

**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 (3-11-07)

B.C. – 41

A.M. – 62

P.M. – 45

Wed. B.C. – 40

Offering – \$1,720

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)

*Kyla Barnes (has pneumonia and is @ St. Michael's; Jo Hawkins grand-daughter)

*Margie Hodgson (has been under the weather for a couple of weeks)

*John Ed Hutchinson (struggling with cancer; lives in community)

*Alex Fore (has been sick)

*Cody Alford (in LSU-Shreveport; friend of Doyle Sikes)

Announcements

*Baptisms: Charles Lee (3-4) and Nancy Kier (3-11)!

*Restoration: Stuart Proctor (3-4)!

*Happy Birthday to: Ola Lee Steuart (3-21)!

*Congregational Singing practice @ 5pm (for everyone, not just song-leaders)

*Sunny Acres Devo is today; Birthday party is this Wednesday.

*Ladies' Class: Wednesday 10AM.

*Youth Night: March 28th.

Brotherhood Events

*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 @ Lynn Lane Church of Christ, March 25-28

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

*4th Annual Ladies' Day @ the N. Jefferson Church of Christ, April 14th. (registration begins @ 9:30am; salad luncheon provided @ noon)

*Youth Night @ Atlanta Church of Christ, April 15, 6pm.

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

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Privileged To Serve...

March 18th

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.....Doyle Raney

Closing.....Craig Loe

AM Sermon: Dividing Line

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**

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life"
(Jn. 3:16, KJV)

Our Creator loved us so much that He devised a plan by which fallen man could spend eternity with Him.

This plan involved the death of Christ on the cross. "For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him" (Rom. 5:6-9).

This plan was devised by the Father before the creation of the world, "According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Eph. 3:10). It is accessed by our belief in Christ, but what type of belief?

The belief mentioned in John 3:16 is not simply a "mental assent" to the fact of Jesus' deity. It is an obedient faith...a faith that moves us to obey God's commands for salvation.

The Father's commands are simple: a sinner must believe in Jesus as the resurrected Son of God (Rom. 10:9), repent of past sins (Acts 17:30-31), confess faith in Christ (Rom. 10:10), and be baptized for the forgiveness of sin (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16, 1 Peter 3:21).

Dividing Line

Text: 1 Peter 3:20-21

God has often used water as a 'dividing line' in the Bible...

I. The Waters of the Red Sea - dividing line between bondage and freedom

II. The Waters of the Jordan River - dividing line between leprosy and a cure

III. The Waters of the Pool of Siloam - dividing line between blindness and sight

IV. The Waters of Baptism - dividing line between the world and the church

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.

Definitions, Textual Criticism, Accuracy of Scribes, Ancient Manuscripts Dead Sea Scrolls, etc.

A Preacher's Perspective...

(note: the following guest article appeared in the weekly bulletin of the North Jefferson Church of Christ, located in Mt. Pleasant, TX.)

First Place or No Place

by David McCain (Mt. Pleasant, TX)

Jesus said, "Whosoever forsaketh not all that he has, cannot be my disciple" (Lk. 14:33). The simple truth is, Jesus, as commander and chief of His army, expects absolute loyalty from His troops. The Lord demands first place in your life, or He wants no place at all. You can't be a wishy-washy, on-again off-again friend of Jesus. If you value any relationship, any possession, or any position more than you value Christ, and your standing with Him, then you are unworthy to be His follower.

Loyalty as the friend of Christ means complete obedience to his commands. Jesus said, "Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you" (Jn. 15:14). Loyalty to Christ means complete allegiance to His cause. In other words, Christ and His church must come first, before school, work, hobbies, vacation, recreation, friends, relatives - before everything! Sometimes that requires sacrifice, but if we truly love the Lord, we'll be willing to sacrifice for Him, even as we do for any person or cause we truly care for in our lives.

If we love other people more than Christ, then we are unworthy of Him (Mt. 10:37). If we care more about our earthly

relationships than we do about our heavenly relationship, then we are unworthy of the Lord's love. If we give temporal, earthly things more value, time, and care than we do eternal, heavenly things, then we cannot be His disciples. Jesus said, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up His cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it" (Mt. 16:24-25).

Brethren, are we willing to deny ourselves anything, in order to promote the cause of Christ? Or, have we saved our lives for our own selfish purposes, only to lose them eternally? We sometimes wonder why the cause of Christ does not prosper, when the answer glares before our eyes. The problem lies with a lack of loyalty to Christ. Across our brotherhood, attendance at worship, Bible study services, and Gospel Meetings wanes. Why? The answer is obvious, isn't it? It's because too few are loyal to Christ. As the old saying goes, "Most of the time in life, you do what you really want to do," which is just as true in religion as in any other realm.

Are you loyal to Christ? Can He count on you to put Him first, before all other people, things, or commitments? Are you loyal to Him in attitude, articulation, and action? Can He depend on you? Think about it! Remember, Christ demands first place in your life, or He wants no place at all.