

**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 (6-17-07)

B.C. – 45
A.M. – 64
P.M. – 32
Wed. B.C. –
Offering – \$2,166
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; DeWayne Garner; Joey Almaraz
(Fort Sill, OK for army basic training)

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

- *Netia Ward (home from Wadley, but still a little weak)
- *Homer Batchelor (still needs and requests our prayers)
- *Nancy Kier (underwent a series of tests...all results were good, she has not been feeling very well)
- *Marion Goodwin (needs our prayers; neighbor of Jim and Myra Reaves)
- *Dick Smith (needs our prayers; elder @ Mt. Vernon, kin to the Dalby's)
- *Abby Salinas (fighting a bad infection)
- *Kelly Golden (struggling with MS; sister-in-law of Kayla McCauley)
- *Bill Wiley (from Sherman, has cancer)
- *Lea'e Anderson's grandparents have been ill lately.
- *Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Keith Long in his passing. He was a friend to the Booths and Sikes.

Announcements

- *Congregational Singing practice - today @ 5pm.
- *SYBSNET will be at Westwood in Paris this week. Michael will be leaving around 5:30. Please sign the sheet on the back table to let them know you will be going, so that they will know what to drive. (Light refreshments only will be served, so kids need to eat supper prior to SYBSNET).
- *Youth: Wednesday Youth Night is this week.
- *Everyone is invited to a bridal shower honoring Susie Rainer and Aerie Miller, June 30th from 1:00 to 3:00 at the church building. The invitation is on the bulletin board.
- *Everyone is invited to the Dalby's house on June 30th @ 5:30 PM for a congregational fellowship. There is a sign-up sheet so everyone can sign up for the food they want to bring.
- *Everyone is invited to the wedding of Susie Rainer and Aerie Miller on July 7. The invitation is on the bulletin board.
- *Everyone is invited to a celebration in honor of Norman and Peggy Hooten's 50th Wedding Anniversary, July 29th. The invitation is on the bulletin board.

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Privileged To Serve...

June 24th

Announcements & 1st Prayer.... Dickie Dalby

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

Lord's Table.... Craig Loe, Mitchell Weeks, & Phillip Raney

Scripture Reading (Communion): Buddy Ray

Scripture Reading (Sermon): Charlie Gonzales (Mk. 8:23-25)

Prayers -- AM & PM

2nd prayer.....Stuart Proctor

Closing.....Giles Feazel

AM Sermon: The Healing of the Blind Man

PM Sermon: The Design of the Universe

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**

"Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife; and they shall be one flesh"
(Gen. 2:24, KJ21)

This verse is simple, yet profound. It is simple enough for a child to understand, yet when mankind obeys it, whole societies are benefited. Let's notice a few things about this passage...

First, pay attention to the "therefore". In view of the fact that (1) God created woman for man, (2) no animal was suitable to be a companion of man, and (3) God said, "It is not good that man should be alone...", God designed marriage.

Second, God instructs us that marriage is not for children, rather, it is for those who are mature enough to "leave father and mother".

In the third place, the husband must "cleave" to his wife. God desires strong love between husbands and wives.

Next, the text refers to that "one flesh" relationship, which in turn produces children. Sex is a personal and intimate expression of married love, and it is God's gift to married couples. Children resulting from this union are, by God's wisdom and design, nurtured by both mother and father. Curiously absent from this passage is any mention of "separation" or divorce. God later explained through Malachi, "For the Lord, the God of Israel, saith that He hateth putting away..." (Mal. 2:16; cf. Mat. 19:9). Do you value your marriage as much as God does (Mk. 10:9)?

The Audacity To Say “Yes, Sir”?

by Eric Lyons, M.Min. (<http://apologeticspress.org/articles/print/3371>)

(note: I attended MSOP with brother Lyons, and know him to be a faithful Christian...I appreciate his strong stand for Christ and His truth, which can set us free from the shackles of man-made religion, MG)

“Sir” and “ma’am” have long been considered respectful and courteous ways to address adults and those in positions of authority. Parents are delighted to hear their children address adults with such considerate language. Bosses are very appreciative of their employees responding with a respectful “Yes, sir” or “Yes, ma’am.” Kings, presidents, and military heroes demand our deference. God commands Christians to “[r]ender therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes are due, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor” (Romans 13:7, emp. added).

Recently, the highest ranking political and military official in the United States, President and Commander-in-Chief George W. Bush, visited Pope Benedict XVI for the first time. What will be remembered most about their meeting? That President Bush had the “audacity” to refer to the pope several times as “Sir.” News organizations all over the world reported how “Bush drew gasps at the Vatican...by referring to Pope Benedict XVI as ‘sir’ instead of the expected ‘His holiness’” (“Bush...,” 2007). Columnist John Hooper wrote: “[B]efore he got down to cases with Bush, the Bishop of Rome, Vicar of Jesus Christ, Successor of the Prince of the Apostles and Supreme Pontiff of the Universal Church had the unusual experience of being called ‘sir.’ ‘It’s good to be with you, sir,’ said Bush as he sat down” (2007). In addition to “consistently” addressing the pope as “Sir,” Catholic World News also noted how President Bush “did not bow when he met the Pope” (“Iraq...,” 2007).

