

**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 (4-8-07)**

B.C. – 51  
A.M. – 78  
P.M. – 31  
Wed. B.C. – 33  
Offering – \$1,981  
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; Ashley Sowders; Ed Moore;  
DeWayne Garner

**Prayer List** (b/c of space, names appear only once)

- \*Carlos Rodgers (cancer is in remission)
- \*Homer Batchelor (will return to Houston next weekend for follow-ups; requests our prayers)
- \*Berniece Whitecotton (St. Michael's, room 620S; Myra Reaves' mother)

**Announcements**

- \*The teens are leaving for Atlanta, TX @ 4:30pm today. The Atlanta congregation will provide a meal. We should be back between 8:30-9pm.
- \*Happy Birthday to: Letha Robbins (4-16)!
- \*Congregational Singing practice - today @ 5pm.
- \*Ladies' Class: Wednesday 10AM. (Elizabeth is now teaching a new book on prayer entitled "The Begging Place". Make plans to attend!)
- \*Sunday night, April 22 - the youth are invited to Michael & Elizabeth's house for a devotional. The Gilbert's are providing fingerfoods - guys should bring drinks and girls should bring cookies.
- \*Youth Night: April 25th.

**Brotherhood Events**

- \*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 15<sup>th</sup>**

Announcements & 1<sup>st</sup> 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): Joey Alvarez

Prayers -- AM & PM

2<sup>nd</sup> prayer..... Doyle Raney

Closing..... Alex Evans

AM Sermon: Falling in Love With Jesus

PM Sermon Series: Buddy Ray preaching

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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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"But seek ye first the kingdom of God,  
and his righteousness; and all these  
things shall be added unto you."  
(Matthew 6:33)

To "seek" something demands concentration and effort. Such is the case with the kingdom, the church of Christ.

Before all else, God's children must earnestly search out, find and promote the church. After all, Jesus "gave himself for it" (Eph. 5:25) and he is the "savior of the body" (Eph. 5:23), "which is the church" (Eph. 1:22-23).

Hobbies, recreation, entertainment, work and family cannot take priority over edifying the Lord's body, the church.

To love Jesus means to love the people He loves, and Jesus loves the church. So much so that He redeemed it "with His own blood" (Acts 20:28).

Friends, we cannot love Jesus unless we love the church, which is His people. To promote Christ is to promote the church. To promote the church is to promote the Savior of the church.

Prior to his conversion, Paul was asked, "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?" (Acts 9:6). Who had Saul been persecuting? Luke tells us plainly, "And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord..." (Acts 9:1). To persecute the church equaled persecution of Christ. Therefore, to promote the church means to promote the Lord who saved us!

Friend, are you living for Jesus by building up the church (Acts 14:22)?

***Falling In Love With Jesus***

Text: John 14:15

*Do you love Jesus? If so, then you will be...*

***I. Physically Attracted To Him***

- A. His Eyes***
- B. His Hands***
- C. His Feet***
- D. Mouth***

***II. Intellectually Attracted To Him***

- A. His Sacrificial Attitude***
- B. His Fierce Determination***

***III. Emotionally Attracted To Him***

- A. Don't you want to get to know Him?***
- B. Don't you want to be around His family?***

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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 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.

***Background of the King James Version and various translations...***

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***Circles of Influence***

by David McCain (Mt. Pleasant, TX)

No matter who you are, you have some. They may be large or small, good or bad, but we've all got them. They can change the lives of others for better or worse, depending on how you use them. The souls of your friends may be either saved or lost because of yours. I am referring, of course, to your circles of influence! Like the circles on a pond when a rock is thrown in, they radiate out from you wherever you go, whoever you are, and whatever you do..

Perhaps the greatest power any of us control is that of our influence. It really is true that, somewhere, someone is watching YOU, and will be influenced by your actions. The Bible says, "A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump" (I Cor. 5:6). In other words, our circles of influence, no matter how small, are working on others to cause them to do better or worse.

God expects us to use our circles of influence for His glory (Mt. 5:13-16, I Cor. 6:20, I Pet. 3:1-2). Because He does, we should put forth an effort to learn how to use our influence for the good of Christ's church, for the glory of God, and for the gain of things spiritual. To have a godly, righteous influence, let me suggest the following necessary things.

The first step in having a good influence is to strive for consistency. To paraphrase James 2:18, "show you faith by your works." Or, as we more commonly say, "practice what you preach!" It is impossible to have a good influence by professing one

thing and doing something else. Thousands offer "lip service" to Jesus, but destroy their influence by failing to offer "life service" to Him (Mt. 15:7-9).

Secondly, guard your influence carefully, lest you cause a brother to sin. The apostle Paul wrote, "But take heed lest by any means this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to them that are weak But when ye sin so against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, ye sin against Christ. Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend" (I Cor. 8:9-13).

Finally, to promote a good influence in your life, strive to serve the needs of others. Jesus taught, "The greatest among you shall be your servant" (Mt. 23:11). Christ showed by His humble example how a real servant should act. In his sermon to the household of Cornelius, recorded in Acts 10, the apostle Peter summarized the servant nature of Christ in these words, when he said of Him, "who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil, for God was with him" (vs. 38). Truly, Jesus had the greatest influence for good of any man who ever lived, because He was the greatest servant the world has ever known (I Pet. 2:21-25).

Are you using your circles of influence for good or for evil? I hope you will think seriously about it, then determine to be the best influence you can possibly be, for indeed, somewhere, someone is watching you!