

**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 (7-22-07)

B.C. – 46

A.M. – 72

P.M. – 61

VBS - 63, 70, 75, 78

Offering – \$1,860

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)*

- ***DeWayne Garner** (is going to San Antonio today to check his medication)
- *Megan Oagley (niece of Nancy Kier, she has ovarian cancer)
- ***Doyle Sikes** (undergoing tests)
- ***Jack Dodson** (has developed the shingles, he is doing OK)
- ***Parker Turner** (feet problems)
- ***Homer Batchelor** (back home, facing possible knee surgery)
- ***Dot Swint** (has moved to Waterford Senior Care Center, address on board)
- ***J.W. Penley** (feeding tube was successfully installed, is now back home)

Announcements

- *Anniversaries: Turner's (July 31st)
- *Fellowship Meal following the morning services with the evening services afterwards. No singing practice today.
- *Everyone is invited to a celebration in honor of Norman and Peggy Hooten's 50th Wedding Anniversary, today. The invitation is on the bulletin board.
- *SYBSNET: We are going to Mt. Vernon this week. The topic is "Homosexuality and Gay Marriage." We will be leaving at 5:30, make sure you sign the sheet to go.
- ***Mesquite Rodeo**, August 10th, tell Dwayne Jeffery TODAY if you will be attending it. Adults are \$10, over 59 \$5, 3-12 \$5, and parking \$5. We will leave at 4:40 in order to eat at Ryan's in Greenville
- *An update on Nicole Anderson. She called recently and wanted everyone to know that she was doing fine, had a room to live in, and was working in a pizza place in Fresno, CA.
- *Brandon Canup will be with us through August 18. You can reach him @ 423-213-2306.

Brotherhood Events *(see bulletin board for flyers)*

- *VBS @ **Lynn Lane** in Idabel, July 30-August 3, flyer on the board.
- *VBS @ **Avery**, August 4, flyer on board
- *Spiritual Growth Seminar @ **Broken Bow**, August 18th, flyer on the board
- *Holding to the Traditions @ **Bonham St.** in Paris, August 25th

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Privileged To Serve...

July 30th

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): Zack Booth (1 Tim. 1:12-15)

Prayers -- AM & PM

2nd prayer..... Doyle Raney

Closing..... Parker Turner

AM Sermon: God's Grace - Motivation

PM Sermon: Five Great Duties of Christians

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**

*"A lion hath roared! Who will not fear?
The Lord God has spoken, who can but
prophesy?" (Amos 3:8)*

The first part of this verse is common sense. Those who hear a lion roar are in danger. The second part of this verse has great significance to Christian men and women.

We have examples of all the prophets in the OT, even the ones who didn't want to prophecy what God had to say (i.e., Jonah), but when God spoke, it was a plea of repentance, love, and compassion on His people. The same message goes today for the people in the world...when we as Christians know that the Lord has spoken, how could we remain quiet. We have this great gospel, but we often keep it to ourselves. We should tell it to others boldly as Paul did. Without fear as Stephen did, understanding that we may suffer.

If Paul took the attitude to not preach the gospel to the people, or care for the churches, we wouldn't have the great letters in the Bible today that have so much benefit for us. We wouldn't have the example of Stephen and his stand for the truth. Paul and Silas would have never been imprisoned, and Christians wouldn't have been persecuted. But we know that because God has spoken through examples of the Bible, we need to believe it, speak it, and preach it.

We have the great message of God's love for humanity, therefore, we can't help but tell others about it.

--by Brandon Canup--

God's Grace - Motivation

Text: 1 Timothy 1:12-15

- I. Great _____ (1 Tim. 1:15)
- II. Great _____ (1 Tim. 1:14)
- III. Great _____ (1 Tim. 1:12)

Five Great Duties of Christians

Text: 1 Corinthians 16:13-14

- I. Watch _____
- II. Stand Fast in the _____
- III. Quit Ye Like _____
- IV. Be _____
- V. Do All Things with _____

Biblical Wisdom Still Relevant

Kyle Butt, M.A.

About 3,000 years ago, one of the wisest men to have ever lived penned through divine inspiration this statement: "A merry heart does good like medicine, but a broken spirit dries the bones" (Proverbs 17:22). Solomon's statement speaks to the fact that in many cases, it is the emotional and spiritual attitude of an individual that sustains his or her physical existence as much or more than physical factors. On March 28, 2006, a brief article on loneliness provided some excellent modern scientific documentation for Solomon's sentiments.

The study was in no way exhaustive since it only looked at information from about 229 adults. But the results were quite interesting. In a nut shell, the study showed that loneliness can be a potential factor that increases blood pressure. The study further indicated that when individuals became more emotionally connected to others and less lonely, their blood pressure can decrease. In fact, the authors of the study suggested that the "magnitude of the effect of loneliness on blood pressure is comparable to the magnitude of reduction that can be achieved through weight loss and exercise" (Hawkley and Berry as quoted in Miner, 2006). Thus, one can see that the physical factors of losing weight and exercise can potentially be matched or eclipsed by the emotional attitudes of an individual, exactly as Solomon suggested.

Drs. Hawkley and Berry noted that many factors in the culture of the United States tend to increase the opportunity for loneliness and that, "under these circumstances risk of loneliness increases, and along with it so does risk of morbidity and mortality" (Miner, 2006). In other words, emotional distress "dries the bones."

Solomon's ancient wisdom is as relevant to today's society as it was to his three millennia ago. The Bible's timeless nature is exactly the product that what would be expected from an all-knowing God Who can declare "the end from the beginning" (Isaiah 46:10).

REFERENCE

Miner, Jeff (2006), "Loneliness Weighs Heavily on the Heart," [On-line], URL: <http://www.medpagetoday.com/Cardiology/Hypertension/tb/2947>.

A Preacher's Perspective...

by Michael Gilbert

What a great week! VBS was outstanding! Our teachers did an exemplary job teaching the young people...rooms were beautifully decorated, kids were excited, Jesus was taught...what could be better?!!

A big thank-you goes out to all those who participated in our VBS this year. Many worked "publicly" by teaching a class, while others worked "privately" by supplying and serving food and refreshments each night, tracking attendance, ringing bells, organizing the whole event, etc. You are special in God's eyes...don't ever forget that!

We are grateful for Dotson St. and Avery congregations that supported us so well throughout the week....we had a chance to return the favor to Dotson St. yesterday at their fellowship in the city park. Also, Avery will have a VBS Saturday, details on the board. We look forward to attending their VBS.

Saving souls...our main priority. The whole reason we put on the VBS, Gospel meetings, etc. is to glorify God by saving souls. One soul is worth more than the whole world...Jesus said, "For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Mt. 16:26).

Keep up the great work!