

**DeKalb Church
of Christ**

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**Schedule of
Services**

Sunday

Bible Study 9:30

Worship 10:25

Worship 5:00

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 (1-20-08)

B.C. – 35

A.M. – 54

P.M. – 41

Wed. - 31

Offering – \$1,889

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 (in room 642N @ St. Michael's)
- *Marty Jones (at home doing better)
- *Homer Batchelor (leaving for MD Anderson today)
- *Bill Hawkins (cancer surgery on Feb. 26th)
- *Jane Turner (hands & feet are some better, but still sore)
- *Pat Davis (in Ft. Worth hospital for extreme pain, possibly coming home today)

Announcements

- *Potluck meal today - if you are visiting with us today, please stay and let us get to know you.
- *Birthdays: Chuck Phillips (1-27), Mitchell Weeks (1-30)!
- *Anniversary: Barrett's (1-29), Dalby's (1-31)!
- *Ladies' Bible Class today @ 4pm.
- *Our Bible Bowl team placed 6th last Monday night - congratulations! The next competition will be on February 11th @ 7pm. We will be hosting this - those wishing to assist in food preparation and/or serving, please see Genita Dalby. Also, the whole congregation is invited to support the kids in the Bible bowl. While the kids are taking the test, Michael will have a 20-minute lesson for the adults, then Buddy Ray will have a 20-minute lesson for the kids while the tests are being graded. Hope you can attend!

Brotherhood Events(see bulletin board for flyers)

- *We have a Gospel Meeting planned for Feb. 24-27 with David Williams of Nashville, AR!
- *Bible Bowl of Northeast Texas - Feb. 11th @ 7pm. (Matt. 17-20).
- *Holding to the Traditions meeting @ Murfreesboro, AR, Sat., Feb. 23rd, 9am

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Privileged To Serve...

January 27th

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): Michael Gilbert (Lk. 12:13-21)

Prayers -- AM & PM

2nd prayer.....Alex Evans

Closing..... Giles Feazel

AM Sermon: This Night, Thy Soul Shall Be Required of Thee

PM Sermon: This Night, Thy Soul Shall Be Required of Thee

Welcome!

The DeKalb Church of Christ is committed to the 'old paths' (Jer. 6:16). 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 be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit" (Eph 5:18)

Drunkness involves the ingestion of a mind-altering substance for purely pleasureable purposes. This vice is repeatedly condemned in the Scriptures (Prov. 23:29ff; Eph. 5:18; I Cor. 5:11;6:10; Gal. 5:21).

While the Bible does not prohibit the use of certain drugs for medicinal purposes (cf. I Tim. 5:23), e.g., codeine or morphine for extreme pain, the dulling of one's mind as a escape from problems that ought to be addressed with spiritual solutions, or for a recreational "high," is not sanctioned in Scripture. It also should be borne in mind that "drunkness" is a matter of degree.

The alteration of one's mental faculties commences almost immediately as one ingests the distilled spirits of our modern world. The Greek word nepho (sober - I Pt. 4:7, et.al.) signifies to "be free from the influence of intoxicants" (W.E. Vine). Another factor that must be considered is one's Christian influence (cf. Rom. 14:21). Notice that our text says very clearly, "And be not drunk with wine...". One wonders why a Christian would drink socially, or in the privacy of their homes...considering the explicit condemnation of such in this passage. (Jackson. 48)

The Clockmaker and the Monarch

by Kyle Butt, M.A. (for more interesting articles, visit apologeticspress.org)

Suppose you are walking in the woods, look down, and see an intricately designed, fully-operational timepiece. The gears and mechanisms of the curious clock work together in perfect unison and absolute order. Further suppose that if the clock gets slightly out of sync, brief exposure to the Sun puts it back into harmony. Such a clock would be truly amazing, and would certainly lead an honest observer to conclude that the clock owed its complexity and design to an intelligent designer. The 18th-century apologist, William Paley, is famous for this “watchmaker” argument.

But now suppose that the clock is very small, smaller than the head of a pin. Furthermore, the clock is located inside the head of a monarch butterfly. Those familiar with monarch butterflies may know that these interesting little creatures make an amazing migratory trip of thousands of miles during their life. How do the monarchs know when to leave a certain place? And how do they know how to find their way to places they have never been?

Researchers at the University of Massachusetts, led by Dr. Steven Reppert, are paying close attention to the monarchs’ biological clock (Carl, 2008). Reppert and his team believe that the monarchs’ “unique circadian clocks, which regulate daily activities like sleep and hunger,” contain special proteins that allow the monarchs to navigate by using the Sun as a compass (2008). Reppert commented on the monarchs’ amazing ability: “A butterfly’s brain is no bigger than the head of a pin, and yet it has this incredible capability” (as quoted in Carl, 2008).

How must atheistic evolutionists explain this tiny clock that uses the Sun as a navigational guide? They are forced to conclude that it is a product of blind chance, random processes over millions of years. But they could not say the same about a “regular” clock of the same size and functionality that they found lying on the forest floor. One wonders what the location of the clock, whether on the forest floor or in the head of the monarch, has to do with the obvious fact that the clock must have a clockmaker.

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The Bible Versus the Koran (part 1)

by Eric Lyons, M.Min. (for more interesting articles, visit apologeticspress.org)

The Islamic holy book known as the Koran (or Qur’an) claims to be the final word from God. When reading the Koran, one constantly is reminded that it is not a human product, but (supposedly) is “wholly” inspired of God. In Sura (chapter) 39:1 we read: “This Book is revealed by God, the Mighty, the Wise One.” Sura 55:1 says, “It is the Merciful [God] who has taught the Koran” (parenthetical comment added). Other Suras that use different words to convey a similar idea include 3:7, 41:23, 12:1-2, and 25:6. After reviewing the Koran, however, it becomes clear that it is anything **but** a “Book revealed by God.”

First, because the Koran is based solely upon what **one person** (Muhammad) allegedly saw and heard, one cannot help but question its claims of divine origin. [Interestingly, the second Sura in the Koran begins by saying, “This Book is not to be doubted.” Thus, I suppose we are violating one of the first commands in the Koran by asserting that it **should be doubted** (cf. 1 John 4:1; Matthew 24:24).] According to Islamic tradition, Mohammed, the founder of Islam, received revelations from the angel Gabriel on various occasions over a period of twenty-three years (Geisler and Saleeb, 1993, p. 90; cf. Sura 25:32; 17:106). After each personal encounter with Gabriel, Mohammed allegedly recited the words to scribes (cf. Sura 73:1-7). The Islamic scripture is based entirely upon these private “experiences.” As Kippy Myers noted: “Only **one person** allegedly saw the angel. Only **one person** allegedly heard a voice. Only **one person** allegedly saw the visions. The only way to become a Moslem, then, is to take this **one man’s** word for it” (1994, p. 11, emp. added).

On the other hand, the Bible is based in history, not in the subjective experience of one individual. About forty different men from various backgrounds wrote the Bible over a period of 1,600 years. It is backed by objective, historical events experienced by thousands of individuals. And many of its places, events, and people can be verified by history. Many biblical places and persons, which for centuries were unknown to secular history (such as the great Hittite nation), now have been discovered. Archaeology, literature, science, and geography confirm its details, and tie it to a reality outside the mind of any single person or any group of people. Indeed, unlike the Koran, the Bible alone rings of authenticity!

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