

**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 (5-13-07)**

B.C. – 36  
A.M. – 57  
P.M. – 40  
Wed. B.C. – 46  
Offering – \$1,841  
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  
H. L. Jackson

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

- \*Nancy Kier (540 N. @ St. Michael's; possibly coming home today)
- \*Ola Lee Steuart (has been in hospital, but is home now)
- \*Landon Rodgers (came through surgery ok; grandson of Bonnie Rodgers)

**Announcements**

- \*Medina Children's Home will be picking up donations this week...if you have last minute donations, be sure to get them in the boxes.
- \*Congregational Singing practice - today @ 5pm.
- \*The Devotional service @ Sunny Acres will be today @ 3pm.
- \*Ladies' Class: ended for the summer, will resume in the Fall.
- \*Youth: Youth Devo next Sunday night @ the Gilbert's house following pm services. (girls bring cookies/guys bring drinks)
- \*Youth: Wednesday Youth Night - May 23rd
- \*Youth: DeKalb will host the SYBSNET on Monday, June 11th (7-8:45pm). Make plans to attend! Also, transportation will be provided to all SYBSNET gatherings, which are scheduled for every Monday night, June 4 - August 13.

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

- \*Camp Ida session 1: June 3-8 (theme: courtship & marriage)
- \*Mountain Fork Christian Camp session 1: June 24-29
- \*Young Men's Retreat @ Broken Bow, Friday (7-10pm) & Saturday (10am - 2pm), June 1 & 2. Overnight accommodations can be made.

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**Privileged To Serve...**

**May 20<sup>th</sup>**

Announcements & 1<sup>st</sup> 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): Charles Lee (Matt. 11:28-30)

**Prayers -- AM & PM**

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

Closing.....Buddy Ray

AM Sermon: The Savior's Invitation

PM Sermon: Murder: A Work of the Flesh

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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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"Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him"  
(James 1:12)

Mike Winkler has some great remarks about James 1:12...he says:

Trouble is a "reality" in our lives (Jas. 1:2). The reality of outward trials is affirmed by inspiration's use of the preposition "when" (1:2) as opposed to the conditional "if".

We should "realize" the purpose of our troubles (1:3-4). It validates our faith by testing [literally, "proving"] its "genuineness" (cf. 1 Pet. 1:7; Jas 1:12). Also, it develops patience or endurance (Jas 1:3-4; cf. Heb. 10:36; 12:1-2; 2 Pet. 1:5-11), maturing our character (1:4), rendering us more complete, spiritually.

We can "rejoice" in our victory over life's trials (1:12). God is faithful; and, as a result of our victory over life's tests, heaven provides blessings that can be enjoyed now and in eternity (1:12).

Initially, our text promises happiness to the faithful Christian in this present world: "Blessed is the man who endures" (1:12). The word "blessed" describes a happiness that is not affected by outward circumstances (cf. Mt. 5:3-11; Jas. 5:11).

Even more, the faithful Christian is promised "the crown of life" (1:12) in the world to come; yea, the blessing of living forever with God and the redeemed of all ages (1:12; 2 Tim. 4:7-8; Rev. 2:10). (Winkler, p. 7)

***The Savior's Invitation***

Text: Matthew 11:28-30

The Savior's invitation...

***I. Is Divine***

***II. Implies Man Is Away From God***

***III. Is For All***

***IV. Implies God's Willingness To Save***

***V. Man Will Benefit By Coming***

***VI. Why Do Some Reject This Invitation?***

***VII. What Happens When Sinners Refuse This Invitation?***

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***Murder: A Work of the Flesh***

Text: Galatians 5:21

***I. The Sanctity of Human Life***

***II. What Murder Is And Is Not***

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

by Michael Gilbert

***SYBSNET 2007***

It's time! Summer is here along with the SYBSNET 2007. For those who haven't caught on, *SYBSNET* is short for "Summer Youth Bible Series of North East Texas".

Our youth attended some of these sessions last summer, and the sermons were outstanding. The meals afterward provided time for fellowship and for meeting other young Christians in our area.

Why not make your plans now for your children to attend every session! Michael and Elizabeth Gilbert will be driving the teens to each session. *The SYBSNET sessions begin on Monday, June 4th and run through August 13th. Each session is on Monday night from 7-8:45pm.*

**N. Jefferson (Mt. Pleasant)**

***"Culture Warriors"***

(Equipping ourselves to do battle for the souls of men!)

**DeKalb**

***"What Is Truth?"***

(How do we determine right from wrong?)

**Blodgett**

***"Abortion"***

(A mother's right to choose, or murder?)

**Westwood (Paris)**

***"Living God's Way"***

(Why living God's way is superior to man's way)

**Fulbright (Detroit)**

***"Pornography"***

(Harmless entertainment, or destructive addiction?)

**Pittsburg**

***"Lights In The Darkness"***

(Winning hearts with not only words, but our lives)

**Atlanta**

***"The Rapture & Other End Times Issues"***

(Will you be left behind?)

**Oak Grove (Mt. Pleasant)**

***"Bending The Rules"***

(Is it ever right to do wrong/situation ethics)

**Mt. Vernon**

***"Homosexuality & Gay Marriage"***

(Acceptable alternate lifestyle or soul-damning perversion?)

**Redwater**

***"Promiscuity or Purity"***

(Sex and self-control)

**New Boston**

***"Developing A Christian Worldview"***

(Cultivating a Christian mindset in a culture of worldliness)

A complete schedule (with dates and speakers) is posted on the bulletin board, with some speakers yet to be announced.

You can find a link to the schedule online @ [www.dekalbchurchofchrist.com](http://www.dekalbchurchofchrist.com) under "Activities (Youth)".

*DeKalb will host the SYBSNET on June 11th, from 7-8:45pm.* The lesson will begin @ 7pm, with drinks, snacks, and fingerfoods afterward. Volunteers are needed to organize the refreshments.