

**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 (12-30-07)

B.C. - 29

A.M. - 70

P.M. - 30

Wed. - 20

Offering - \$1,896

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

- *Jean Jagers (continue to remember her in your prayers)
- *Layler Morgan (in Shreveport hsp. b/c of strokes; Bill Hawkins' aunt)
- *John Loe (at home recuperating from a medical procedure)
- *Andrea Rodriguez (it was mentioned that Andrea was in the ER last Sunday morning, but she is doing fine now)
- *Nancy Kier (at home w/breathing problems)
- *Neta Walraven's sister has moved to Sunny Acres.
- *Gerald Dalby (Mr. Dalby passed away last weekend...we extend our sympathy to his family; he was a distant relative to brother Dickie)
- *We also extend our sympathy to the family of Sarah Diggs who passed away recently...she was an aunt to brother Dickie Dalby.
- *Ed Moore (in Dallas hsp. with pneumonia; friend of the Dalby's)

Announcements

- *Congratulations to Sarahi (Sara) Alvarado...she was baptized last week!
- *Birthdays: Tyler Raney (1-2), Deborah Evans (1-2), Jesse Strain (1-4), J.M. Gilbert (1-4)!
- *Singing Practice Today @ 5PM
- *Bible Bowl - study Matthew (chps. 13-16) for the January 14th competition. We will be hosting the Bible Bowl in February (11th). Ladies, the menu is up to you...most have been bringing chips & dip, cookies, brownies, etc. for the desserts, and light finger foods (sandwiches, BBQ wienies, etc.).
- *Ladies Bible Class will resume Wednesday, Jan. 16th @ 10 AM.

Brotherhood Events(see bulletin board for flyers)

- *Bible Bowl of Northeast Texas - Jan. 14th @ 7pm. (Matt. 13-16).
- *We have a Gospel Meeting planned for Feb. 24-27 with David Williams of Nashville, AR!
- *Teacher's Workshop (for ladies' only) @ N. Jefferson congregation, Jan. 28th (9am - 3pm, lunch will be served).

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Privileged To Serve...

January 6th

Announcements & 1st Prayer.... Buddy Ray

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

Lord's Table.... Doyle Sikes, Dickie Dalby, Charles Lee

Scripture Reading (Communion): Michael Gilbert

Scripture Reading (Sermon): Charles Lee (Eph. 4:31-32)

Prayers -- AM & PM

2nd prayer.....Jim Reaves

Closing..... Craig Loe

AM Sermon: An Unforgiving Spirit

PM Sermon: A False Witness That Speaketh Lies

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 a superscription also was written over him in letters of Greek, and Latin, and Hebrew, THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS" (Lk. 23:38)

The verse above mentions two of the three languages used by God to convey His truth to mankind.

The text of the Bible consists of three languages. The OT was composed principally in Hebrew. This Semitic tongue was well adapted to emotional, poetic, and religious expression. It was ideal for the revelation of divine religion in the early days of man's history.

Some portions of the OT are in Aramaic (Dan. 2:4 - 4:7; Ezra 4:8 - 6:18; 7:12 - 16; Jer. 10:11). After the time of the Babylonian captivity, Aramaic replaced Hebrew as the spoken language of the Israelite people. It continued to be the tongue of the Hebrews until their destruction in AD 70.

The NT was penned in koine Greek, the common language of commercial and street life in the first century Roman Empire. It was used from Rome to Babylon. Paul's letter to the saints in Rome was not in Latin, but Greek. Koine was the finest language instrument ever for the expression of precise human thought. Surely this language was a tool employed in the providential workings of God. (Jackson, 106)

Back to the Bible

By Johnny Ramsey

Jesus tells us in John 8:32 and 17:17 of the necessity and glory of Truth in the divine realm. We must know the Word of God if we would truly be free. One of the besetting sins of modern society is a lack of knowledge in the Bible's contents. It really is no marvel that so much ungodliness runs rampant in our streets because a lack of Scriptural emphasis will always bring chaos into our lives. Men have forgotten Christ and the bulwark of righteousness He provides. In Proverbs 14:34 the inspired penman boldly affirmed: "Righteousness exalts a nation but sin is a reproach to any People."

