

**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 (5-20-07)**

B.C. – 37  
A.M. – 63  
P.M. – 33  
Wed. B.C. – 37  
Offering – \$1663  
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)

- \***Billy Blakeney** (had out-patient surgery this past week; doing fine)
- \***Wade & Samantha Batchelor** (had a baby girl! Congratulations!)
- \*We extend our sympathy to **the family of Noble Bates** in his passing.

**Announcements**

- \*\*Happy Memorial Day. We all those who have died to give America freedom.\*\*
- \*Congregational Potluck meal - today after AM services.
- \*For those who haven't received your "**How We Got The Bible**" tracts yet, they are located on the table in the back of the auditorium.
- \*Happy Anniversary to: the Booth's (5-29)!
- \*Congregational Singing practice - today @ 5pm.
- \*Youth: Wednesday Youth Night - May 30th
- \*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.
- \*Gospel Meeting @ Atlanta Church of Christ, July 2-3 (6:30pm)

**Fill in the blank** - (AM) 1. Heaven 2. living 3. grounded, mercy 4. possible, resurrection 5. difficult, trials

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**Privileged To Serve...**

**May 27<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): Joey Almaraz (1 Pet. 1:3-5)

**Prayers -- AM & PM**

2<sup>nd</sup> prayer.....Doyle Raney

Closing.....Dwayne Jeffery

AM Sermon: The Christian's Hope

PM Sermon: Question & Answer Session

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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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*"Do not err, my beloved brethren. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning"  
(James 1:16-17)*

Three things comes to mind when I think of God's good gifts: Calvary's cross, caring Christians, and the coming Christ.

On Calvary's cross hung the Son of God. He represents the grace of God. I did not deserve that gift, neither can I earn that gift, but, "...God, who is rich in mercy, because of his great love wherewith He loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ (by grace ye are saved), and hath raised us up together and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus." (Eph. 2:4-6).

Caring Christians always lift my sometimes discouraged soul. Every time I sink into the miry pit of despair because "the world is just so evil", God sends caring Christians my way. He allows me to see the faith of His people in action. Sometimes my phone rings and someone asks about my family. Other times, I overhear two Christians talking about helping a fellow Christian. Good news of good deeds has also come my way via second hand information. Whatever the case, when I need a spiritual boost, God always sends a caring Christian my way.

Finally, the coming Christ will one day carry me away from this sinful world. I may be young, but even so, come, Lord Jesus (1 Cor. 16:22)!

**The Christian's Hope**

Text: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Give thanks to God for the hope of the Christian. The Christian's hope is:

**I.** \_\_\_\_\_ (v.5)

**II.** **A** \_\_\_\_\_ **Hope** (v. 3)

**III.** \_\_\_\_\_ **In The** \_\_\_\_\_ **of God** (v. 3)

**IV.** **Made** \_\_\_\_\_ **By The** \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 3)

**V.** **Made** \_\_\_\_\_ **By** \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 6)

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**Questions submitted to be answered tonight:**

- 1. How do you handle rebuking fellow Christians without being fake?**
- 2. How many different kinds of churches are going to heaven? To Hell? What kind of church is it, and who are the people in it?**
- 3. What about witnessing/testifying. The denominations do it, why don't we?**

(Note: don't forget that anyone can submit a Bible question using the box in the back of the auditorium)

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

by Michael Gilbert

There was a time when the birth of child to an unwed mother was a scandal. It brought shame to the fornicating parents. They were not welcome in polite company, even though they were still loved and cared for by family.

The grandparents were also disgraced...but not in modern America.

Vice President Dick Cheney, and his wife Lynne, have allowed a picture to be taken (and posted on the internet<sup>1</sup>) which shows them holding their newest grandchild. Only, this grandchild is not a "traditional" grandchild...he has no father. Baby Cheney has two mommies<sup>2</sup>.

**A Look To The Past**

Historians, in commenting on the legacy of John Adams (our 2nd President), have stated: Ultimately, Adams's great legacy, including his Revolutionary-era record, his dealings with foreign powers, and his judicial appointments, overshadowed perhaps an even greater mark he made on America: establishing the presidency as a moral, as well as a political, position<sup>3</sup>.

Unfortunately, not all U.S. Presidents (or vice-presidents) have viewed (or treated) the office as a moral position as did Adams. Consider Andrew Jackson, for example. His tenure as president was rocky because of the Peggy Eaton incident.

Eaton, wife of newly appointed secretary of war John Eaton, had such a bad reputation (sexually speaking; MG) that she was shamed out of Washington D.C. social circles<sup>4</sup>. Schweikart and Allen state, "...Mrs. Calhoun (the VP's wife; MG) refused even to travel to Washington so as to avoid having to meet Peggy."<sup>5</sup>.

Apparently, Old Hickory couldn't attend worship services in peace because the preachers, especially J.M. Campbell and Ezra Style Eli, would lecture him on morality<sup>6</sup>.

Things finally settled down when Eaton stopped attending social events. America had her vices even in 1828, but society generally knew what was right and wrong, as evidenced by Eaton's treatment.

**A Comment On The Present**

Alas, "the world it is a changin'". Our society now accepts, nay extols, what once was morally reprehensible - even to the point of accepting an unwed lesbian mother attempting to rear a child while shacking up with her lesbian lover.

Jeremiah once lamented, "*Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? Nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush...*" (Jer. 6:15; KJ21). One is tempted to ask if America is ashamed to have a Vice-President who is curiously silent about (perhaps even supportive of) his daughter's wicked homosexual behavior. No...America can't even blush at such an evil. In fact, the entertainment industry (books, Hollywood, etc.) profit from such activity because Americans continue to purchase it.

Homosexuality is wrong, but America, "...*knowing the judgment of God, that those who commit such things are worthy of death, they not only do the same, but have pleasure in those who do them.*" (Rom. 1:32).

Jeremiah's words apply to America just the same as they did to Israel of old, "...*therefore they shall fall among them that fall; at the time that I shall visit them they shall be cast down,*" saith the LORD." (Jer. 7:15). And, as the Psalmist reminds us, "*The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God*" (Ps. 9:17).

No one can fault the Vice-President and his wife for loving this new grandson. However, in regard to the sin that brought the child into the world, I am reminded of these words, "*Behold, I was shaped in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.*" (Ps. 51:5).

America..."*Turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die...*" (Ezek. 33:11).

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