

**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 (7-29-07)

B.C. – 45
A.M. – 66
P.M. – 38
Wed. - 40
Offering – \$1,556
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)

- *Camille Newkirk (friend of Paula Booth, had a heart attack)
- *Ola Lee Steuart (having her leg checked out on Mon. and Thurs.)
- *Mary Willis (having medical tests done on Aug. 8)
- *Megan Oagley (niece of Nancy Kier, the ovarian cancer is gone)
- *Dot Swint (has moved to Waterford Senior Care Center, room 402, 5524
Cowhorn Creek, Texarkana, TX 75503, corrected tel. # 903-838-5402)

Announcements

- *Birthdays: Margie Hodgson (1st), Danny Barrett (1st), Glenda Strain (6th), Jane Turner (7th), Velma Lewis (8th), Andrea Rodriguez(9th).
- *We are pleased to announce the addition of 3 young people to the church. Charlie, Ernie, and Dorothy were baptized Tuesday.
- *Singing practice today @ 5 PM.
- *SYBSNET: We are going to Redwater this week. The topic is "Promiscuity or Purity." We will be leaving at 6:00, make sure you sign the sheet to go.
- *Prayer Sister revealing is Thursday, August 9, 7:00 PM, in the Multi-Purpose Building. Bring a dish.
- *Mesquite Rodeo, August 10th. 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.
- *Joey Almaraz graduates from boot camp on August 17.
- *Brandon Canup will be with us through August 18. You can reach him @ 423-213-2306.

Brotherhood Events(see bulletin board for flyers)

- *Gospel Meeting @ **Pittsburg**, August 12-15, flyer on the 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...

August 5th

Announcements & 1st Prayer.... John Loe

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

Lord's Table.... Craig Loe, Micah Dawson, and Phillip Raney

Scripture Reading (Communion): Michael Gilbert
Scripture Reading (Sermon): Seth Salinas (Jn. 19:16-18)

Prayers -- AM & PM

2nd prayer..... Doyle Raney
Closing..... Brandon Canup

AM Sermon: The Cross of Christ

PM Sermon: Proper Repentance

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**

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to His abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you"
(1 Peter 1:3-4)

WHO IS THE AUDIENCE?

When we come to worship Sunday morning and evening and Wednesday, in and out, week after week, month after month, does our worship become monotonous? I ask the questions, Why are Christians becoming so bored that they want to introduce a chorus, piano, praise team, and other unscriptural methods of worship? Who is the audience? If it isn't in the Bible, then why are we introducing false worship into the church of Christ, or why are we leading the church of Christ to a denomination? Is the worship of God that was commanded of us to do boring? Is it not enough? Or, have we forgotten who our audience is? Peter made it clear the purpose for our worship, we worship God because of his "abundant mercy" that He had given his Son Jesus Christ upon the cross for our sins, and we being unworthy for such a sacrifice should be thankful and faithful to the teachings of the Bible. Worshiping Him "in spirit and in truth" (Jn. 4:24).

--Brandon Canup--

Written in Blood by David A. Sargent

On January 26th, 2005, a California train derailed, killing 11 people and injuring over 200. About 6:00 AM that morning, a Metrolink commuter train struck a sport utility vehicle parked on the tracks in an aborted suicide attempt in Glendale. The train derailed and struck another Metrolink train.

One of the 200 injured was a 44-year-old man named John Phipps. Phipps said he normally wouldn't have taken the train that derailed but he had been called to work early at an aerospace plant in Burbank. He remembers sitting upstairs in the double-decked car and going to sleep. The next thing he remembered was waking up, feeling mist falling on his face, and seeing smashed bits of the train. He touched the back of his head and then looked at his hands, which were covered in blood. He called for help but got no immediate answer. Trapped under debris, he waited for rescuers.

At one point, Phipps said he reached out and touched an upended train seat that sat right above him. Believing he was dying, he found himself leaving a message with his own blood. The message was to his wife and children. He wrote: "I love my kids. I love Leslie."

