

**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 (5-6-07)

B.C. – 42
A.M. – 73
P.M. – 42
Wed. B.C. – 35
Offering – \$1,788
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)

- *Nell Read (serious condition; sister of Jack Dotson)
- *Billy Wayne Batchelor (being treated @ Houston; cousin to Bobby)
- *Linda Ward (had surgery on Wednesday; daughter of Neta Ward)
- *Homer Batchelor (back to Houston for more procedures)
- *Faye Anderson (was not feeling well this past week)
- *Landon Rodgers (cancer surgery Tuesday; grandson of Bonnie Rodgers)

Announcements

- **Happy Mother's Day!**
- *Happy Birthday to: John Loe (5-19)!
- *Happy Anniversary to: the Dodson's (5-19)!
- *Congregational Singing practice - today @ 5pm.
- *Birthday Party @ Sunny Acres this Wednesday. Be sure to sign up to bring a cake. The Devotional service will be next Sunday, the 20th.
- *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. Inner, Workings; A. understood; B. faith, potential; C. protect; II. End, Results; A. Egyptians; B. God, Moses; C. delivered, bondage** (PM)
I. Exhortation; II. Worthy, Praise, Fear; III. Wisdom, Fearing

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Privileged To Serve...

May 13th

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): Mitchell Weeks (Ex. 2:1-3)

Prayers -- AM & PM
2nd prayer.....Alex Evans
Closing.....Benny Booth

AM Sermon: Moses' Mother
PM Sermon: Praise Ye The Lord

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**

"Then Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his household. Any many of the Corinthians, hearing, believed and were baptized" (1 Cor. 18:8)

God's plan for saving mankind from sin has always been simple: hear, believe, and obey Him.

In our text, Luke reveals to us that the Corinthians followed this simple plan of salvation. Consequently, they were saved by God's marvelous grace.

The Corinthians heard Paul preach the gospel of Christ. His message was, "that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the Twelve" (1 Cor. 15:3-5).

Upon hearing Paul's message of salvation through Christ, they believed it. This is evident for they obeyed the apostle's message by being baptized.

Saving faith has always been an obedient faith. James explained, "You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only," and, "...faith without works is dead" (James 2:24, 20).

Belief in Jesus' atoning death, subsequent burial, and triumphant resurrection will prompt the sincere sinner to be baptized in order to receive the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38).

Do you have obedient faith toward your Savior (Heb. 5:8-9)? Have you been baptized into His church (1 Cor. 12:13)?

Moses' Mother

Text: Exodus 1 & 2

I. The _____ of Her Faith

- A. She _____ God's will (Gen. 15:16)
- B. She had the _____ to see her son's _____ to serve God (Ex. 2:2)
- C. She had the faith to _____ the child (Ex. 2:2)
- D. She had the faith to sacrifice _____ for the child (Ex. 2:3)

II. The _____ of Her Faith

- A. The _____ prepared Moses to lead God's people out of Egypt (Acts 7:22)
- B. Her faith in _____ was passed on to _____ (Heb. 11:24-27)
- C. Moses _____ God's people from _____ (Ex. 12:41)

Praise Ye The Lord

Text: Psalm 111

I. An _____ To Praise God (v.1)

II. God Is _____ Of _____ & _____ (v. 2-9)

III. The _____ Of _____ God (v. 10)

A Preacher's Perspective...

by Michael Gilbert

America needs godly homes. Oh that the timely song "God Give Us Christian Homes" would be echoed throughout our brotherhood, nay nationwide!

Oh for Christian homes where the Bible is taught and read, for the home is truly "the foundation of our society".

In Gibbon's *Rise and Fall of the Roman Empire*, he cites the rapid increase of the divorce rate coupled with the undermining of the sanctity of the home as one reason for Rome's great fall. How I wish that America would learn that lesson.

The godly American home as we once knew it getting scarce. Some states now list "two moms" on the birth certificate of newborns. Same-sex marriage is already accepted as the norm in many parts of our nation. Teenagers have no guilt after indulging in the lust of the flesh. And when babies are produced because of unbridled teenage lust, grandparents (often without complaint, which is sad) are left to raise the babies because "kids will be kids".

Babies are no longer "a heritage of the Lord", but a burden to be borne. This is because more and more young women are putting their own careers before their families.

How can we strengthen our own homes so the kingdom of Christ can prosper in our wicked society? First, we must recognize that our homes are under attack, and then we must invite Christ into our homes.

Our Homes Are Under Attack

Satan often "fires both barrels" at Christian homes via the television. Pornography is commonplace in America's homes (and I am not talking about so-called "adult movies").

Primetime TV reveals more flesh, condones more adultery, and promotes more fornication than ever before...and our kids are watching. In fact, America's youth often know more about the *marriage act* than most married couples.

Aside from the immorality, the sheer waste of time watching TV does much to pull families apart. Especially since the TV can be conveniently placed in each room of the house. Because of this, a family of four can live under the same roof and spend little precious time together. Please don't misunderstand...I am not against TV *per se*, but I am against the many abuses of it.

Satan also uses lack of discipline to his advantage. When Eli's sons made themselves vile, he did not restrain them (1 Sam. 3:13). However, wisdom teaches Christian parents to "chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying" (Prov. 19:18).

Unlawful divorce has taken its toll on children. Lack of nurture and admonition has its consequences as well. Also, the stunning lack of true familial love in the home has caused much needless suffering.

Christ In Our Homes

Peter, Jairus, Mary, Martha, and Zacchaeus were all privileged to have Jesus come into their homes. Each visit offered a special blessing to that home.

To Peter's home, Jesus brought health (Mk. 1:29-31). To Jairus' home, life (Mk. 5:22-41). Mary and Martha needed to hear the words of eternal life (Lk. 10:28-42). Jesus brought salvation to Zacchaeus' home (Lk. 19:1-10).

Brethren, Jesus can offer your family a special blessing, but only if He is welcome in your home. Does your family *make the time* to spend *quality time* with Jesus?