

**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 (9-23-07)**

**B.C. – 45**

**A.M. – 70**

**P.M. – 40**

**Wknights - 74, 45, 43**

**Offering – \$1,839**

**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)

Bobby Hodgson (having cataract surgery in Shreveport on Oct. 16)  
Nancy Kier (requests your prayers regarding recent health problems)  
Kellie Fletcher (has entered army basic training @ Ft. Jackson, SC; grand-  
daughter of Nancy Kier)  
Alex Evans (in the loss of his brother-in-law)  
Chris Smith (in the passing of his mother; son-in-law of the Feazel's)

**Announcements**

- \*Singing Practice Today @ 5PM
- \*Ladies Bible Class Wednesday @ 10 AM.
- \*Michael needs to meet briefly with Bible Bowlers & parents after services this morning. If you are interested in participating, it is not too late! Grades 1-12 are welcome to participate. Your friends from school are welcome to participate as well!
- \*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)

- \*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 @ **Bloodgett**, 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)
- \*Ladies' Day @ **Mt. Vernon**, Oct. 20. Theme: "Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World"

**Q & A Session submissions for tonight:**

1. Please discuss the integrity of the name "Christian".
2. Please discuss "teaching our children to not settle for a spouse outside the church. I am not saying (and neither should you) that you cannot find a wonderful person to convert. Make sure that they are a spouse that can help you get to heaven.

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**Privileged To Serve...**

**September 30th**

**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):** Mitchell Weeks (1 Jn. 3:3)

**Prayers -- AM & PM**

*2<sup>nd</sup> prayer.....*Doyle Raney

*Closing.....*Giles Feazel

**AM Sermon:** Love of Purity

**PM Sermon:** Q & A Session

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**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**

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*"Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye who are spiritual restore such a one in the spirit of meekness, considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted"*  
(Gal. 6:2, KJ21)

A Christian is not sinlessly perfect.

Although not willfully practicing sin, occasionally, a child of God will sin against the God of heaven (I Jn. 1:8). Those who are faithful to God have the God-given responsibility to "restore" those who have been overtaken in a trespass (Gal. 6:1).

The word "restore" carries with it the idea of mending something until it is completely fixed. Matthew penned these words, "And going on from thence, he saw other two brethren, James...and John...in a ship...mending their nets" (Matt. 4:21). James and John were mending their nets so as to make them suitable for catching fish.

Likewise, Christians are to restore (mend) their brethren who have been overtaken by some sin. This "mending" is for this purpose: that the erring brother may be saved from Hell, and once again be fitted for service to Christ (James 5:19-20). This process is rarely an instantaneous one, but one which requires much patience and a consideration of one's own life lest sin enter in.

# *Ignorance Is Not Bliss*

by Burt Jones, M.A.

My people are destroyed for a lack of knowledge; because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, and thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children. (Hosea 4:6)

Lack of knowledge can be a killer. Not knowing the danger of electricity can be fatal. Not knowing that a bridge has been washed out could result in death. Not knowing the disastrous consequences of rejecting the Gospel can destroy precious souls and will cause nations to fall (Prov. 14:34). Hosea, who prophesied during the time of Amos, warned the Israelites that their lack of moral and spiritual knowledge would bring about their doom. Multitudes are destroying themselves and their nations through immoral conduct. They have **no** excuse for not knowing that they are courting disaster (Isaiah 30:9-10). They do not know because they have chosen to close their eyes to the Truth.

**"Multitudes are destroying themselves and their nations through immoral conduct."**

Fifty years ago, marriage was known as a sacred institution. Homosexual practices were recognized as perversion. The general public had absolutely no problem in identifying abortion as murder. But how far have we come today? Unfortunately, it has been in the wrong direction. The result - thousands of emotionally scarred children; unprecedented numbers of suicides; jails bursting at the same time; an AIDS epidemic.

The Bible must be used as a road map to keep us from the detours of sin. We must submit to the Lord. We are compelled to seek Him while He may be found (Proverbs 8:17). Ignorance is **not** bliss!

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

by Michael Gilbert

What did you learn during our gospel meeting last week? Hopefully, everyone who attended learned something!

Sadly, not everyone in our good congregation promoted the cause of Christ via attending our gospel meeting effort, and therefore, learned nothing from the visiting preacher.

Some absences can and should be placed in the "understandable" category (i.e., sickness, vehicle broke down, etc.).

Others are definitely in the "shameful" category. This category might include staying home to watch TV, indifference toward the saving of souls, choosing recreation over spiritual nourishment, etc.

Good brethren, if you are in the "shameful" category, please ponder the following words, "...and let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as ye see the Day approaching..." (Heb. 10:24-25). Those of us who attended the meeting are not sinlessly perfect, and we are not trying to be "holier-than-you" by mentioning your absence during such events. Rather, we stand in need of brotherly love and encouragement just as much as you. We love you and we need your help to get to heaven!

For those who were present, there were many benefits.

We learned...

- (1) The Gospel Meeting is not dead...numerous people chose to attend each night!
- (2) The singing is great during Gospel Meetings. Brothers John Gibbert and Alex Evans led us in some great congregation singing!
- (3) Brethren from other congregations appreciated our efforts to promote Christ in DeKalb. On Monday and Tuesday nights, several brethren were present to support us as we preached Christ. We had a healthy mix of area preachers, elders, and brethren from Redwater, North Jefferson, New Boston, Blodgett, Mt. Vernon, Atlanta, Avery, Dotson St., Broken Bow, Idabel, and perhaps other congregations. We had so many visitors that one is tempted to ask the question, "If the area brethren still believe in Gospel Meetings this much, why don't more of our own members attend????!!".
- (4) The Lord appreciated our efforts in trying to spread the gospel. We know this because He said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mk. 16:15).
- (5) All who attended were edified!

Thanks to all who made our gospel meeting a success!