

**DeKalb Church  
of Christ**

1265 E. Front St.  
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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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**Preacher**

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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 (7-1-07)**

**B.C. – 48**  
**A.M. – 72**  
**P.M. – 36**  
**Wed. B.C. – 28**  
**Offering – \$1,900**  
**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; DeWayne Garner; Joey Almaraz  
(Fort Sill, OK for army basic training)

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

- \*Mary Willis (her aunt passed away, funeral was last week)
- \*Ernie Luna (emergency surgery last Tuesday night; Dallas Children's Hsp.)
- \*Giles Feazel (his uncle passed away, funeral was last week)
- \*It was so good to see those who have been sick here last Sunday. We pray that their health will continue to improve.
- \*Those traveling on vacations.

**Announcements**

- \***Birthdays:** JoAnn Batchelor, Heather Sikes, and Ray Strain
- \***Anniversaries:** Phillip & Traci Raney
- \*Congregational Singing practice - today @ 5pm.
- \*SYBSNET will be at Pittsburg this week. Michael & Elizabeth will be leaving by 5:30. Please sign the sheet on the back table.
- \*There is a thank you note from Joey Almaraz on the board. His address is:

PVT Almaraz Jose L. JR  
G BTRY 1st BN 19th Field Artillery  
402 NE South Boundary Road Unit C  
FT Sill, OK 73503-8012

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- \*Devotional at Sunny Acres is next Sunday @ 3pm.
- \*Birthday Party at Sunny Acres is next Wednesday @ 2pm. Please sign up to bring a cake.
- \*Brandon Canup, our Summer Youth Intern, will be with us July 14 - August 18.
- \*Medina Children's Home will be by this week to pick up donations.
- \*Remember our VBS, July 22-26.
- \*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...**

**July 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Announcements & 1<sup>st</sup> 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):** Mitchell Weeks (Heb. 2:9)

**Prayers -- AM & PM**

2<sup>nd</sup> prayer.....Alex Evans

Closing.....Alex Evans

**AM Sermon:** 5 Things Grace Can't Do

**PM Sermon:** By Grace Ye Are Saved

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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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*"But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints"*  
(Eph. 5:3)

Joseph H. Thayer defines fornication as, "...illicit sexual intercourse in general" (pg. 532-532). This would include homosexuality, adultery (fornication between a married person and an unmarried person), sex before marriage, rape (on the part of the guilty party), incest, prostitution, and bestiality.

Fornication has been a persistent problem for mankind, marriage, family, and society almost from the beginning of time. The sin of fornication has far reaching consequences in that it not only damns one soul to a devil's hell, but two precious souls. It taints the influence of the guilty parties, beyond repair in many cases, even though true repentance and forgiveness takes place. Remember that King David not only sinned against God, but he drug Bathsheba into the miry, miserable trenches of shameful sin. The resulting pregnancy led to the murder of Uriah the Hittite. The child that was conceived as a result of that sinful union died. David's house was troubled from that point forward.

Fornication begins and grows in the heart of man (Mt. 15:19; Mk. 7:21). Satan often "plants" fornication in the heart of man through such things as revealing clothing, dancing, pornography, filthy talk, etc. (For further study, see 1 Cor. 7:1-5; Mt. 19:9; Prov. 5).

## ***5 Things Grace Cannot Do***

Text: Heb. 2:9

Main Point: God's grace is free, but not cheap...it requires something of mankind.

*God's grace cannot:*

- I. Justify A Sinner Who Refuses To Enter Christ (Rom. 3:24)***
  
- II. Save A Sinner Who Refuses To Separate Himself From The World (Acts 17:30-31; Titus 2:11-12)***
  
- III. Save A Person By Faith Alone (James 2:21-22)***
  
- IV. Save A Person Once & Forever (Galatians 5:4)***
  
- V. Save A Christian Who Becomes Entangled In The World (2 Peter 2:20-22)***

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## ***By Grace Ye Are Saved***

Text: Eph. 2:1-10

Main Point: to offer motivation to greater Christian service

- I. The "Why" Of God's Grace (Eph. 2:1-3)***
  
- II. The "What" Of God's Grace (Eph. 2:4-6)***
  
- III. The "When" And "How" Of God's Grace (Eph. 2:8-9)***
  
- IV. The "Result" Of God's Grace (Eph. 2:10)***

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

*Guest Article by Steven D. Minor (Ada, OK)*

A man by the name of Henry Phillip Hope was one owner, out of many of one of the most well known treasures in the world—the Hope diamond, weighing 45.52 carats! Not only is this one of the most well known treasures in the world, but according to the legend of the diamond, it was a rare jewel with a “curse” attached to it. The Hope diamond started out weighing 112 3/16 carats and was most likely found in the Kollur mine in Golconda, India. The triangular, violet-looking diamond was passed through the hands of many wealthy persons ever since it was first sold back in 1668. Tragedy seemed to always follow the merchant who bought the diamond. Many people through the centuries had, no doubt, coveted this awesome, dark-bluish gem. However, a New York jeweler named Harry Winston purchased the diamond in the 1940’s and in 1958 he donated it to the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D. C. for everyone to see (but not touch). How would you like to own something so rare and valuable and desired by everyone? You can! Every person who wills, can be a part of the immeasurable, unfathomable riches found in Jesus Christ! Paul, in Ephesians 3:8, said his privilege was to “preach to the Gentiles the unfathomable riches of Christ.” (NASV) Unfathomable literally means “trackless” or “That cannot be traced out, that cannot be comprehended.” Paul is saying that he is privileged to give away the priceless treasure that everyone on

earth can have if they desire it. It’s the unsearchable riches of being in and with Jesus Christ for eternity! This is a gem that does not have a “curse” attached to it, but rather, blessings! Paul wrote to Christians, “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ” “Ephesians 1:3. Jesus said, “The thief comes only to steal, and kill, and destroy; I came that they might have life, and might have it abundantly” John 10:10. This gem is not locked up in the Smithsonian Institute but is available at anytime to anyone who wants to get their hands on it.

“The Hope diamond is classified as a type 11b diamond, which are semi-conductive and usually phosphoresce. The diamond phosphoresces a strong red color, which will last for several seconds after exposure to trace amounts of ultra-violet light” ([www.nmnh.si.edu/minsci/hope.htm](http://www.nmnh.si.edu/minsci/hope.htm)). In other words when exposed to a certain light it will retain that light for a few seconds after it is exposed. A person who comes in contact with the light of Christ will retain that light within them, not for seconds, but for a lifetime!

There is a high cost, however. The cost is much more than one would pay for the Hope diamond. It will cost you your life. One must give up everything and be willing to submit in full obedience to have the unfathomable riches of Christ. Your heart, soul, mind and strength, time and possessions must belong to God. How bad do you want this jewel?