

**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)

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**Record (9-16-07)**

B.C. – 33  
A.M. – 59  
P.M. – 34  
Wed. - 31  
Offering – \$1,659  
Wkly Bdg. - \$1,702

**News & Notes**

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**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)

**DeWayne Garner** (traveling to San Antonio this weekend for doctors appt.)  
**Benny Booth** (recovering from shoulder surgery - more extensive than expected)  
**Edson & Margaret Reynolds** (both in failing health; Margaret is C. Jagers' younger sister)  
**Nancy Smith** (very serious condition in Waxahatchie; Mrs. Smith is the mother of the Feazel's son-in-law, Chris Smith. Giles & Betty are with Chris & Tori.)  
**Jack & Clarotte Turner** (both still in very serious condition; Parker's brother and sister-in-law in Durant, OK)

**Announcements**

- \*Birthdays: Neta Walraven (27th) and Christene Williams (28th)
- \*Fellowship Meal today after our morning worship service.
- \*Our Gospel Meeting starts today through Wednesday night. REMEMBER that our services will start at 7:30 tonight. Please make plans to attend.
- \*Ladies Bible Class Wednesday @ 10 AM.
- \*Bible Bowl - study Matthew (chapters 1 - 4) for the Oct. 15 competition. The Bible bowl is open to all school age young people in grades 1-12.

**Brotherhood Events**(see bulletin board for flyers)

- \*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?"
- \*Fall Lectureship @ **Talco**, Sept. 30 - Oct. 3. Theme: "Questions about the Church of Christ." Singing at 7:00, Sermon 7:30.
- \*Gospel Meeting @ **Westside** in Idabel, Sept. 30 - Oct. 5, 7:00pm. Theme: "The Vine and the Branches"
- \*Fall Gospel Meeting @ **Hope**, Oct. 5-7, 7:00pm. Theme: "Christians Under Attack"
- \*Ladies' Day @ **Marshall** church of Christ, Oct. 6, 9am - 12:30pm.
- \*Fall Lectureship @ **Blodgett**, Oct. 7-10, 7:00pm. Theme: "Fruit of the Spirit"
- \*Ladies' Day at Night @ **Hope** church of Christ, Oct. 16, 6:30pm - 8:45pm. (please RSVP by Oct. 5 - see flyer for details)

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**Privileged To Serve...**

**September 16<sup>th</sup>**

Announcements & 1<sup>st</sup> 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): Seth Salinas (Acts 11:26)

**Prayers -- AM & PM**

2<sup>nd</sup> prayer.....Parker Turner

Closing.....Buddy Ray

AM Sermon: Who is a Christian?

PM Sermon: Inferiority in the Lord's Church

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**Welcome!**

**Schedule for this week:**

Sunday AM - 9:30am; 10:25am

Sunday PM through Wednesday - 7:30pm

**Topics**

BC - Essential Attitudes for Spiritual Growth

AM - Who is a Christian?

PM - Inferiority in the Lord's Church

Monday - Salvation from Sin

Tuesday - A Man with a Wait Problem

Wednesday - Not far from the Kingdom

**Highlights From  
Highlighted Passages**

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"...and to godliness brotherly kindness,  
and to brotherly kindness charity..."  
(2 Pet. 1:7)

Today's lesson will focus on the words  
"brotherly kindness". Hope you enjoy the  
study...

Eddie Parish has beautifully described  
the term 'brotherly love'. He wrote, "To  
godliness we are to supply brotherly  
kindness".

This phrase translates the Greek word  
*philadelphia*. It is not the strongest word  
for love in the Scripture, but not far  
behind it in beauty. This word speaks of  
the affection that exists between two  
brothers. It is the kind of genuine concern  
that Christians should have for each  
other. It is the concept expressed in  
Romans 12:10, "In love of the brethren  
be tenderly affectioned one to another; in  
honor preferring one another" (see also I  
The. 4:9 and Heb. 13:1). As Christians  
mature in the faith they will grow in their  
brotherly affection for each other, for we  
are all members one of another (Rom.  
12:5; Eph. 4:25). So important is this trait  
that without it we cannot truly love God  
(I Jn. 4:20)." (Parrish, p. 198)

Christians who truly have brotherly  
love are aptly described by the Psalmist  
as he wrote, "Behold, how good and  
how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell  
together in unity" (Ps. 133:1).

