

**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 (8-26-07)

B.C. – 39

A.M. – 67

P.M. – 31

Wed. - 22

Offering – \$1,712

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)

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

***Juantez Calley** (had aorta surgery in Little Rock on Friday; Sherry Ray's mother)

***Dot Swint** (came home from Waterford)

***Homer Batchelor** (came home Thursday, still has some pain, but making progress; will have his other knee replaced in 2-3 weeks)

Announcements

***Birthdays:** Parker Turner (9-1), Felix Rodriguez (9-2), Charlie Gonzales (9-6),
Mary Ann Davis (9-8)!

***Singing practice** is canceled for tonight.

***Youth Devo @** the Gilbert's house, next Sunday night. Girls bring a dessert,
guys bring drinks.

***Special Need:** There is a family in need of 2 baby beds - if you have a baby bed
you are willing to donate, or if you know of someone willing to donate one, see
Andrea Rodriguez.

***Our Gospel Meeting** with Tommy Mounts (Murfreesboro, AR) will be
September 23-26, 7:30pm nightly. Be praying for this meeting!

Brotherhood Events(see bulletin board for flyers)

*Marriage Enrichment Seminar @ **Atlanta**, September 21-22, with Glen and
Cindy Colley (Friday - 7pm to 9pm; Saturday - 8am to 12pm).

*Women's Conference @ **Walnut**, September 29th, 8:30 - 1pm. "A Godly
Woman's Heart, Home, Health & Hospitality".

*19th Annual Four States Lectures @ **Redwater**, Sept. 28-30th. Theme: "A
Common Love, or Love Made Common?". Michael and Elizabeth will be
speaking on Saturday, at 5pm (Elizabeth to ladies' only - Love of Family) and
7:30pm (Michael to combined session - Love of Purity).

*Gospel Meeting @ **Westside** (Idabel, OK), Sept. 30 - Oct. 5, 2007 with Welton
Stoker, 7pm nightly.

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Privileged To Serve...

September 2nd

Announcements & 1st Prayer.... Dickie Dalby

Song Leader (AM / PM)...Alex Evans/Parker Turner

Lord's Table.... John Loe, Phillip Raney, Mitchell Weeks

Scripture Reading (Communion): Buddy Ray

Scripture Reading (Sermon): Michael Gilbert (2 Pt. 3:18)

Prayers -- AM & PM

2nd prayer..... Jim Reaves

Closing..... Zack Booth

AM Sermon: This Church Must Grow!

PM Sermon: This Church Can Grow!

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**

"But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out."

(1 Tm. 6:6-7)

Do you play the lottery? If so, then study with me...

Many people in today's society misunderstand the word "gamble". They try to justify playing the lottery, or any other form of gambling, by saying, "Well, all of life is a gamble. If all of life is a gamble, then how can the lottery be wrong? Both living this life and playing the lottery are risks (gambles) that we take every day." We must realize that gambling is not simply a "risk". The definition of gambling can be seen in the following illustration.

First, a greedy individual strongly desires the possession of another person. Second, the greedy individual creates a situation, like the lottery, in order to get the other person's money or possessions. Third, the greedy individual gives the bystander hope of getting the possessions of the greedy individual, fully knowing that the bystander has not got a very good chance of obtaining the material possessions. Finally, the bystander usually ends up broke, while the greedy individual spends the gambler's money, with little or no concern about the well being of the broke gambler. This is gambling in a nutshell.

Paul wrote, "And having food and raiment let us be therewith content" (1 Tm. 6:8)

I Am A Member Of The Church Of Christ!

Matthew 16:18/Romans 16:16

Because...

Her origin is certain - *Jerusalem (Acts 2)*

Her foundation is firm - *a Rock (Eph. 2:20)*

Her creed is infallible - *the Bible (2 Pet. 3:2)*

Her name is appropriate - *the name of the Bridegroom (Rom. 16:16)*

Her music is divinely appointed - *a capella singing (Col. 3:16)*

Her system of giving is Biblical - *freewill weekly offerings (1 Cor. 16:1-2)*

Her practice of baptism is right - *immersion for remission and addition (Acts 2:38, 47)*

Her practice of weekly communion - *taught by Paul (1 Cor. 11:23ff)*

Her prayers are powerful - *fervent (Jas. 5:16)*

Her preaching is nourishing - *it is God's message (1 Kings 22:14)*

Her organization is right - *bishops, deacons, and saints (Phil. 1:1)*

Her love is right - *with a pure heart, fervently (1 Pet. 1:22)*

Her Savior died for her - *Christ gave Himself for her (Eph. 5:23, 25)*

Her hope is immortal - *heaven (1 Pet. 1:3-5)*

The Ambition Of A Burmese Python In The Everglades

by Neal Pollard (Bear Valley, CO)

No, I have not gone geographically goofy!

It'll take more than a sack lunch to go from Florida to southern Asia, but because some pet owners have deposited their no-longer-wanted pythons into the Everglade Swamp there have arisen some interesting ecological dilemmas.

The most spectacular one I have seen had pictorial documentation to prove itself. There, in the black and white of today's Richmond Times-Dispatch, was a burmese python that had bursted in its attempt to swallow... an alligator!

What about you? Do you have big goals and dreams? Where do you see yourself this time next year? By retirement time? In eternity?

What tangible things are you "biting off" to make these goals reality? Do you have soul-winning and other spiritual goals? Would you like to be a "lighthouse Christian" whose example motivates many to be like Jesus?

How big are you thinking?

How big can you think?

Remember that Paul included Christ in the equation (Phil. 4:13), so he was ready to take on the biggest challenges. He evangelized the then-known world (Col. 1:23). He stood before the leaders of the greatest nation on earth, Festus, Felix, Agrippa, and ultimately Caesar, and preached Jesus to them (Acts 24-28; cf. Phil. 4:22; Lk. 21:12).

He traveled perilous seas, enduring multiple, harsh beatings, and credible history says he was beheaded for His Lord (see 2 Cor. 11). Paul, through God's strength, felt that he could change the world with Christ's saving grace.

Even though his wonderful ambition left him in the same ultimate state of our dislocated constrictor, what a memorable way to go. Unlike the spiritless snake, Paul's efforts translate into everlasting benefits.

What are you ready to do for Christ?

How far are you willing to go?

What have you done to get started?

Maybe we shouldn't apply the cliché, "Don't bite off more than you can chew," to Christian aspirations. Within the authority of scripture, chomp away!