

**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 (4-29-07)

B.C. – 50
A.M. – 79
P.M. – 49
Wed. B.C. – 33
Offering – \$2,006
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; DeWayne Garner

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

- *DeWayne Garner (requests our prayers, meds can only relieve pain so much)
- *Laverta Westbrook (serious condition; room 638N @ St. Michael's)
- *Homer & Linda Batchelor (Homer still requests our prayers and has continuing complications; Linda fell and hurt her ankles, but is doing better)
- *Addie Lea Williams, the widow of Frank Williams and sister-in-law of Bessie Daniel passed away. Her burial was Thursday.
- *H.L. Jackson (suffering from tumor that is causing paralysis; neighbor of John & Linda Loe)
- *Linda Loe (still having problems with vertigo)
- *Matthew Mitchell (Matthew's father has colon cancer; Matthew works with Benny Booth)

Announcements

- *Happy Birthday to: Bobby Batchelor (5-3); Kayla McCauley (5-4); Genita Dalby (5-9); DeWayne Garner (5-11)!
- *Congregational Singing practice - today @ 5pm.
- *This Friday our couples and teens will be honoring our Widows/Widowers with a banquet in the Multi-Purpose bldg @ 5:30pm.
- *Birthday Party @ Sunny Acres Wednesday, May 16th. Be sure to sign up to bring a cake.
- *On Wednesday, May 16th, our congregation will gather to honor our graduating Seniors. All are invited - menu: Sloppy Joe's.
- *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.
Fill in the blank - (AM) **I. Tongue, Small, Powerful; II. Sinful, Pit, Of, Hell;** (PM) **I. Eternal; II. Greatest, Written; III. Origin, Mission, Destiny; IV. Saved, Sin; V. Church, Christ; VI. Live, Serve, Worship, Christian; VII. Reach, Highest, Goal**

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Privileged To Serve...

May 6th

Announcements & 1st Prayer.... John Loe

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

Lord's Table....Phillip Raney, Dicky Dalby, Giles Feazel

Scripture Reading (Communion): Michael Gilbert

Scripture Reading (Sermon): Charlie Gonzales (Jas. 3:5)

Prayers -- AM & PM

2nd prayer..... Buddy Ray

Closing..... Craig Loe

AM Sermon: The Unruly Tongue

PM Sermon: Know Your 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**

"As I besought thee to abide still at Ephesus, when I went into Macedonia, that thou mightest charge some that they teach no other doctrine."

(1 Tim. 1:3, KJV)

Among the many passages that I have highlighted in my Bible, this passage stands out in my mind because I am a gospel preacher. It is my responsibility to insist on sound doctrine being taught in a local congregation. Sound (healthy) doctrine is the difference between heaven and hell - it is that important (2 Jn. 9).

Satan has always tried to convince mankind that God's teachings were merely "guidelines" to be loosely followed, and not a pattern to be closely obeyed.

However, Paul insisted that Christ's message be preached, unchanged by mere humans.

What doctrines did Paul insist upon? What was so important that it could not be changed?

Just to name a few things...(1) brotherly love (1:5); (2) abstinence from sin (1:8-10); (3) proper prayer (2:1-15); (4) proper church organization (3:1, 8); (5) the singularity of the church of Christ (3:15); (6) the singularity of "the faith" (4:1); (7) proper care of widows (5:7-8), etc.

Paul summed it up by writing, *"If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness; he is proud, knowing nothing...from such withdraw thyself"*(6:3-5)

The Unruly Tongue

Text: James 3:1-12

I. The _____: _____, But _____ (v. 1-5)

II. A _____ Tongue: From the _____ _____ _____ Itself (v. 6-12)

Know Your Bible

Text: John 5:39

I. In Order to Have _____ Life (Jn. 17:3)

II. In Order to Know the _____ Book Ever _____ (2 Pt. 1:21)

**III. In Order to Know Your _____, _____, and _____
(Gen. 1:26-27; Eccl. 12:13-14)**

IV. In Order to be _____ From _____ (I Jn. 4:14)

V. In Order to Identify the _____ of _____ (Mt. 16:18)

**VI. In Order to _____, _____, and _____ as a _____ Ought
(Titus 2:12)**

VII. In Order to _____ the _____ _____ (Phil. 3:14)

(Note: Words for the blanks are located on page 4)

A Preacher's Perspective...

by Michael Gilbert

In my youth, I would sometimes read the "Encyclopedia Brown" mystery books. I remember there were clues at the end of each chapter, but they never seemed to help me figure out the mystery!

However, there is another mystery which I have figured out - the mystery of how God can save mankind from the destruction of sin (Rom. 6:23).

Paul wrote that this mystery "...hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints..." (Col. 1:26). Peter revealed that "...angels desire to look into..." this mystery (1 Pet. 1:12).

Praise God that this mystery was revealed to humanity! God's plan for saving man was to be accomplished through "...the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow" (1 Pet. 1:11)! With this in mind, let us discuss "the sufferings of Christ" and "the glory that should follow".

Christ's Death on the Cross

"For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly" (Rom. 5:6). At just the right time in history Christ was sent to earth and He "...taketh away the sin of the world" (Gal. 4:4; Jn. 1:29).

We could never earn our salvation "for all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23). But through His marvelous grace He "...loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood" (Rev. 1:5).

Through the waters of baptism, we can be washed in His blood. The Bible says, "...we

are buried with him by baptism into death..." (Rom. 6:4). In the waters of baptism we contact that precious "...fountain opened...for sin and for uncleanness" (Zech. 13:1).

How thankful we should be that "...he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross" (Phil. 2:8) so that He could become "...that author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him" (Heb. 5:9).

Having discussed "the sufferings of Christ", what exactly is "the glory that should follow" (1 Pet. 1:11)?

The Church That Jesus Built

We often hear about "the house that Ruth built", but what about "the church that Jesus built"?

We can read about this church in the Bible for Luke wrote that the Lord added to it daily "...those who were being saved" (2:47, ESV). Paul suffered for Christ's "...body's sake, which is the church" (Col. 1:24).

The importance of the church is easily recognized because of its relationship to Christ. He is the "...head over all things to the church, which is his body" (Eph. 1:22-23).

Friends, His precious blood flows through His body. Sinners become saints when they are added by the Lord to His body, the church (Acts 2:47), which is covered by His blood.

Thanks be to God that the mystery of how God can save mankind from sin has been revealed! He paid the price of redemption at Calvary for the church "...which he hath purchased with his own blood" (Acts 20:28).