

**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 (9-9-07)

B.C. – 40
A.M. – 68
P.M. – 28
Wed. - 30
Offering – \$1719
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)

Carlos Rodgers (his cancer has returned, but his spirits are still up)
Giles and Betty Feazel (recovering from recent medical procedures, they are out of town this weekend)
J.W. Penley (he is home now, but is on a feeding tube)
Benny Booth (day surgery on his shoulder this Tuesday in Mt. Pleasant)
Andrea Rodriguez (has asked that we pray for her mother)
Kit Carson & Letha Robbins (both have been

Announcements

- *Singing practice today @ 5 PM.
- *Sunny Acres Devotional today @ 3pm.
- *Ladies' Night Out - this Tuesday, 7pm @ the Multi-Purpose bldg. All ladies need to contact Linda Loe regarding to food you are to bring.
- *Ladies Bible Class starts up again this Wednesday @ 10 AM. Elizabeth will continue to teach *A Begging Place* (a book about prayer).
- *Sunny Acres Birthday Party @ 2 PM this Wednesday. Please sign up to bring a cake.
- *Michael & Elizabeth will be traveling to Atlanta, TX this Friday night & Saturday morning for the Marriage Seminar - we encourage anyone interested to travel with us (whether single or married!).
- *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.
- *19th Annual Four States Lectures @ **Redwater**, Sept. 28-30th. Theme: "A Common Love, or Love Made Common?".
- *Gospel Meeting @ **Westside** (Idabel, OK), Sept. 30 - Oct. 5, 2007 with Welton Stoker, 7pm nightly.
- *Ladies' Day @ **Marshall** church of Christ, Oct. 6, 9am - 12:30pm.

Answers to Fill in the Blanks

1. state, place, cried, said, pain, lost souls, Moses, Elijah, talking, do not know
2. recognize, Abraham, Lazarus, transfiguration, extra special, extra painful
3. memory, know one another, remember, judgment day, great, longing
4. eternal destiny, torments, why, sentencing, judiciary, the judgment

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Privileged To Serve...

September 16th

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): Michael Gilbert (Luke 16:19-23)

Prayers -- AM & PM

2nd prayer.....Parker Turner

Closing.....Buddy Ray

AM Sermon: 5 Minutes After Death

PM Sermon: Q & A Session

**Remember to invite your
friends to our**

Gospel Meeting

September 23-26

with

Tommy Mounts

Sunday - 9:30; 10:25am

Sunday - Wed. 7:30pm

**Highlights From
Highlighted Passages**

Baptism is an act of obedience toward God which stands between the sinner and salvation. It is preceded by belief (Jn. 8:24), repentance (Acts 17:30-31), and confession (Rom. 10:10).

**It Is A Burial, In Which We Contact
The Blood Of Christ**

"Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life" (Rom. 6:4)

It Places A Penitent Sinner Into Christ

"For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ" (Gal. 3:27).

It Provides Salvation Through Christ

"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned" (Mk. 16:16)

**It Places A Sinner Into The Body Of
Christ**

"For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body..." (1 Cor. 12:13)

**It Is A Plank In God's "Platform Of
Unity"**

"...there is...one baptism..." (Eph. 4:5)

Baptism is an act of obedience, without which, a sinner cannot be saved.

Thanks be to God that we can obey the "good news" of salvation by being baptized (2 Thess. 1:7-8)!

5 Minutes After Death

Text: Luke 16:19-31

Main Point: Five Minutes After Death...

- I. We Will Be In A Conscious _____, In Another _____**
- A. The rich man " _____ ... _____ ...experienced _____ ...was concerned about _____ ..." (Luke 16:24, 28)
- B. During the transfiguration, _____ and _____ were " _____ " to Jesus (Matt. 17:3)
- C. While we are dead, we _____ what is happening on the earth (Eccl. 9:5ff)

- II. We Will _____ Other People**
- A. The rich man, "...seeth _____ afar off, and _____ in his bosom" (Lk. 16:23)
- B. Consider the _____ (Mt. 17:1ff)
- C. Recognition will:
 - 1. Make heaven " _____ " (Gen. 18:19)
 - 2. Make hell " _____ " (Luke 16:27-28)

- III. We Will Have Our _____**
- A. Why do we often wonder "will we _____ in heaven"?
- B. Luke 16:25 - "...Abraham said, Son, _____" (Rev. 6:9; Matt. 8:11)
- C. How could there be a _____ if no memory? (Matt. 25:37, 44)
- D. How could heaven be _____ if our memory of God & _____ for him were erased?

- IV. We Will Know Our _____**
- A. Rich man "lifted up his eyes in _____" (Luke 16:22-23)
- B. Consider the purpose of the judgment:
 - 1. tells us " _____ " we are saved or lost (Mt. 7:22-23 compared with Matt. 25:34-35, 41-42)
 - 2. time for " _____ " (compare the United States _____)
- C. Paul's motivation to preach - to help people get through _____ (2 Cor. 5:10-11)

A Preacher's Prospective....

by Michael Gilbert

(the following article was submitted for publication by our elders...we are grateful to have elders that are concerned for our souls)

Worship Evaluation

by John Cannon, Jr.

All churches evaluate their worship services - formally or informally. Most church attendees have some opinion about the worship service - from "nice" to "interesting" to "inspiring" to "dead silence" (which means somebody is going to pay!).

What if God asked you to evaluate your own personal worship experience? Here are ten questions God might ask you about your worship.

1. Did you prepare yourself for worship long before you arrived?
2. Did you arrive on time for your appointment with Me?
3. Did you express your adoration of me with enthusiastic singing?
4. Did you confess your sins to Me with complete honesty?
5. Did you give joyfully and sacrificially for the advancement of My kingdom?
6. Did you humble yourself in reverence at the reading of My Word?
7. Did you recognize the unique Word I prepared for you in today's sermon?
8. Did you give thanks for the ways you saw Me at work in your life the past week?

9. Did you share your needs in faith that I would hear and handle them?

10. Did you open your heart to My offer of salvation and grace?

Remember, God is the real audience as you worship!

(adapted from *Walnut Weekly*, Vol. 36, #33)

A Father's Advice...

On the birth of his first daughter, Lt. Commander J.P. Carr received a letter of advice from his father: "Teach her as many of the seven thousand words of the English language as you have time to, but be sure she knows that:

the greatest word is **God**;

the longest word is **Eternity**;

the swiftest word is **Time**;

the nearest word is **Now**;

the darkest word is **Sin**;

the meanest word is **Hypocrisy**;

the deepest word is **Soul**."

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