

**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 (6-24-07)
B.C. – 37
A.M. – 56
P.M. – 27
Wed. B.C. – 26
Offering – \$1,575
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)

- *John Loe (was in hospital, but is doing fine now)
- *Ola Lee Steuart (still has a painful bruise on her leg)
- *Nancy Kier (still needs our prayers and encouragement)
- *Giles Feazel (still recovering and needing our prayers)
- *Barry Goodwin (he is ill and needs our prayers; we inadvertently listed him as "Marion Goodwin" last week; he is Jim Reaves' neighbor)
- *DeWayne Garner (has been having an exceptionally rough time lately)
- *Joey Almaraz's email address is "dknacho07@yahoo.com", and he would appreciate an occasional email.
- *Those traveling on vacations.

Announcements

- *Birthdays: Homer Batchelor, Helen Dotson, Linda Loe, and Lea Anderson
- *Anniversaries: Salinas' and Williams'
- *Congregational Singing practice - today @ 5pm.
- *SYBSNET will be at Fulbright this week. Michael & Elizabeth will be leaving by 5:45. Please sign the sheet on the back table to let them know you will be going, so that they will know what to drive. Parents are welcome to go, as well as anyone else interested.
- *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.
- *Remember our VBS, July 22-26.

Brotherhood Events(see bulletin board for flyers)

- *Gospel Meeting @ Atlanta Church of Christ, July 2-3 (6:30 PM). The Gilbert's will be attending on Tuesday night, and we encourage all to attend.
- *Ladies Day @ Genoa Central in Arkansas, July 7 (8:30 AM-12:30 PM)

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Privileged To Serve...

July 1st

Announcements & 1st Prayer.... Buddy Ray

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

Lord's Table.... Dwayne Jeffery, John Loe and Micah Dawson

Scripture Reading (Communion): Dickie Dalby

Scripture Reading (Sermon): Charlie Gonzalez (1 Cor. 15:33)

Prayers -- AM & PM

2nd prayer.....Pat Davis

Closing.....Zachary Booth

AM Sermon: America, Prepare to Meet Thy God

PM Sermon: If You Lay With the Dogs, You'll Get Fleas

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**

"Nevertheless he left not himself without witness, in that he did good, and gave us rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness." (Acts 14:17)

All People Can Know God Exists

Our God is reasonable. In fact, He demands that mankind be reasonable. Time and again, God calls upon mankind to use common sense.

He pleaded with Israel to "Come now, and let us reason together..." (Is. 1:18). Again, the message is clear, "Produce your cause...bring forth your strong reasons, saith the King of Jacob" (Is. 41:21).

According to our text (Acts 14:17), Paul used a logical argument to turn the people of Lystra from the vanity of idolatry. Paul knew that God provided them evidence for His existence via the creation. In fact, all men can view the creation and know that God exists (Ps. 19:1-6). Paul expected the citizens of Lystra to leave idols and serve God because of this evidence. Truly, "He left not Himself without witness..." (Acts 14:17).

Provides For Our Physical Needs

The fact that our physical needs continue to be met is enough evidence to prove the existence of God.

Mankind's daily necessities are a gift from God, for it is God that has prepared the earth for our use. He made the earth, and He knows how to cause it to bring forth our food. Praise God, our Provider!

America, Prepare To Meet Thy God

Text: Amos 4:12

Main Thought: America's day of reckoning has come

I. The Voices of Antiquity

- A. Gibbon's studies as revealed in *Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*, speak of 5 reasons why Rome fell:
1. Rapid increase of divorce, with the undermining of the sanctity of the home.
 2. Higher and higher taxes, the spending of public funds for bread and circuses.
 3. The mad craze for pleasure, sports becoming more and more exciting and brutal every year.
 4. The building of gigantic armaments, while the real enemy was within, the decadence of the people.
 5. The decay of religion; faith fading into mere form.
- B. The Prophets of God prophesied against an Israelite in the same condition as America 2007.
1. **Jer. 2:13**
 2. **Jer. 2:32**

II. America's National Sins Have Found Her Out

- A. Materialism (**Mt. 6:19-21; Luke 12:15**)
- B. Laziness/Welfare system (**2 Thess. 3:10**)
- C. Abortion (76,166 in Texas alone (2003); **Prov. 6:17**)
- D. Homosexuality (now hate speech; *Lawrence v. Texas 2003*; **2 Kings 23:7**)

III. America's Religious Sins Have Found Her Out

- A. **Jer. 6:16**
- B. **Jer. 6:14**
- C. **Hos. 4:6**
- D. In a land with so many Bibles, "a generation has arisen that knows not God" (**Judges 2:10**)
- E. **Jer. 5:30-31**
- F. Sin of false doctrine plagues America (Bible says only "one church" and "one baptism")

IV. America's Moral Sins Have Found Her Out

- A. **Hosea 4:1-2; Jer. 9:1**
- B. Illegitimate children, fornication, adultery, violent crime, murder, rape, theft, pornography, divorce.

V. America's Christian's Sins Have Found Her Out

- A. Selling out the Truth for numbers (**2 Tim. 4:2**)
- B. Preacher's choosing to preach lies and keep their jobs instead of preaching Truth and being fired.
- C. Leaderships searching the hearts of the members for the direction to go, instead of searching out God's Word for guidance.
- D. Christians are trading the "great Salvation" for a night of entertainment and pleasure at the movies or the ballgame.

Conclusion

1. America has been weighed in the balances and found wanting (**Dan. 5:27**).
2. Rend your hearts and not your garments (**Joel 2:13**)

America Is Great Because She Is Good

**I sought for the greatness and genius of America
in her commodious harbors
and her ample rivers
and it was not there**

**in her fertile fields and boundless forests
and it was not there**

**in her rich mines
and her vast world commerce
and it was not there**

**in her democratic Congress
and her matchless Constitution
and it was not there.**

**Not until I went into the churches of America
and heard her pulpits aflame with righteousness
did I understand the secret
of her genius and power.**

**America is great because she is good,
and if America ever ceases to be good,
she will cease to be great.**

--this quote is often attributed to Alexis de' Toqueville,
although the authorship is uncertain--