

**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 (10-21-07)

B.C. – 28
A.M. – 59
P.M. – 21
Wed. - 34
Offering – \$1,463
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 Almarez;
Kellie Fletcher

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

- *We extend our sympathy to **Parker Turner** in the death of his brother, Jack.
- *We extend our sympathy to **Jack Williams**, who recently lost an uncle and a cousin.
- *We extend our sympathy to Bill Hawkins in the death of his aunt, Nora Gault.
- ***Dwayne Jeffery** (home from the hospital)
- ***Bill Webb** (diagnosed with cancer, elder @ Commerce congregation; friend of Kassie)
- ***Dot Swint** (requests that we remember her grandson, Shawn, in our prayers)
- *Several of our members are still traveling...remember them in your prayers.
- ***Billy Gilbert** (diagnosed with cancer; Michael's uncle)

Announcements

- ***Potluck Meal** today after AM Worship.
- ***Singing Practice** Today @ 5PM
- ***Ladies Bible Class** Wednesday @ 10 AM.
- ***Youth night**, Wednesday, Oct. 31.
- ***Congregational fellowship** @ the Dalby's house, Saturday November 3.
- ***Bible Bowl** - study Matthew (chapters 5-8) for the November 12 competition. It's not too late to join - see Michael! A Take-Home Practice Test will be handed out next Sunday.
- *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)

- *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 28th

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): Charles Lee (Gen. 3:15)

Prayers -- AM & PM

2nd prayer.....Doyle Raney

Closing.....Dwayne Jeffery

AM Sermon: God's Scheme of Redemption

PM Sermon: Q & A Session

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**

"And next unto him the Tekoites repaired; but their nobles put not their necks to the work of their Lord."
(Neh. 3:5)

Pride is dangerous. Pride is sinful. Pride is an avenue through which Satan enters our lives.

The nobles of the Tekoites were prideful...they were "too good" to get their hands dirty rebuilding the Wall in war-torn Jerusalem. On the contrary, Jesus taught us that greatness resides in being a servant. One man in America's history understood this. Here is a little known story about him.

"A rider on horseback, many years ago, came across a squad of soldiers trying to move a heavy piece of timber. A corporal was giving loud orders to "heave". But the timber was too heavy for the squad. "Why don't you help them?" asked the quiet man on the horse, addressing the important corporal. "Me? Why, I'm a Corporal!". Dismounting, the stranger took his place with the soldiers. "Now, all together, boys, heave!" he said. And the big piece of timber fell into place. The stranger remounted and addressed the corporal: "The next time you have a piece of timber too big for your men to handle, corporal, send for the commander-in-chief." The horseman was George Washington. (Webster, p.19)

Oh how the Lord's precious body needs more humble servants like Mr. George Washington!

Know and Love the Truth (part 2 of 2)

Jason Jackson (ChristianCourier.com)

(this article continues from last week, without introductory comments)

Truth is reality about what God will do. The certainty of judgment is real. Some believe that they will escape the judgment of God (Rom. 2:3), but such is foolish optimism. God's righteous judgment is certain, and he will render a moral verdict and enforce divine punishment through the man whom he has appointed, Jesus Christ (Acts 17:31). He is the Judge of the living and the dead (2 Tim. 4:1).

In view of the coming judgment, it is imperative that we do not "err from the truth" (2 Tim. 2:18). We must seek it sincerely and embrace it, or we will be deprived of the truth (1 Tim. 6:5). Sadly, some do not come to "a knowledge of the truth" (2 Tim. 3:7), for when the seed is sown, many hearers simply are uninterested in the truth.

Will all those who come to a knowledge of the truth, who lovingly embrace it, always cling to it tenaciously? Such is not the case. Some disregard the gospel that they once embraced (Heb. 10:26), and others will lie against the truth through their rebellious lives (Jas. 3:14). Some become so hostile towards Christianity that they "withstand the truth" (2 Tim. 3:8). The truth of the matter is this: all who refuse to recognize God as their Creator, and Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, are individuals who "hinder the truth" (Rom. 1:18). Truth suppression is a dangerous proposition. What influence we could have on our family, friends, and coworkers by believing and obeying the truth! What accountability there is for those who suppress the truth!

God's word is truth (Jn. 17:17), and truth is learned through a study of it. The Bible must have our time and affection (Ps. 1:2). Heaven's word is more desirable than gold and sweeter than honey (Ps. 19:10). It certainly would be impossible to "explain" to the Lord how one could love the truth and rarely read the Bible. Oh sure! We love the idea of not going to hell. But fear only motivates so far, and so long. Love for God removes the dread of judgment and longs for the day when faith shall become sight (cf. 1 Jn. 4:17-18). The righteous shall survive by faith, God told Habakkuk (2:4), and faith only comes from hearing the words of Christ (Rom. 10:17).

We ought to fall down on our knees in thanksgiving for those who cultivated that moral sensitivity which encourages us to be receptive to the truth. Although it seems, at times, that "I alone am left," remember that God had 7,000 in Israel who had not bowed the knee to Baal in Elijah's discouraging days. "Buy the truth and sell it not" (Prov. 23:23).

A Preacher's Prospective....

by Wayne Jackson (guest article)

Article description: In Genesis 15, Jehovah made a promise to Abraham. He declared that the patriarch's seed would someday possess the territory between "the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates" (v. 18). Has the promise been fulfilled?

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Premillennialists contend that it has not.

Of this passage, Allan Ross, of the Dallas Theological Seminary, writes:

"Israel has never possessed this land in its entirety, but she will when Christ returns to reign as Messiah" (**The Bible Knowledge Commentary**, I, p. 56). The foregoing statement stands in bold contrast to the plain testimony of the Bible itself. During the reign of Solomon, the kingdom of Israel did extend from the river of Egypt (el-Arish, not the Nile) to the Euphrates River in Mesopotamia. Note the testimony of 1 Kings 4:21.

"And Solomon ruled over all the kingdoms from the River [Euphrates] unto the land of the Philistines, and unto the border of Egypt: they brought tribute, and

served Solomon all the days of his life" (cf. 2 Chronicles 9:26).

Further, the psalmist, in describing the same historical circumstance, wrote:

"It [the nation of Israel] sent out its branches unto the sea, and its shoots unto the River" (Psalm 80:11).

Thus, in the margin of your Bible, beside Genesis 15:18, write: See 1 Kings 4:21; 2 Chronicles 9:26; Psalm 80:11. There is no land promise awaiting the Jewish people in the future. The Hebrew people lost their deed to material territory as a result of their spiritual rebellion, which was consummated by their murder of the Messiah. (see Joshua 23:15-16). The only hope now for those of Jewish background is in the gospel of Jesus Christ (Romans 1:16-17).

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Note: Our nation is filled with preachers who teach that God still favors the nation of Israel...the same nation that murdered His only begotten Son. This is unfortunate and amazing for Jesus Himself said, "Therefore say I unto you, the Kingdom of God shall be taken from you and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof" (Matt. 21:43).

Without a doubt, the "nation" of Matt. 21:43 is "the church" established in Acts 2. In fact, Paul taught regarding the law of Moses and the nation of Israel that God only blesses those who are "spiritual Israel" for he wrote, "And if ye be Christ's, then ye are Abraham's seed and heirs according to the promise" (Gal. 3:29; Gen. 12:1-3). Further, he called "Christians" the "Israel of God" (Gal. 6:16). **MG**