

**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

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)

Record (7-15-07)

B.C. – 37

A.M. – 79

P.M. – 35

Wed. B.C. – 41

Offering – \$1,685

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)*

- ***Homer Batchelor** (will travel to MD Anderson on Monday. He earnestly requests our prayers)
- ***Dot Swint** (in a lot of pain, gallbladder surgery went well; room 468N. @ St. Michael's)
- ***Bill Wiley** (recovering from colon surgery; gospel preacher & friend of the Booth's)
- ***Jo Ray** (anemic, appointment in Little Rock on Wed.; Buddy Ray's mother)
- ***Jean Oliver** (pacemaker installed recently; Beverly Sikes' aunt)

Announcements

- *VBS: we need cookies & Kool-Aid brought to the building tonight through Thursday. On Thursday, bring fingerfoods/sandwiches as well as cookies, etc.
- *Birthdays: Jack Dotson (7-22)!
- *Song Leader Training practice: dismissed for tonight, will resume next Sun.
- *Brandon Canup will be with us through August 18. You can reach him @ 423-213-2306.
- *SYBSNET: will resume next Monday.
- *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.
- *Please make a note of the new church email address and website address: email - gilbertfamily2000@gmail.com & website - dekalbcoc.wordpress.com.

Brotherhood Events *(see bulletin board for flyers)*

- *Buddy Ray will be preaching a Gospel Meeting @ Foreman, AR on July 22-25. Times of service are SUN. (10am & 7pm), MON - WED (7pm).
- *Dotson St. Church of Christ is hosting a period of Christian fellowship on Saturday, July 28 in the DeKalb City Park.

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Privileged To Serve...

July 22nd

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): Charles Lee (2 Pt. 2:1-4)

Prayers -- AM & PM

2nd prayer..... Stuart Proctor

Closing..... Phillip Raney

AM Sermon: False Teachers - An Ever Present Danger

PM Sermon: No Sermon - VBS Classes

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 two elders: Dickie Dalby 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**

"Behold, the days come," saith the Lord, "that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch; and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. In His days, Judah shall be saved..." (Jer. 23:5-6)

God must be a God of love. Why? Because these words of spiritual consolation, comfort and hope were spoken to a crooked and perverse Israelite nation.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved His people enough to send the prophet Jeremiah to preach to them. It takes love to offer help to a people who have (1) turned from the old paths (6:16), (2) forsaken God (2:13), (3) offered mere lip-service to God (7:4, 8-10), and (4) persecuted Jeremiah, the man of God (38:6). Men soon separate from those who despise them, but according to our text, God offered salvation to those who hated Him.

The sad thing is, when the "Righteous Branch" finally came into the world, He had to utter these doleful words, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets and stonest them that are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not. Behold, your house is left unto you desolate" (Matt. 23:37).

In reality, God has lovingly offered stubborn sinners like you and me salvation. The question is, how are we responding (Mk. 16:16; Acts 2:37-38)?

False Teachers - An Ever Present Danger

Text: 2 Peter 2:1-22

Main Point: Christians must always be on guard against those who would destroy their faith.

I. False Teachers - A Constant Danger (2 Pt. 2:1)

- A. False teachers in the OT (_____)
- B. False teachers in the NT (_____)
- C. Modern day false teachers - "among you" (_____)

II. False Teachers - Their Destructive Work (2 Pt. 2:1-2)

- A. The _____ of their work and _____ of their lives:
 - 1. _____, _____, and _____ (v.1-2)
 - 2. _____ (v.3 - feigned words); (v.3); _____ & _____ (v.10); speak _____ of things they understand not (v. 12).
- B. The result of their work:
 - 1. Christ is _____ (even while they claim to obey/respect Him) (v.1)
 - 2. Christians _____ from Christ (v.2) (2 Tm. 4:2-4)
 - 3. _____ will speak evil of _____ Way of _____ (v.2) (1 Pt. 4:4)

III. False Teachers - Their Final Destiny (2 Pt. 2:3, 9)

- A. "their _____ slumbereth not" (v. 4)
- B. What assurances exist that God will punish false teachers?
 - 1. Angels were " _____ " (v. 4)
 - 2. Noah's world was " _____ " (v. 5)
 - 3. Sodom and Gomorrah were " _____ " (v. 6)
- C. The Lord will _____ His people from the _____ of false teachers (v.9)

The Nature of Love

by Wayne Jackson

Exactly what is love? Is it merely a sentimental, emotional disposition towards God? Or does love involve more than that? When the Lord suggested that the "great" commandment is loving God with all of one's heart, soul, and mind (see Matthew 22:38-40), what did that entail? John sheds some light on that when he writes: "And this is love, that we should walk after his commandments." There are three important facts here set forth.

First, love is active. It is not mere emotionalism; it is revealed in obedience. Jesus said: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments" (John 14:15). Circle "love," and in your margin write: Love obeys.

Second, the verb "walk" translates the Greek peripateo, which denotes a sphere of existence. It takes a present tense form, hence, suggests a sustained mode of activity. Underline the word and note: Keep on walking.

Third, observe that "love" and "commandments" are not mutually exclusive. Some contend that the New Testament is a series of "love letters," and so is not to be viewed as "law." John recognized no such distinction. Love recognizes and honors law (commands). Circle "commandments." Connect it back to "love," and observe: Love and commands not in conflict.

Van Gogh's Best Work

Author unknown

Vincent Van Gogh was not always an artist. In fact, he wanted to be a preacher and was sent to the Belgian mining community of Borinage in 1879. He discovered that the miners there endured deplorable working conditions and poverty-level wages. Their families were malnourished and struggled simply to survive. He felt concerned that the small stipend he received from the church allowed him a moderate life style, which, in contrast, seemed unfair.

One cold February evening, while he watched the miners trudging home, he spotted an old man wrapped in a burlap sack for warmth staggering toward him across the fields. Van Gogh immediately laid his own clothing out on the bed, set aside enough for one change, and determined to give the rest away. He gave the old man a suit of clothes and he gave his overcoat to a pregnant woman whose husband had been killed in a mining accident. He lived on starvation rations and spent his stipend on food for the miners. When children in one family contracted typhoid fever, though feverish himself, he packed up his bed and took it to them.

A prosperous family offered him free room and board. But Van Gogh declined the offer, stating that it was the final temptation he must reject if he was to serve his community. He believed that if he wanted them to trust him, he must become one of them.

He was aware of a wide chasm that can separate words and actions. He knew that people's lives often speak louder and clearer than their words. Maybe it was that same knowledge that led Francis of Assisi to say, "Wherever you go, preach. Use words if necessary."

Today, others will be "listening" carefully to our actions, if not our words (read James 1:25).