

**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 (9-2-07)

B.C. – 37
A.M. – 68
P.M. – 32
Wed. - 36
Offering – \$1,623
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)*

- ***Mary Willis** (still having tests to see what's causing her problems)
- ***Anna Schmittou** (sister of Louise Garner, is in the hospital in Wichita Falls. She has a cyst on her knee, is in lots of pain; Louise is going there this weekend.)
- ***Raelissa Sikes** (we want to welcome Raelissa into the church. She was baptized last Sunday during the morning worship service.)
- ***Alaina Burkett** (recently baptized; Mary Willis' granddaughter)
- ***Sherry Ray's parents** are both home from the hospital.

Announcements

- ***Birthdays:** Kassie Loe (10th), Bill Hawkins and Jo Hawkins (14th)
- ***Singing practice** today @ 5 PM.
- ***Youth Devo @** the Gilbert's house tonight. Girls bring a dessert, guys bring drinks.
- ***Sunny Acres Devotional @** 3 PM next Sunday.
- ***Ladies Bible Class** starts up again next Wednesday @ 10 AM. Elizabeth will continue to be teaching *A Begging Place (a book about prayer)*.
- ***Sunny Acres Birthday Party @** 2 PM next Wednesday. Please sign up to bring a cake.
- ***Our Gospel Meeting** with Tommy Mounts (Murfreesboro, AR) will be September 23-26, 7:30pm nightly. Be praying for this meeting!
in lieu of our Gospel Mtg., the elders have moved our regularly scheduled "5th Sunday Potluck" meal to the 4th Sunday (Sept. 23rd). Also, our PM services will be @ 7:30pm on this night

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.

Answers to Fill in the Blanks

1. love, 2. standard, 3. goal

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Privileged To Serve...

September 9th

Announcements & 1st Prayer.... Dickie Dalby

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

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

Scripture Reading (Communion): Buddy Ray

Scripture Reading (Sermon): Zack Booth (Acts 2:47)

Prayers -- AM & PM

2nd prayer.....Alex Evans

Closing.....Dwayne Jeffery

AM Sermon: *This Family Can Grow!*

PM Sermon: *This Family Can Grow!*

Welcome Visitors!

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**

"Now the works of the flesh are manifest, and they are these: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness..."

(Gal. 5:19, KJ21)

In our text for this week, we will focus on one word in particular...although hard to pronounce, the word 'lasciviousness' is easily understood.

Thayer defines this word as "...unbridled lust, excess, licentiousness, wantonness, outrageousness, shamelessness, insolence, wanton manners, filthy words, indecent bodily movements, unchaste handling of males and females, absence of restraint." (Thayer, pg. 79-80)

The lifestyle and attitude of the lascivious person is one that screams "NO RESTRAINTS." This word decisively condemns things such as young unmarried couples "petting" in parked cars (or wherever they may be), dancing (except between married couples in the privacy of their home), sexually filthy literature and movies, sexually filthy jokes, and any other form of shameless conduct which balks at God's authority. The attitude of the lascivious person is summed up in these words,

"Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush..."

(Jer. 6:15)

This Church Can Grow!

Text: Acts 2:42-47

Main Point: Because of His cross, we must grow, and we can grow if we share...

I. A Common _____ (...breaking bread from house to house...v. 46)

II. A Common _____ (...the apostles' doctrine...v. 42)

III. A Common _____ (...praising God...v. 47)

"Jesus, Keep Me Near The Cross"

For there I see.....the value of one soul (Gal. 2:20)

For there I see.....the blackness of sin (2 Cor. 5:21)

For there I see.....the love of God (Rom. 5:8)

For there I see.....man's inability to save himself (Eph. 2:8-10)

For there I see.....God's willingness to save (2 Pet. 3:9)

For there I see.....God's desire for unity (Eph. 2:12-16)

For there I see.....the essentiality of the church (Acts 20:28)

For there I see.....the abrogation of the law (Col. 2:14-17)

For there I see.....that untold blessings can be enjoyed (Col. 1:14)

For there I see.....the need for separation (Gal. 6:14)

For there I see.....the fulfillment of prophecy (Zech. 12:10)

For there I see.....the gates of heaven open (Mk. 15:38)

(The chart above is simply a supplement to the sermons I have preached recently on "The Cross of Christ"; taken from "Tell Me The Story of Jesus" by Wendell Winkler, p.100)

A Preacher's Prospective....

by Michael Gilbert

In thinking about our great week at "Polishing the Pulpit", it occurred to me that some who might be interested in what Elizabeth and I studied and learned were absent and missed my "summary" of the program.

The days were long, but refreshing, with most days beginning at 8am and ending around 10pm. Included below is just a sampling of the great themes we studied...we want the congregation to know that our education in the Gospel is not complete just because we "have a preaching position". A special thanks go to the elders for investing in the future of this congregation by sending the preacher and his wife to "Polishing the Pulpit".

We will always strive to improve our ability to serve God's children in the kingdom, and we encourage you to do the same!

Here are a few things that Elizabeth studied in the Preachers' Wives' Classes...

"Mary Heart, Martha Brain: Is it Right to Expect Martha to Sit on Her Hands and Listen While the Bread is Burning?" by Cindy Colley

"Why Should I Study the Bible...I'm a Woman." by Cindy Colley

"The Unmentionables - Dancing, Social Drinking, Modesty, Public Swimming, Smoking" by Kathy Pollard

"Stand by Your Man: 8 Ways to Encourage Him" by Tracie Shannon

"Do I Have to Pray for Her? Here Are the Benefits When You Do" by Sheila Butt

"Parenting Our Girls to Evangelism" by Cindy Colley

Here a few things that Michael studied in the Preacher's sessions...

"The Future of the Church is Bright Because..." by Alan Highers

"Ministerial Ethics: A Legal Perspective" by Matt Vega

"Restoration Studies: Anecdotes, Characters, and Lessons from Restoration History" by Alan Highers

"Raising Our Boys To Be Real Men" (3-part series) by Glen Colley

"Getting the Gospel to a Whole Family" by Johnnie LeMaster

"Hit by Friendly Fire: What to do When Christians Hurt You" by Tom Holland

"Preacher's Kids That Turned Out Right: What Did Your Parents Do That Worked Right?" by several veteran preachers and their faithful sons

Finally, everyone listened to a series of lessons each morning called...

"The Church Leader's Marriage: A Study of the Song of Solomon 1-8" by David Shannon (4-part series)

ch. 1-3: *"The Art of Love Between Man and Woman"*

ch. 4,7 : *"The Art of Honeymoons and Romance"*

ch. 5-6: *"The Art of Conflict"*

ch. 8: *"The Art of Commitment"*

Elizabeth and I greatly missed all of you during the week (and we even missed our son as well!). Thanks for the support you have given us as we seek to be better servants for Him.

(P.S. - audio CD's of these lessons can be ordered. see Michael if interested)