

**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; I Tim. 6:12)
5. **Be baptized into Christ.**
(Acts. 2:38; Mk. 16:16)
6. **Be faithful.**
(Rev. 2:10)

Record (10-28-07)

B.C. – 38

A.M. – 74

P.M. – 35

Wed. -

Offering – \$1,939

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;
Kellie Fletcher

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

***Bruce Richardson & Sue Walker** (military - both are serving in the Middle East; son and daughter of Helen Richardson)

***Kit Carson** (heart problems)

***Linda Loe** (recovering from knee surgery)

Announcements

***Birthdays:** Patti Wilson (6th) and Myra Reaves (8th)

***Singing Practice Today @ 5PM**

***Ladies Bible Class** Wednesday @ 10 AM.

*This **Wednesday night** the adult class will begin a study of the book, *The Agony and Glory of the Cross*. Pick up a copy today and read the first chapter.

***Youth Devo @** Gilberts' house next Sunday after evening services.

***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 today.

*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 this week.

Brotherhood Events (see bulletin board for flyers)

*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...

November 4th

Announcements & 1st Prayer.... Dickie Dalby

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

Lord's Table.... Buddy Ray, Giles Feazel, and Craig Loe

Scripture Reading (Communion): Michael Gilbert

Scripture Reading (Sermon): Mitchell Weeks (Acts 2:14-16)

Prayers -- AM & PM

*2nd prayer.....*Doyle Raney

*Closing.....*Mitchell Weeks

AM Sermon: Acts 2 - *The Hub of the Bible*

PM Sermon: *The 7 Sins of Proverbs Six: Pride*

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**

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith..."

(Gal. 5:22)

“Longsuffering means, “to be of a long spirit, not to lose heart, hence, patience, forbearance, long-suffering, slowness in avenging wrongs.”

In English we speak of a person having a “short temper.” We do not use the corresponding phrase a “long temper,” if we did, these words should be the precise meaning of the word longsuffering. Trench says that it describes “a long holding out of the mind, before it gives room to action or to passion.” T.K. Abbott says it is “the self-restraint which does not hastily retaliate a wrong.” Plummer says that it is “the forbearance which endures injuries and evil deeds without being provoked to anger or revenge.” Moffatt describes it as “the tenacity with which faith holds out.”

It is the power to see things clearly, even when things irritate or anger you, and not lose your composure.

“He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; And he that ruleth his spirit, than he that taketh a city” (Proverbs 16:32) (Merideth, p. 212).

Making Sense of the New Testament

adapted from J. Sidlow Baxter, Explore the Book

There are three words which concentrate for us the meaning of the Christian life, at least on its human side. They are “faith” and “hope” and “love” (1 Corinthians 13:13).

In the spacious vestibule of a beautiful European cathedral, the floor consists of three massive slabs on which three Latin words are inscribed in large letters. On the first slab is the Latin CREDO; on the second, SPEIRO; on the third AMO.

First comes, credo: “I believe.” Next comes, speiro: “I hope.” Then comes, amo: “I love.” The three principal writers of our New Testament epistles are Paul, Peter, and John, and they come in that order. They all speak about faith and hope and love, yet each of them has an emphasis. First, Paul is distinctively the apostle of faith. Next comes Peter, the apostle of hope. Last come John, the apostle of love.

If you change their positional order, you foil the true spiritual order. Their present arrangement is designed to indicate the true order of spiritual progress. Take the nine Church Epistles. The first four emphasis the cross; the next three the church; the last two the Lord’s second coming. Take the nine General Epistles. The first two stress faith and works. The next two emphasize hope and growth. The next four (John and Jude) love and contending. Finally, the Apocalypse speaks of overcoming and inheriting. The thorn-crowned Christ of the cross is the glory-crowned King. —adapted from J. Sidlow Baxter, Explore the Book

Four Versions of Mark 16:16

(adapted from an article by Roy Foutz)

The **Universalist** says: "*He that believeth not and is not baptized shall be saved*". All are going to be saved whether they are baptized or not.

The **Roman Catholic** says: "*He that believeth not and is baptized shall be saved*". Whether it be a newborn baby or an adult at the point of death. The "sacrament" of baptism has validity to take away sins.

The **Protestant** says: "*He that believeth and is not baptized shall be saved*". Salvation is by faith only, without baptism or anything else.

The **Lord Jesus Christ** said: "*He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved*".

Which "version" do you accept?

A Preacher's Prospective....

adapted by Michael Gilbert

(note: both articles were selected with those who are hurting in mind. God bless you in your struggle...whatever it may be - Michael)

When Dan Richardson lost his battle with cancer, the following piece was distributed at his memorial service.

Cancer is limited

It cannot cripple love,
It cannot corrode faith,
It cannot eat away peace,
It cannot destroy confidence,
It cannot kill friendship,
It cannot shut out memories,
It cannot silence courage,
It cannot invade the soul,
It cannot reduce eternal life,
It cannot quench the Spirit,
It cannot lessen the power of
the resurrection.

You cannot deny that you have the disease, but you can deny despair from taking control. Wherever you are, whatever your circumstances, call for God’s daily delivery of wisdom, strength, and grace. Paul wrote, "...but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day" (2 Corinthians 4:16).

Shaped for Glory

Each morning, slam the door on despair. If you don’t, it will slip in and rob you. And you’ll soon find a peace missing. “Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you.

Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.” —John 14:27

During the Great Depression a good man lost his job, exhausted his savings, and forfeited his home. His grief was multiplied by the sudden death of his precious wife. The only thing he had left was his faith, and it was weakening.

One day he was combing the neighborhood looking for work. He stopped to watch some men who were doing the stonework on a church building. One of those men was skillfully chiseling a triangular piece of rock. Not seeing a spot where it would fit, he asked, “Where are you going to put that?” The man pointed toward the top of the building and said, “See that little opening up there near the spire? That’s where it goes. I’m shaping it down here so it will fit up there.”

Tears filled this good man’s eyes as he walked away. “Shaping it down here so it will fit up there” gave new meaning in his difficult situation.

Some who read this may be going through terrible troublesome times. You may be experiencing some heart-breaking sorrow. Or perhaps you are enduring some painful physical illness. Or it may be something else—maybe even too excruciating to talk to anyone about. The blows of the hammer and chisel hurt.

But hold to your faith. Don’t let your difficulties get you down. They are only temporary. Glory is coming. It’s the harsh blows to the outward man that often bring the greatest strength to the inner man. Keep praying. Keep believing. The Master has to do some shaping of us down here so we will be fit up there.

“And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose” —Romans 8:28.