

**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 (11-4-07)**

**B.C. – 42**  
**A.M. – 70**  
**P.M. – 30**  
**Wed. - 44**  
**Offering – \$2,083**  
**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;  
Kellie Fletcher

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

- \***Beverly Sikes** (recovering nicely from her recent out-patient surgery)
- \***Nancy Kier** (doing better after her visit to the ER)
- \***Billy Gilbert** (recent scans confirm cancer in prostate and bones, but doctor says "with prayer and medication" he has a great chance of survival; Michael's uncle)
- \***Carlos Rodgers** (having some bad days recently)

**Announcements**

- \*Response: continue to pray for **Dwayne Jeffery**...He requested that we pray for him during last Sunday night's service.
- \***Singing Practice** Today @ 5PM
- \***Youth Devo** @ Gilberts' house tonight after evening services. Girls bring dessert, boys bring drinks.
- \***Bible Bowl** - study Matthew (chapters 5-8) for tomorrow's competition.
- \***Ladies Bible Class** Wednesday @ 10 AM.
- \***Wednesday night** the adult class has just started a study of "The Agony & Glory of the Cross" - make plans to attend this special class!
- \***Devotional** @ Sunny Acres next Sunday at 3 PM.
- \***Birthday Party** @ Sunny Acres next Wednesday at 2 PM. This month we are making sugar free pies. Please sign up.

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

- \*Family & Friends Day @ **Dotson St.**, Nov. 18, 2pm.
- \*Creation/Evolution Seminar with Dr. Brad Harrub @ **Fouke Community Center**, Dec. 7-9, see flyer for details.

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**Privileged To Serve...**

**November 11th**

**Announcements & 1<sup>st</sup> 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 (Ps. 130:1-2)

**Prayers -- AM & PM**

2<sup>nd</sup> prayer.....Parker Turner  
Closing.....Dwayne Jeffery

**AM Sermon:** What To Do When Feeling Blue

**PM Sermon:** The 7 Sins of Proverbs Six: A Lying Tongue

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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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*"And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch" (Acts 11:26)*

This is the name given to the disciples of Christ in Antioch of Syria following the first missionary journey of Paul and Barnabas (Acts 11:26).

The verb chrematizo ("called") in this passage suggests a divinely given appellation. Some think that "called" also is a technical term that hints that it was a disciple's "business" to serve Christ (W.E. Vine).

Herod Agrippa II, a ruler before whom Paul appeared, declared that the apostle, with forceful persuasion, was making a case for becoming a Christian (Acts 26:28). And Peter proudly contended that those who suffer for the name "Christian" should glorify God thereby (I Peter 4:16).

There is no reason to believe that the early Christians adopted the name for themselves, or that the appellation was thrust upon them by their enemies. In fact, the term "called" in our passage carries the meaning of being "called/named by God" (the same word is used of the name 'Jesus' in Matt. 1:21).

It is a tragedy that this sacred title has been replaced today by so many man-made designations (e.g., Catholic, Lutheran, Baptist, etc.) (adapted from Jackson, 29-30)

## *Jesus' Words Are Indestructible*

Many have tried to destroy the Bible. In a.d. 303, the Roman emperor Diocletian issued an edict to destroy Christians and their Bibles. Over a burned Bible, he built a monument on which he wrote these words, Extincto momene Christianorum (the name Christian is extinguished). Twenty years later, Diocletian was dead and the new Emperor Constantine commissioned fifty copies of the Bible to be prepared at government expense.

In 1776 Voltaire, the French philosopher, announced, "One hundred years from my day, there will not be a Bible in the earth except one that is looked upon by some antique seeker." One hundred years later, Voltaire was dead and his own house and press were being used to print and store Bibles by the Geneva Bible Society. One hundred years from the day of Voltaire's prediction, the first edition of his works sold for eleven cents in Paris, but the British government paid the Czar of Russia half a million dollars for an ancient Bible manuscript. God's Word shall stand forever. "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away" (Matthew 24:35).

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## *Christian Husbands, Kiss Your Wives!*

Here's a bit of interesting news. An insurance company's study showed that husbands who receive a good morning kiss from their wives are often happier and more successful.

- Husbands who kiss their wives each morning before work usually live five years longer than those who do not.
- A kissing husband has fewer automobile accidents, loses up to 50% less time from work because of illness, and earns 20-30% more.

This study should remind us of Paul's exhortation, "Husbands, love your wives" (Ephesians 5:25). Expressing our love for our spouses, whether by a good morning kiss or by other kindnesses, will result in a happier marriage and a better life. Following God's instruction for marriage can make a bad marriage good and a good marriage better.

—Tom Keener

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

*by Michael Gilbert*

*(Hope you find the following article by Joe McKeevar as thought provoking as I did! Hollywood is not the root cause of behavior...whether good or bad...but their influence sure is strong! Michael)*

Did you know that after the movie Bambi came out, deer hunting-related purchases in the United States dropped by 25 percent the next year?

Did you now that after Clark Gable took off his dress shirt in a movie and was not wearing an undershirt, sales of undershirts the next year dropped off to nearly nothing?

Did you know that after a movie in which a teen stood in the middle of a busy street with cars zooming by on both sides, several kids tried to do the same and paid with their lives?

Did you know that after me movie Natural Born Killers was released, at least 30 people were murdered by young people influenced by what they saw on the screen?

Did you know that after the phenomenal box office success of the movie Titanic more than one young person lost his life trying to stand on the outer bow of a ship the way the stars did in the movie?

Did you know that after E.T. debuted, sales of Reece's Pieces soared into the stratosphere?

Did you know that movie makers take in big money from companies that want their product shown on the big screen?

Did you know that these same movie people want us to believe movies do not influence young people negatively, so they should not be subject to censorship or be held to any kind of community standards erected for the protection of our young people?

Go figure.

Finally, did you know that responsible parents do not buy that argument and do not allow their youths to buy those products or go to movies they deem inappropriate?

The mother who teaches her children to wash their hands and brush their teeth should make a commitment to safeguard their minds as well. The father who would not allow a child-abuser into his home should likewise make it a priority to protect his family from abusive movies, dirty books, and harmful music.

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Info like this kind of makes the wisdom of Proverbs 22:6 a little more relevant!

***"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." —Proverbs 22:6***