

**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 (10-14-07)

B.C. – 32
A.M. – 59
P.M. – 36
Wed. - 39
Offering – \$1,895
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; Kellie Fletcher

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

- *Clifton Calley (officially diagnosed with dementia; father of Sherry Ray)
- *Dwayne Jeffery (in St. Michael's, room 464)
- *Kit Carson & Letha Robbins (continued health problems)
- *Joey Almaraz (leaves today for Washington State)
- *Dot Swint (came home from Waterford yesterday)
- *Bobby Hodgson (recovering from cataract surgery)
- *Several of our members are traveling this weekend...keep them in your prayers.
- *Our youth as they participate in the Bible Bowl of NE Texas.

Announcements

- *Potluck Meal next Sunday after AM Worship.
- *Youth night, Wednesday, Oct. 31.
- *Congregational fellowship @ the Dalby's house, Saturday November 3.
- *Birthdays: Michael Davidson (10-22); Netia Ward (10-24); Sharon Jeffery (10-26)!
- *Anniversaries: Homer & Linda (10:25); Jim & Myra (10-27)!
- *Singing Practice Today @ 5PM
- *Ladies Bible Class Wednesday @ 10 AM.
- *Bible Bowl - study Matthew (chapters 5-8) for November's competition. It's not too late to join - see Michael!
- *Birthday Party @ Sunny Acres this Wednesday. Please sign up to bring a cake.
- *Devotional @ Sunny Acres today @ 3pm.
- *Ladies Night Out this Tuesday. Meet @ bdlg. at 5pm to go to the "Ole Feedhouse" in Texarkana. Please let Linda Loe know if you plan on going.
- *For those interested in helping **Medina Children's Home** with "staple pantry items", they can be placed in the church library. Items will be picked up the first week in November.

Brotherhood Events(see bulletin board for flyers)

- *Gospel Meeting @ **New Boston**, Oct. 21-24, Floyd Johnson preaching.
- *Ladies' Day @ **Highland**, Nov. 3, Theme: "Reaching the Port of Heaven".
- *Gospel Meeting @ **N. Jefferson**, Nov. 4-7, Marvin Weir preaching.
- *Gospel Meeting @ **Blossom**, Nov. 4-8, Dwight Butler preaching.

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Privileged To Serve...

October 21st

Announcements & 1st Prayer.... Buddy Ray

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

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

Scripture Reading (Communion): Michael Gilbert

Scripture Reading (Sermon): Michael Gilbert (Gen. 4:1-7)

Prayers -- AM & PM

2nd prayer.....Parker Turner

Closing.....John Loe

AM Sermon: If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? (1)

PM Sermon: If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? (2)

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**

"Then Moses stood in the gate of the camp and said, "Who is on the Lord's side? Let him come unto me..."

(Ex. 32:26)

"Who is on the Lord's side?"...that is a good question.

The man who studies his Bible is on the Lord's side. Jesus taught, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God" (Mat. 4:4).

The man who helps his neighbor is on the Lord's side. We know this is the case because of the parable of the Good Samaritan. Do you remember that piercing question, "Which not of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbor unto him that fell among thieves..." (Lk. 10:36)?

The man who upholds the righteous and condemns the guilty is on the Lord's side. The Master said, "But if ye had known what this meaneth, 'I will have mercy and not sacrifice,' ye would not have condemned the guiltless" (Mat. 12:7). Isaiah's words are appropriate..."Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil" (Is. 5:20).

Those who refrain from "picking and choosing" what part of God's law to obey are on the Lord's side. The Hebrews' writer was clear when he wrote, "And being made perfect, He became the author of eternal salvation unto all those who obey Him" (Heb. 5:9).

The question is, "Are you on the Lord's side?"

Know and Love the Truth (part 1 of 2)

Jason Jackson (ChristianCourier.com)

Article Description: Truth is objective reality. No matter how I may feel about it, two plus two is not “three to me.” If that is how I feel about the equation, in reality, I am just plain wrong! In relation to God as our Creator and Redeemer, we must come to a knowledge of the truth, believe the truth, and obey the truth—all of which are revealed to us in the book of truth, the Word of God.

Have you ever had trouble buying a gift for someone—just the right thing, something he would really love? A radio announcement pitched, “Why don’t you consider giving a gift that outshines them all. Name a star after the man in your life.” Unbelievably, there are enterprises that will name a star after your loved one for just the right price. And if you want to name the Sun after your uncle, call Saturn by the name of your dog, and the earth after your aunt Lucille—go ahead. But that doesn’t change reality.

