

**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 (8-5-07)

B.C. – 40

A.M. – 75

P.M. – 44

Wed. - 46

Offering – \$2,002

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)

- ***Johnnie Wade** (had hernia surgery, is now at home)
- ***James Swafford** (married to Doyle Sikes' cousin, has lung cancer)
- ***Nancy Yates** (daughter-in-law of Margaret Yates, gave birth to twins last week, she has been released, but the twins are in Dallas)
- ***Helen Dodson** (fell, nothing broken, but is at home)
- ***Ola Lee Steuart** (her leg is doing better)
- ***Mary Willis** (could not find anything wrong, will be having a MRI)
- ***Dot Swint** (she is still at Waterford Senior Care Center, room 402, 903-838-5402, she would appreciate calls or visits)
- ***Gail Styles** (lost another uncle recently; Gail has visited with several times over the last few months)

Announcements

- *Birthdays: Mary Willis (12th), Kathy Dawson (16th), Phillip Raney and Phillip Salinas (17th)
- *We had another baptism this week, Michele Shaw.
- ***Singing practice** today @ 5 PM.
- ***SYBSNET**: We are going to New Boston this week. The topic is "Developing A Christian Worldview" Our own Buddy Ray will be speaking. We will be leaving at 6:30, make sure you sign the sheet to go.
- ***Birthdays Party** @ Sunny Acres Wednesday, 2 PM. Please sign the sheet for cakes.
- *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.
- ***Devotional** @ Sunny Acres next Sunday, 3 PM. Please make plans to attend.
- *Please take note of our new church email account and website address: **email** - gilbertfamily2000@gmail.com / **website**: http://dekalbcoc.wordpress.com.

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 Meeting @ **Bonham St.** in Paris, August 25th
- *Women's Conference @ **Walnut**, September 29th, 8:30 - 1pm. "A Godly Woman's Heart, Home, Health & Hospitality".

Answers to Fill in the Blanks

Death, Burial, Resurrection

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Privileged To Serve...

August 12th

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): Charlie Gonzales (Mark 16:14)

Prayers -- AM & PM

2nd prayer..... Brandon Canup

Closing..... Doyle Raney

AM Sermon: The Disciples' Unbelief

PM Sermon: When We Do Not Get What We Want In Life

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**

"Then Jesus said to His disciples, If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me" (Mt. 16:24)

How many times does God need to say something for it to be a commandment, or a reason to obey it? A commandment needs to be said just once, That's it! That's all it takes! And Jesus stated it several times in the Bible. Was it to get a point across...or did they just not understand? What does it mean to take up your cross and follow him? First, let us look at Biblical examples of what Christians had to endure. Through the ages Christians have been a persecuted and unpopular people. Christians live by guidelines set by God and no other, we were taught this as children and we teach this as Christian adults. There will be hard times...Christians will suffer persecution for what they believe. The first part of the sentence is "let him deny himself". What does it mean to deny oneself, and why? The Scriptures state that we are to be "followers of God". As Christians we should strive to be as David "...a man after God's own heart". We cannot follow God and man at the same time (Matt 6:24, Luke 16:13). We also need to be selfless and give up personal wants in this world. We have in the Bible an example of where a man knew what was right, and knew the will of God, but despaired because HE HAD GREAT POSSESSIONS. We need to let the things of this world go, and only then we can "come after Jesus".

--Brandon Canup--

The Disciples' Unbelief

Text: Mark 16:14

Main Point: Do you believe...

I. In His _____?

II. In His _____?

III. In His _____?

A Preacher's Perspective...

by Michael Gilbert

“And it came to pass in the process of time, that the king of Egypt died: and the children of Israel sighed by reason of the bondage, and they cried, and their cry came up unto God by reason of the bondage. And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. And God looked upon the children of Israel, and God had respect unto them” (Exodus 2:23-25).

God used a man named Moses to lead His people out of Egyptian bondage. God, speaking from the burning bush said, *“Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel is come unto me: and I have also seen the oppression wherewith the Egyptians oppress them. Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt” (Ex. 2:9-10).*

Moses' reply was, *“Who am I, that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt?” (Ex. 3:11)?* God said, *“Certainly I will be with thee” (Ex. 3:12).* Moses, still not certain about himself, said, *“But, behold, they will not believe me, nor hearken unto my voice for they will say, The LORD hath not appeared unto thee” (Ex. 4:1).* God then asked a most interesting question, *“What is that in thine hand?”* (it was a rod). God's message to Moses was simply, *“I have the power to use you and your possessions for My purposes—no matter how insignificant you might feel”...and what a difference that made in Moses' life!*

Christian, the God of heaven has the power to use you for His purposes, if you will let Him. Consider...*what is that in your hand?*

TIME. So very precious is the time God has placed within our hands. The psalmist eluded to this when he wrote, *“So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom” (Ps. 90:12).* Our time on earth is short, and we must use our time for God's glory, and not our own.

AUTOMOBILE. Sometimes "things" such as automobiles, houses, and gadgets control us, but what a joy it is to see a brother or sister who controls their "things"!

Consider the good that an automobile can do...we can visit someone who is sick, drive to a Bible study, or pick up someone for worship. This author knows a couple who, for several years, drove miles (literally!) out of their way to pick up an elderly lady who had never learned to drive. The task probably became a chore at times, but the couple used their "things" to the glory of God, and the elderly Christian's son eventually obeyed the gospel. Yes, we can believe James when he wrote, *“Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world” (James 1:27).*

LIFE. Paul taught, *“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service” (Rom. 12:1-2).* The message is clear...God gave us our life, and the whole of it should be offered to God...a challenge indeed, but it must be done.

OUR SOUL. Finally, God has placed our souls into our hands...therefore, the decision to spend eternity in heaven or in hell rests with each individual. The question is, how are we using what God has placed into our hands?