

**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 (3-25-07)

B.C. – 38
A.M. – 69
P.M. – 46
Wed. B.C. – 41
Offering – \$2,212
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 (b/c of space, names appear only once)

- *Jackie Shoemake (local firefighter; broke his arm fighting a recent fire)
- *Landon Rodgers (does have a tumor, but it is not cancerous; grandson of Bonnie Rodgers)
- *Jack Turner (steadily improving; brother of Parker Turner)

Announcements

- *Burnout Shower - for the Phillip's family, 2-4pm today @ the Muti-purpose bldg
- *Elders/Deacons meeting tonight after our evening worship.
- *Happy Birthday to: Wendy Salinas (4-3); Joe Strain (4-4); and Dwayne Jeffery (4-7)!
- *Congregational Singing practice @ 5pm.
- *Ladies' Class: Wednesday 10AM.
- *Youth Night: April 25th.

Brotherhood Events

- *Gospel Meeting @ N. Jefferson Church of Christ, April 1-4, 7pm weeknites. Gary Colley will be preaching.
- *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)
- *Gospel Meeting @ Hope Church of Christ, April 15-18, 7pm weeknites.
- *Youth Night @ Atlanta Church of Christ, April 15, 6pm.
- *Ladies' Day @ Pittsburg Church of Christ, April 21, starting @ 9:30am.
- *Gospel Meeting @ the Fouke Church of Christ, April 22 - 25th. (7pm Mon-Wed; various speakers)
- *Gospel Meeting @ the Mt. Vernon Church of Christ, April 22-25, (7pm weeknites). There will also be a gospel singing on April 21 @ 7pm.

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Privileged To Serve...

April 1st

Announcements & 1st Prayer.... Dickie Dalby

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

Lord's Table.... Craig Loe, Dwayne Jeffery, & John Loe

Scripture Reading (Communion): Buddy Ray

Scripture Reading (Sermon): Charles Lee

Prayers -- AM & PM

2nd prayer..... Jim Reaves

Closing..... Benny Booth

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**

"And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also"
(2 Timothy 2:2)

There is no greater task than to preach the gospel to others. In our text, the apostle Paul sets forth a divine pattern for the making of gospel preachers and teachers.

Four generations of Christians are mentioned in this small verse: (1) Paul, (2) Timothy, (3) faithful men, and (4) others. Paul passed the gospel to Timothy. Timothy was to pass it to "faithful" men (the greek term for "men" is generic, thus, women are included). These faithful Christians were also to preach the gospel to others.

Jackson noted, "There is a very important sequence set forth. If the "same" teaching is conveyed to a "trustworthy" person who is "competent," the integrity of the message remains intact. On the other hand, if the recipient is either untrustworthy or incompetent, the message becomes corrupted. Thus, these elements - **fidelity** of message, **integrity** of the teacher, and the **ability** to convey the truth accurately - are requisite qualifications of the gospel teacher." (Jackson, 225).

As you can see, just "any ol' Joe" should not be called upon to teach/preach the glorious gospel. Preparation is essential. Have you prepared yourself to teach/preach the gospel to others?

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.

Three important manuscripts of the New Testament...

A Preacher's Perspective...

by Michael Gilbert

Every year, my family eagerly anticipates the last Sunday in March. Why? Because the Memphis School of Preaching Lectureship begins on this day!

We were privileged to attend the MSOP Lectureship last week and we all felt "like a buttered up pancake smothered in Aunt Jemima syrup"! It is the greatest week of the year!

The fellowship was great (as always)... especially since my parents were able to come to the Lectureship for the first time this year. I think they really enjoyed it, especially since they got to spend a lot of time with their grandson, J.M!

Unfortunately, they could not stay the whole week. They left on Tuesday morning and headed back to East TN. I am so thankful they were able to attend the Lectureship this week...and I am thankful they were able to see my boy take a few steps! Dad really worked hard to help J.M. walk!

Some great things happened last week at the Lectureship and I want to tell you about them...

Brother Bobby Liddell Becomes MSOP Director

For the last few years, brother Curtis A. Cates has spoken of stepping down as director of the MSOP. However, each time he mentioned this, all his friends, students, faculty, and elders at the Forest Hill church of Christ have urged him to reconsider. This year he finally got his way and he passed the mantle to a faithful and able Christian, Bobby Liddell. I believe the school is in good hands with brother Liddell at

the helm. He is true to God's Word, mindful of the great commission, serious about fulfilling 2 Timothy 2:2, and under his capable directorship the MSOP will continue on the same path it has trod the last 40 years. May God bless the work of the Memphis School of Preaching, the eldership at Forest Hill, and all the students past and present!

Renewing Old Friendships

The week of Lectureship has always been a great time of fellowship, and this year was no different.

I got to spend some time with Scott Ferguson, and his wife Lori. They have a 13-month old boy named Jude, and he smiled a lot. He was such a happy baby that he reminded me of my own son! Scott and I graduated MSOP together in 2000 and he now preaches at the Macon congregation just outside of Memphis. I learned that Scott's father will become the second preacher where Scott preaches and this should be a wonderful opportunity for a father/son team to preach the gospel!

I also got to see Mike Morgan (Dallas, TX), Mike Hisaw (Bossier City, LA), David Williams (Nashville, AR), Patrick Morrison (Jasper, AL), and Greg Balentine (Jessieville, AR). These men are just a handful of the faithful preachers with whom I studied at MSOP.

Elizabeth and I spent some time with Greg and Jackie Balentine for a long time on Tuesday night and we are planning on visiting them soon! They are only about 2 hours from us! We will also see them at Camp Ida this summer! I had a great class and really enjoy spending time with all my former classmates!

"Let brotherly love continue" (Heb. 13:1).