Bush spoke respectfully to the pope, yet was criticized heavily for not venerating him as “The Holy Father” or acknowledging him as “the Vicar of Jesus Christ.” In reality, every faithful Christian falls under the same criticism because the pope deserves no such reverence. Christians must never feel pressured into honoring any human being in the way we honor God. There is only one Holy Father (Ephesians 4:6), and no man should expect to be called by that name in a religious context (Matthew 23:9). Even the apostle Peter (whom Catholics errantly allege was the first pope; see Pinedo, 2005) rejected such adoration (Acts 10:25-26). Only God is worthy of our worship and sacred praise (Matthew 4:10).

Respecting our fellow man and giving “honor to whom honor” is due is biblical (Romans 13:7). Venerating a man above all men in a religious sense, however, is unscriptural. All Christians are part of the “royal priesthood” (1 Peter 2:9), but we serve no High Priest but Christ (Hebrews 8:1; 9:11; 10:21). He has no vicar on Earth. Rather, Jesus has “all authority...in heaven and on earth” (Matthew 28:18).

Regardless of what one thinks of George W. Bush as President, his refusal to call the pope by one of his “holy” names is a noble act worth emulating. If the pope was obedient to Almighty God, he would (among many other things) be content with respectful addresses, rather than expecting reverence due only to God.

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A Preacher's Perspective...

by Michael Gilbert

"For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away" (James 4:14). Concerning the brevity of life, truer words could ne'er be spoken. Can anyone believe that we (the Gilbert's) have been in DeKalb for one year? It is hard to imagine...where does time go?

It has been a good year. Many good things have happened...as well as a few painful things (i.e., the many funerals we have attended in the past year). The Gilbert's can certainly say, "The Lord has been mindful of us".

Baptisms and Restorations

Over the past year, the baptismal waters have been stirred several times, mostly by teenagers desiring to be saved from their sins (Acts 2:38). We even had a couple of people who questioned their first baptism, and so they submitted to the Lord's command for a second time for the right reason (i.e., for the remission of sins, 1 Pt. 3:21).

New Programs Started

On Mother's Day 2006, many of us discussed various ideas that we could implement to help the Lord's cause in DeKalb, and some of them have been implemented with great benefit. People are reading the article in the *DeKalb News*. I know this because several people in the community have passed along positive comments to us about it.

The evangelistic tool, *House to House/Heart to Heart*, has received a warm welcome in the community. Even though we haven't received any visitors from community because of the paper, we know that some are reading it because many of you have spoken with those who enjoy the paper. Sometimes it takes a couple of years to see visible results such as visitors, callers, Bible studies, etc., so please continue to pray for this effort.

Several of you donated books to the New Boston Public Library, knowing that there will never be a way to accurately judge the effectiveness of this in promoting Christ. Even so, you gave and the Lord has blessed you for it.

Camp Ida

Our family spent June 3-8 at Camp Ida this summer, and thoroughly enjoyed it. We got to meet faithful brethren from various places, which was a tremendous faith-builder! Also, the lessons presented during this week concerned "Courtship & Marriage", and the campers seemed to appreciate Bible instruction in this area. Nine precious souls were saved by grace this week as they put on Christ in baptism (Mk. 16:16). A couple of truths were reaffirmed to us during this week, namely, that the summer heat didn't matter to those young Christians whose hearts' burned for the Lord, and that you don't have to "out-gimmick" Satan's disciples to keep kids' attention...you simply have to teach the truth.

SYBSNET 2007 & Young Men's Retreat

The Summer Youth Series has been great so far, and several have told me they appreciate DeKalb for hosting it on June 11. Our young people have really enjoyed themselves, and we look forward to the SYBSNET every Monday through the 2nd week of August. We encourage some of the older members to travel with the youth a time or two this year...you would really enjoy yourself!

Some of our young boys also attended the 1st Annual Young Men's Retreat at Broken Bow, OK on June 1-2 and heard some great practical messages on issues they face on a regular basis.

Blessings to Our Family

You have blessed us tremendously over the past year. If we tried to "name them one by one", we could never get it done. You have showered my family with love, kindness, and courtesy to the point that we might be spoiled already! To say "thank you" is not enough.

We pledge to do our very best to show our gratitude to you in the upcoming year by honoring Christ, representing this congregation well in the community, and working to expand the borders of the Kingdom of Christ.

So, in the coming year, may "The Lord bless thee and keep thee; the Lord make His face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee; the Lord lift up His countenance upon thee and give thee peace" (Num. 6:24-26).