

**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 (4-22-07)**

**B.C. – 39**  
**A.M. – 63**  
**P.M. – 30**  
**Wed. B.C. – 37**  
**Offering – \$1,770**  
**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; DeWayne Garner

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

- \***H.L. Jackson** (he is @ St. Michael's - the Dr. found a tumor in his back; neighbor of John & Linda Loe)
- \***Chase Jackson** (home from hospital; H.L. Jackson's grandson)
- \***Laverta Westbrook** (has a blood-clot; she is a former member here)
- \***Ashton**, one of the DeKalb students involved in a recent car accident, is having more complications as a result of the wreck. She is a friend of Raelissa Sikes.
- \***Sherry Peek** (needs our prayers; friend of Margie Hodgson)

**Announcements**

- \*Today's Schedule: regular AM services, followed by potluck, then afternoon service @ 1:30pm.
  - \*Happy Birthday to: Joey Almaraz (4-29); Buddy Ray (4-29)!
  - \*Happy Anniversary to: the Dawson's (4-30)!
  - \*On Friday, May 11th, our couples and teens will be hosting a Widows/Widowers banquet in the Multi-Purpose bldg. We love our Widows/Widowers.
  - \*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 Night: May 23rd
- Brotherhood Events**(see bulletin board for flyers)  
\*Gospel Meeting @ Bonham St. Church of Christ (Paris, TX), May 13-16.

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**Privileged To Serve...**

**April 29<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):** Charlie Gonzales (Rom. 5:14)

**Prayers -- AM & PM**

2<sup>nd</sup> prayer..... Parker Turner

Closing..... Homer Batchelor

**AM Sermon: Adam & Christ (1)**

**PM Sermon: Adam & Christ (part 2 @ 1:30pm - no PM srvc)**

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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).

**Hearing They Hear Not**

by Marvin Weir (Paris, TX)

The Lord and Savior says:  
"Therefore speak I to them in parables; because seeing they see not, and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand. And unto them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall in no wise understand; And seeing ye shall see, and shall in no wise perceive: For this people's heart is waxed gross, And their ears are dull of hearing, And their eyes they have closed; Lest haply they should perceive with their eyes, And hear with their ears, And understand with their heart, And should turn again, And I should heal them" (Matt. 13:13-15).

A carnal and material mind is never properly attuned to spiritual matters. A worldly mind-set is the reason many consider the gospel to be foolishness. The Word of God becomes a stumblingblock to those who steadfastly refuse to believe in the power and wisdom of God. Man's way has never been God's way. The apostle Paul reminds those who will hear that "it was God's good pleasure through the foolishness of the preaching to save them that believe" (1 Cor. 1:21). If people do not understand this truth then they have no one to blame but themselves.

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## ***Adam & Christ*** (2-part sermon)

Text: Rom. 5:14

*(note: the whole of the Old Testament pointed to Christ & His New Testament (Jn. 5:39). The OT was, "...a shadow of the good things to come and not the very image of those things..." (Heb. 10:1). Hope you enjoy this study!)*

### **Adam**

1. His creation: A Biological Miracle  
(Gen. 2:7)
2. Had no wife at first  
(Gen. 2:20)
3. Wife made after deep sleep  
(Gen. 2:21-22)
4. Rib taken to make bride  
(Gen. 2:22)
5. Awoke from deep sleep  
(Gen. 2:22)
6. Commanded to Multiply  
(Gen. 1:27-28)
7. Adam had one wife  
(Gen. 2:22-25)
8. Adam was the head of his wife  
(Gen. 3:16)
9. Brought physical death upon all  
(1 Cor. 15:22)
10. In the image of Adam now  
(1 Cor. 15:49)

### **Christ**

1. Virgin Birth: A Biological Miracle  
(Isa. 7:14)
2. Had no church (bride) at first  
(Mt. 16:18)
3. Church made after burial  
(Act 2:47)
4. Blood shed to purchase church  
(Acts 20:28)
5. Christ arose from dead  
(1 Cor. 15:1-4)
6. Church must bear fruit  
(Rom. 7:4)
7. Christ built only one church  
(Mt. 16:18)
8. Christ is the head of the church  
(Eph. 5:23)
9. All dead Christians shall live again  
(1 Cor. 15:22)
10. Saints will be changed into Christ's image  
(1 Cor. 15:49, 51)

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One will dwell in darkness who refuses the light of God's Word.

Jesus mentions people who hear but really do not hear! They close their eyes lest they see, and they close their ears lest they hear. Isaiah's prophecy was true then, and it is also true today. It is amazing that today so many claim to be religious, but are instead deaf to Bible truth. Let us notice some areas where people hear but do not hear.

**Religious titles.** Funeral home directors often ask me if I want to be listed as pastor or minister. I tell them that I am not a pastor; I am a "preacher" or "minister." I understand that these words are descriptive and are not used as a title. It never fails that they list me as being a "minister," and then call me "pastor." They hear but they do not hear!

Denominations have so influenced people that they can think only in denominational terms. The word "pastor" (poimen) refers not to preachers but to elders – the shepherds of the flock (1 Pet. 5:2). Qualifications for "pastors" (elders or bishops) are given in 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1. The term "pastor" thus refers to the elders who oversee the flock.

**Plan of salvation.** One can proclaim the gospel plan of salvation and people will often hear but not hear! It is not uncommon for a gospel preacher to stress that people must believe (Heb. 11:6), repent of their sins (Luke 13:3), make the good confession (Rom. 10:9-10), and be baptized (immersed) for the remission of their sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16) and then have one of denominational persuasion to note how wonderful it is that a person can believe in and accept Jesus as their Savior and be saved. Those who reject immersion as part of the gospel plan of salvation do not hear the Scriptures. One who is baptized into Christ puts on Christ (Gal. 3:27). Does this mean one can be saved simply by believing and without

putting on Christ? Peter says that baptism saves one (1 Pet. 3:21) while members of denominations say that one is saved before being baptized. Is it not amazing that people can hear the Word of God without really hearing what the Word has to say?

**The truth about the Lord's church.** One can teach on the uniqueness of the blood bought church of Christ (Acts 20:28) and still have plenty of folks who hearing hear not. Christ promised to build His church (Matt. 16:18), and not some church or a church. How can people read verses such as those just mentioned and still believe that it is great for one to attend the church of his choice? Some people are quick to say, "The church doesn't save one anyway – Christ does the saving." Does it matter if one severs the head from the body? The Scriptures declare that God gave "him [Christ] to be head over all things to the church, which is his body..." (Eph. 1:22-23). Instead of attempting to defend multiple man-made churches, one should seek out the only body (church) that Christ has promised to save (Eph. 5:23).

**The truth about worship.** Is anyone listening to what the Lord has to say about worship? He says that one must worship God "in spirit and truth" (John 4:24). Worship is not something that is done to one, but something that one does. Entertainment is not worship. Drama is not worship. What someone else can do for you is not worship.

The Lord says, "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father who is in heaven" (Matt. 7:21). He also said, "And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say" (Luke 6:46)? Most people, however, prefer the word of man to the Word of God.

Those who hear but hear not will not be pleased with the sentence they receive at the Day of Judgment.