## *Effective Evangelism...*

### *What we think we need:*

1. Well educated preacher
2. Nice building in a nice location
3. Acceptability/respect in town
4. Peace in the nation
5. Freedom of religion
6. Good weather
7. Successful men in leadership
8. Proper time of the year
9. Good prospects
10. Padded pews, good A/C systems

### *What the early church had:*

1. preachers of mediocre background (Acts 4:13)
2. the homes of members (Rom. 16:3-5)
3. run out of town (Acts 8:4; Acts 17:1ff)
4. Harsh rule of Jewish and Roman officials (Acts 12:1-3; Rev. 6:9-11)
5. Mounting opposition to the Gospel (1 Pet. 4:12)
6. Unconcerned about the weather (Acts 27)
7. humble fisherman, publicans, peasants (Luke 5:1-11; Matt. 9:9; 1 Pet. 5:1)
8. Continual evangelism (Acts 5:42)
9. Corinthians, jailers, Saul of Tarsus (Acts 18:1-8; Acts 16:25ff; Acts 9:1ff)
10. By the river, in stuffy upper rooms (Acts 16:13; Acts 20:7ff)

***The early church had been with Jesus,  
and that made all the difference!***

## ***A Preacher's Prospective....***

*by Michael Gilbert*

Kids are really smart...it's hard to convince them that God, Christ, and His kingdom are important to us when we don't put the kingdom first (Mt. 6:33).

It's hard to convince our children...

...that the work of the church is really important when you are not taking an active part in the work of the local congregation (Rom. 16:1-2).

...that faithfulness to the King and His people is the most important loyalty in life when you forsake worship services and Wednesday Bible study sessions to engage in other activities (Heb. 10:25).

...that the church is the body of Christ when you are indifferent to the welfare of the members of that body (1 Cor. 12:25).

...that they should respect the Lord's church when you constantly complain and criticize the efforts of those who care enough to be doing something (Phil. 2:14).

...that the church is the world's most important institution when you give so little to finance the church's work (2 Cor. 9:6-7).

...that they can believe God's word if you don't believe Him enough to place the kingdom of God first in your life (Mt. 6:33).

## ***"That Desoto Valedictorian Speech"***

By Charles Hodge (written in 1995)

The media went bonkers again in Dallas. The Valedictorian of Desoto High dared to bring up God and His Bible in her speech at commencement. The principal flat-out said, "No." Only a threatened lawsuit changed that. Then they asked her to re-write and tone it down. She did not. The speech was made... I have a copy of it.

This, again, demonstrates that Christianity is under attack. She could quote Buddha, Confucius, Shirley MacLaine—but not God! Others have free speech—Christians don't! Some frightening observations: 1) Christians (yes, us) are more into tolerance than truth. Even Christians were ashamed. Truth has been sold out for popularity, acceptance. 2) The speech was evangelistic. Perhaps even my wisdom would have changed it! Then it hit me! We have lost our aggressiveness. We are totally passive, defeated. The early church was militant! We are trying to be religious without being too religious!

The media would have shouted "Courage" when abortionists, homosexuals, radicals, feminists, etc. "Shove it into our faces." They whine when a little "Christian Girl" discussed her faith, priorities. The world is not listening to the church because the church is not talking! We have ceased preaching, confronting. Pulpits are silent; churches are withering and dying...someone needs to "rattle our cage."

God is offensive; Christ is offensive; The cross is offensive; Truth is offensive; Preaching is offensive; The Bible is offensive.

Wake up, church! Before our church houses become our tombs! Don't settle for "life-support Christianity" when we can be evangelistic!