ" (2 Tim. 2:10).

Dear friend, do you realize that you will stand before the Judge of all the earth? Are you prepared to meet your God?