His rescuers came on the scene minutes later and saw the message. Fire Captain Robert Rosario said, "I've seen some gruesome things on this job, but that moved me. My only thought was, I have to get that seat to his wife and kids." His wife said about the message, "**Hallmark is never going to top that. It's moving, it's thoughtful and it's chilling all at the same time.**" *

The story of John Phipps and his message written in his own blood is a moving one, but there is ANOTHER moving love story written in blood: The love of -JESUS CHRIST- for a lost world.

Due to our sin, YOU and I are "pinned" under the condemnation of sin with no hope. But Jesus came to our rescue. In order to save us from our sins, Jesus had to shed His blood as payment for them. "In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace" (Ephesians 1:7).

The blood of Jesus redeems those who accept His offer of salvation by: believing in Him (Acts 16:30-31), turning from sin in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confessing Him before men (Romans 10:9-10), and being baptized (immersed) in His name for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). The blood of Jesus will CONTINUE to cleanse those who CONTINUE to walk in the light of His Word (1 John 1:7).

With His OWN blood, Jesus demonstrated His great love for you and for me. The message is moving, thoughtful, and chilling all at the same time, and it is the means of our salvation IF we will accept His gift on His terms.

Won't YOU respond to His great love through your loving obedience?

* Information gleaned from Associated Press article: "L.A. Train Passenger Recalls Blood Messages to Family."
http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2005-02-04-train-message_x.htm

It Was Only a Quarter

Several years ago, a preacher from out-of-state accepted a call to a church in Houston, Texas. Some weeks after he arrived, he had an occasion to ride the bus from his home to the downtown area. When he sat down, he discovered that the driver had accidentally given him a quarter too much change.

As he considered what to do, he thought to himself, "You'd better give the quarter back. It would be wrong to keep it." Then he thought, "Oh, forget it, it's only a quarter. Who would worry about this little amount? Anyway, the bus company gets too much fare; they will never miss it. Accept it as a 'gift from God' and keep quiet."

When his stop came, he paused momentarily at the door, then he handed the quarter to the driver and said, "Here, you gave me too much change."

The driver, with a smile, replied, "Aren't you the new preacher in town? I have been thinking a lot lately about going somewhere to worship. I just wanted to see what you would do if I gave you too much change. I'll see you at church on Sunday."

When the preacher stepped off of the bus, he literally grabbed the nearest light pole, held on, and said, "Oh God, I almost sold your Son for a quarter." Our lives are the only Bible some people will ever read. This is a really scary example of how much people watch us as Christians and will put us to the test! Always be on guard and remember that you carry the name of Christ on your shoulders when you call yourself "Christian."

Watch your thoughts; they become words.

Watch your words; they become actions.

Watch your actions; they become habits.

Watch your habits; they become character.

Watch your character; it becomes your destiny.

A Preacher's Perspective...

by Michael Gilbert

Even after all the sins of the children of Israel, God was still willing to forgive them. What a great God!

The prophet Micah prayerfully, tearfully, and passionately exposed the sins of Israel which included (1) idolatry (1:7), (2) evil minds (2:1), (3) covetousness (2:2), (4) refusing to hear the word of God (2:6), (5) despising fellow man (2:2), (6) corrupt government officials (3:1-4), (7) toleration of false teachers, and (8) hypocrisy (3:11). Despite all the sins of Israel, God still offered them salvation...but it would be on His terms, not theirs.

God's terms included at least four things: (1) repentance of sins (6:6-8), (2) the Lord's House (4:1-2), (3) the Bethlehem babe (5:2), and (4) these things would be a fulfillment of God's promise to Abraham (7:20). God's terms really are no different for those under the New Covenant for which Christ died (Mt. 26:28).

Repentance of sins. God has commanded "...all men everywhere to repent" (Acts 17:31). Jesus taught us, "...except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish" (Lk. 13:3)

The Lord's House. Paul taught that the house of God is the church (1 Tm. 3:15), and the apostles taught that saved people are added to the church, which is the body of Christ (Acts 2:47; Eph. 1:22-23).

The Bethlehem Babe. The baby Jesus grew to manhood, and "became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross" (Phil. 2:8). Paul wrote, "...while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom. 5:8).

God's Promise to Abraham. All this was to fulfill Genesis 12:1-3 (Gal. 3:29).