

**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)

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**Record (4-8-07)**

B.C. – 40  
A.M. – 64  
P.M. – 38  
Wed. B.C. – 48  
Offering – \$1,4786  
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)

**Homer & Linda Batchelor** (Homer travels back to Houston today)

**Mr. & Mrs. Jackson** (their grandson is in hospital; John & Linda's neighbor)

**Local DeKalb students** (several local students were hurt in a car wreck; some were good friends with Raelissa Sikes)

Our sympathy is extended to **the family of Frank Williams**, who passed away recently (he was Bessie Daniel's brother)

**Megan Oagley** (ovarian cancer; niece of Nancy Kier)

**Raymond Gann** (heart procedure; cousin of Doyle Sikes)

**Carlos Rodgers** (several doctors visits this week, two surgeries in near future)

**Announcements**

\*Happy Birthday to: Beverly Sikes (4-22)!

\*April 24th - Secret Sister's Revealing @ Two Senioritas in Mt. Pleasant. The group will be leaving the church bldg. @ 6:15pm.

\*On Friday, May 11th, our couples and teens will be hosting a Widows/Widowers banquet in the Multi-Purpose bldg.

\*On Wednesday, May 16th, our congregation will gather to honor our Seniors, after our Bible study.

\*On June 11, from 7-8:30pm, our congregation will host the Summer Youth Bible Series of North East Texas (otherwise known as the SYBSNET). The topic will be, "What is Truth?".

\*Congregational Singing practice - today @ 5pm.

\*Ladies' Class: Wednesday 10AM.

\*Youth Devo tonight - the youth are invited to Michael & Elizabeth's house for a devotional immediately after PM worship. The Gilbert's are providing fingerfoods - guys should bring drinks and girls should bring cookies.

\*Youth Night: April 25th.

**Brotherhood Events**(see bulletin board for flyers)

\*Gospel Meeting @ New Boston Church of Christ, April 22-25th. (7pm)

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

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**Privileged To Serve...**

**April 22<sup>nd</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): Seth Salinas (1 Cor. 6:9-11)

**Prayers -- AM & PM**

2<sup>nd</sup> prayer..... Michael Gilbert

Closing..... Buddy Ray

**AM Sermon:** Are There Consequences to Living a Life of Immorality?

**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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"The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law"  
(1 Cor. 15:56, KJ21)

Death only 'stings' because of sin. Therefore, if sin had a cure death would not 'sting' us anymore. There is a cure!

Paul declared, "But thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 15:57)!

Scripture teaches, "There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus..." (Rom. 8:1). If a person desires to conquer the fear of death, he must pay special attention to the words, "in Christ Jesus".

Salvation is only found "in Christ", for Paul wrote, "Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sake, that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus..." (2 Tim. 2:10).

Friends, there is only one way to get "into Christ", and that is by baptism. The Bible says, "For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ" (Gal. 3:27).

However, the "strength of sin is the law" (1 Cor. 15:56). Sin's power over humanity lies in the fact that "...all have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23) and we "...have not all obeyed the gospel..." (Rom. 10:16).

Do you desire to stare death in the face and triumphantly say, "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory" (1 Cor. 15:55)? If so, then why not get "into Christ" today by being baptized for the forgiveness of your sins (Acts 2:38; Mk. 16:16)?

# ***Are There Consequences to Living a Life of Immorality?***

Text: 1 Cor. 6:9-11

*We, as citizens of the Kingdom, must destroy the past life of immorality.*

## ***I. The Direction of the Kingdom (6:9 - "...be not deceived...")***

## ***II. The Destination of our Souls (6:9 - "...shall not inherit...")***

## ***III. The Devastation of our Lives (6:11 - "...ye are sanctified...")***

## ***IV. The Destruction of the Past (6:11 - "...such were some of you...")***

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

*by Michael Gilbert*

**T**errible tragedy has struck our nation. At least 33 reported dead at the hands of a gunman at Virginia Tech...and the nation is asking "why".

Whatever the reason for the senseless shooting, there are some lessons to be learned from the tragic event.

### ***Life Will End - Be Prepared***

No one expected to die that day. The sun was shining...classes were in progress... students were coming and going. All seemed normal. However, lives were taken that day.

The Bible teaches, "...it is appointed unto men once to die..." (Heb. 9:27, KJ21). Whether it be by the hands of a gunman, illness, or old age, our lives will come to an end. We must be prepared for death at all times, for "...after this the Judgment..." (Heb. 9:27). We must get right with God and stay prepared for the final judgment.

### ***When Life Isn't Fair, Blame Satan***

Does anyone in America remember Satan? He is the creature that our preachers used to warn us about. Be assured that he is still alive and he "...walketh about as a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour..." (1 Pt. 5:8). Let's lay blame for the events at Virginia Tech where it should be laid - at the feet of "...our adversary the devil..." (1 Pt. 5:8).

### ***Be About Our Father's Business***

Even though Jesus was only 12 years of age when He said, "...knew ye not that I must be about my Father's business..." (Lk. 2:49), that message rings loud and clear today. No matter what Satan throws in our path, Christians must be consumed with "the Father's business" of building up the body of

Christ. Those who are "...always abounding in the work of the Lord..." have no fear of death because they know their, "...labor us not in vain in the Lord" (1 Cor. 15:58).

### ***Get Right With God Today***

Tomorrow may be too late. Nothing is more important than being right with God when we die. There are no second chances after death. Jesus taught, "*He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.*" (Mk. 16:16). Why did Jesus connect baptism with salvation?

*Baptism brings us into contact with Jesus' cleansing blood.* Baptism connects us with Christ's death and He shed His blood in His death. Paul wrote, "*Know ye not that as many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into His death?*" (Rom. 6:3).

*Baptism saves us.* Peter wrote, "*In like manner baptism doth also now save us...*" (1 Pt. 3:21). He explained that salvation has nothing to do with "getting physically clean" in the water, but it has everything to do with having "a good conscience toward God". That "good conscience" comes only from obedience to Christ. Mere obedience doesn't save anyone. Our hearts must be right.

*Baptism places us into the body/church of Christ.* When Peter told the Pentecost crowd to "*repent and be baptized every one of you*" (Acts 2:38), about 3,000 people "...gladly received his words..." and "...were baptized..." (Acts 2:41). We are then told, "*And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.*" (Acts 2:47, NKJV).

Friend, if your life were cut tragically short, would you be prepared to meet your God? Why not lay the blame for terrible events at Satan's feet, be about your Father's business and if you haven't already, "*arise and be baptized, washing away thy sins*" (Acts 22:16)?