America desperately need to get back to the Bible in our homes. Last year this nation alone contributed 1,200,000 divorces to an already degraded world scene. In both Malachi and Matthew we learn that "God hates putting away" and let not man put asunder what God hath joined together!

We need to get back to Bible teaching regarding proper respect for authority. Holy Scripture informs us to pay taxes, obey the rulers and to pray for those in authority (Matt. 22:21; Rom. 13:1; I Tim. 2). This is the only way to stop the rioting, protesting and anarchy in our cities today. The Bible alone has the answer to our dilemma. Let us have the courage to return to its sacred teachings.

There is a genuine need for each one of us to go back to the Bible for God's plan of redemption. In Acts 22:16 and Galatians 3:27 we clearly see the necessity of being baptized into Christ for the remission of sins. Bible baptism is immersion in water "in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit" (Matt. 3:16 and 28:19).

May we all get back to the Bible--starting today!

Tremble at My Word

By Mark McWhorter

Many people claim to follow God. Many people claim to be Christians. But a true Christian follows all that God commands. A Christian does not do some of what God commands but not do other things. A Christian does not add to God's word. A Christian does not need to find new things to add to God's word. A Christian does not delete things from God's word.

God will only save those individuals who follow his word. In Isaiah 66:2, we read, "For all those things hath mine hand made, and all those things have been, saith the Lord: but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word."

A person should tremble when they consider the words that God has given us. His word is not to be taken lightly. It is not something that can be ignored. It is not something at which one would laugh. God's word is a very serious matter. His word is given to us so that we can please him. It is designed to get us to heaven.

Do you take God's word very seriously? Do you tremble to think of disobeying God? Study God's word. Learn all that the Bible has to teach us. Obey it. Make sure that you always tremble before God Almighty. And if any of this is hard to understand, ask an adult to help you.

Hand Me A Pill...My Syndrome Is Bugging Me! (1 of 2)

by Wayne Jackson, M.A.

Some protest the use of illegal drugs by a glazed-eyed sub-culture, all the while popping pills daily to cope with a variety of problems common to humanity...

...I can easily remember the days when I had never heard of a manic-depressive (now commonly known as bipolar). My extended family (grandparents, parents, siblings, aunts, uncles, and close cousins) was numerous. But none of these, to my knowledge, was ever on "nerve medication." They arose early, worked hard, provided for their families, and recreated according to the outlets of the day. They were not immune to the problems common to humankind. I had a grandfather and an uncle who had drinking problems—which eventually each overcame. Our family struggled, wept, and grieved when we lost a loved one; but we went on with productive lives.

My folks lived through the "Great Depression," when times were exceedingly tough. A meal might consist solely of beans, or greens, and biscuits. "Sweets" were almost an unknown delicacy. A small candy cane was a rare treat. Children died in infancy and family members were lost to tragedy. A cousin was decapitated in a car wreck; another kinsman also died in an auto crash. Somehow we survived, thrived, and lived life vigorously—and without psychiatrists and constant pill-popping. Today, if one doesn't have a "syndrome" or a "mania," he is the abnormal one!

Over the past several decades things have changed dramatically. As a minister who has labored with the same church for more than forty-six years, I think I've seen about every "abnormality" in the book. At times I have thought I was on the staff of the "Institute of the Very, Very Nervous." Many of the cases I've observed have been the result of spiritual problems. Not a few have been rationalized under the guise of some "neurosis," thus providing an escape to avoid moral responsibility. I do not profess to be a "discerner" of any person's heart, but some situations are too obvious for psychological camouflage.

A responsible businessman who was a respected church member became infatuated with a female co-worker. He left his wife and moved in with his adulterous partner. When rebuked by the local church leadership, his defense was: "I'm bipolar." Far too many have some "mental" aberration that supposedly justifies his or her inability to operate as a normal person, not to mention a spiritual person!

This is not to say that there are not genuine mental problems—genetic, hormonal, biological, environmental, or self-inflicted debilitating maladies. Some have become genuinely unbalanced due to long-time sinful indulgences. Wickedness does exact a huge toll. But the undeniable truth is, many people have appropriated "syndromes" in defense of inappropriate conduct.

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