Truth is to some whatever they want it to be. But that is far from the truth. There are objective realities that exist independent of our recognition or acknowledgment. Before Pilate, Jesus affirmed that he was born and came to bear witness of the truth, and “Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice” (Jn. 18:37). Pilate dismisses the subject with the interrogative, “What is truth?” (Jn. 18:38). The answer is apparent for those who seek the truth sincerely. The answer is found in the events that followed—the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ.

Truth is reality—that which is true about God. God is the Creator. To deny such is baseless and reckless speculation (Rom. 1:20). When individuals refuse to glorify God as God, and are filled with ingratitude, they willingly exchange “the truth about God for a lie” (Rom. 1:25).

Truth is reality about what God says. God reveals what is real, and therefore true, about man’s moral culpability. God makes known the plan of redemption, so we can learn of the truth of the gospel (Gal. 2:5). Man’s sin and God’s plan are real. They are true. Therefore, God’s redemptive work is often labeled in Scripture as “the truth.” Since God has revealed the truth, men are obligated to believe and know the truth (Jn. 8:32; 2 Tim. 2:25; 3:7). They must believe the truth; they can not create what is “truth to them” (2 Thes. 2:12; 1 Tim. 4:3). They ought to love the truth (2 Thes. 2:10), and because of its divine origin and power, they should “rejoice with the truth” (1 Cor. 13:6). But truth is not merely what one mentally accepts. Men are required to obey the truth (Rom. 2:8; 1 Pet. 1:22), making every effort to be established in the truth (2 Pet. 1:12).

...to be continued next week...

A Preacher's Prospective....

by Michael Gilbert

It's easy to think that all teens are wild and reckless, rebellious and unruly, lascivious and lustful...but this is not the case!

Most teens appreciate the good, positive teachings of their parents, especially in regard to sex. In fact, a growing number of teens are becoming tired of the silly and sinful "Desperate Housewives" mentality of the world, and are searching for God's ideal for their sexuality.

Parents, don't be deceived into thinking your kids won't listen to you. Fathers, please don't lose faith in Paul's instruction to, "...provoke not your children unto wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Eph. 6:4). In this text, Paul doesn't say it will be easy to train your children, neither does he say that the training will be received "without a fight". But whatever difficulty you face in rearing your children, trust God, believing that when you "bring them up" it is far better than letting the world "bring them up", especially in regard to the matter of their sexuality.

What are some positive, godly ideas about sex that you can instill within your child's heart?

Teach your children that there is freedom in submitting to God in sexual matters. How so? Just consider the following items, and then pass them along to your kids...

Freedom of Sexual Abstinence

- Freedom from the physical dangers of multiple partner sex: sexually

transmitted diseases, cancer of the cervix, and unwanted pregnancy (*Prov. 5:11*).

- Freedom from the problems of birth control: the pill and its side effects, the IUD and its risks.
- Freedom from the pressure to marry too soon (*Gen. 2:24; Song of Solomon*).
- Freedom from the pain of giving your baby up for adoption.
- Freedom from the little discussed, but often unbearable psychological pain of murdering an unborn baby (*Prov. 6:17*).
- Freedom from exploiting others or being exploited by others and all the emotions that come with it—guilt, doubt, worry, disappointment, anger, and rejection (*2 Sam. 13*).
- Freedom to be in control of your body (*1 Cor. 9:27*).
- Freedom to get to know your dating partner as a person (*Song of Solomon*).
- Freedom to be in control of your life and your future—not to have it disrupted by pregnancy or disease (*Prov. 5:9*).
- Freedom to respect yourself (*Gen. 1:26*).
- Freedom to look forward to marriage and not be haunted by the “ghosts” of past sexual relationships.
- Freedom to enjoy being a teenager, with many boy-girl relationships (*Prov. 17:17*).
- Freedom to form a strong marriage bond with one person for a lifetime—in other words, abstinence before marriage leads to greater trust, commitment, and faithfulness in marriage. (*Gen. 2:24*)¹
- Freedom to enjoy Heaven!

May God richly bless your efforts to bring your children up to know God's will regarding human sexuality!

References

1. <http://www.realchoices.com/freedoms.html>.