

**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?**

- Hear the Gospel.**  
*(Rom. 10:17; Acts. 18:8)*
- Believe in Christ.**  
*(Jn. 8:24; 20:30-31)*
- Repent of my sins.**  
*(Acts 17:30-31)*
- Confess my faith in Christ.**  
*(Acts. 8:37; 1 Tim. 6:12)*
- Be baptized into Christ.**  
*(Acts. 2:38; Mk. 16:16)*
- Be faithful.**  
*(Rev. 2:10)*

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**Record (1-27-08)**

**B.C. – 48**

**A.M. – 71**

**P.M. – 34**

**Wed. - 36**

**Offering – \$1,984**

**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**

\*We extend our sympathy to **Benny, Paula, Zack, and Brandi Booth** in the loss of Benny's mother, Alice Booth. Remember also Linda and Sarah, Benny's sisters.

\***Jean Jagers** (came to Sunny Acres on last Monday)

\***Homer Batchelor** (is at home, cancer free)

\***Bill Hawkins** (cancer surgery on Feb. 26th)

\***Jeff Collins** (lives in Avery, recent cancer surgery; friend of Doyle Sikes)

\***Carlos Rodgers** (cancer levels have come down)

\***James Isabell** (recent heart attack, at home now; friend of the Loes & Hawkins)

\***Whitney Mason** (recently delivered premature baby; relative of Sherry Ray)

\***Naomi Harris** (lung problems, will see specialist in Texarkana; Sherry Ray's grandmother)

\***Letha Robbins** (undergoing treatments for an illness, does not have cancer)

\***Pat Davis** (is at home - could use some encouragement)

\***Dwayne Jeffery** (requested the prayers of the congregation)

**Announcements**

\***Birthdays:** Brandi Booth (4th), Margaret Yates (4th), Ricky Wilson (5th), and Myriam Alvarado 5th)!

\***Anniversary:** Phillips' (1st)

\***Ladies' Bible Class** today @ 4pm.

\***Bible Bowl** 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!

\***Medina Children's Home** will come by this week to collect the clothing donations - if you have items you wish to donate, please place them in the containers out back.

\*New **House to House/Heart to Heart** pamphlets are in the foyer. Please pick them up and give them to your friends. Also, 2 new pamphlets are available for your use - one of them, "Watch Out for Bad Apples" is especially for young people.

**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...**

**February 3rd**

**Announcements & 1<sup>st</sup> Prayer....** Dickie Dalby

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

**Lord's Table....** Giles Feazel, Mitchell Weeks, Craig Loe

**Scripture Reading**

**Communion.....**Michael Gilbert (Mat. 26:26-29)

**Sermon.....**Seth Salinas (Matt. 28:18-20)

**Prayers -- AM & PM**

**2<sup>nd</sup> prayer.....**Alex Evans

**Closing.....** Charles Lee

**AM Sermon:** 5 Things Baptism Cannot Do...

**PM Sermon:** Overcoming Envy

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**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**

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*"Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh" (Matt. 25:13)*

When we are aware that company is coming, we may spend hours getting the house clean and in order. We may even sweep dust under the rug and stuff thing under the bed. At least we want to leave the impression that the place is clean. There are those embarrassing times when someone comes unexpectedly and we are not prepared. It is obvious that the safe course to pursue is to keep things clean. It is actually easier and it prevents embarrassment.

Jesus Christ, the greatest guest we will ever receive, will come at a time that we cannot know about in advance. We can be assured, however, that this wonderful visitor will come and all eternity depends on our readiness for His appearance. The Lord will come and only God the Father knows when. At His coming, the judgment will occur and our eternal destiny will be sealed depending on our preparation.

Oh what a sad occasion it would be if our Lord returned and we were unprepared! Are you prepared for the second coming and the day of judgment? Have you obeyed the Gospel by believing in Jesus (Jn. 8:24), repenting of your sins (Acts 2:38), confessing your faith in Christ (Acts 8:37), and being baptized into Christ for the remission of your sins (Matt. 28:18-20)? If so, the Lord has added you to His church...are you faithful to His people and His work? (adapted from Hilliard, p. 28-29)

# ***Some Things That Have Not Changed***

John Isaac Edwards

We live in a changing world. The world of few centuries ago would be out of place in the world of today. Yet, there are some things that have not changed.

## ***Bible Teaching On Modesty***

Customs regarding dress vary. Fashions come and go. But, one thing remains the same: what the Bible teaches about modesty. 1 Timothy 2:9-10 is binding upon every culture and age. Paul said, “*In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works.*” Godliness or ungodliness: which does our dress profess?

## **The Law Of Christ Concerning Marriage, Divorce, And Remarriage**

The laws of the land, wedding ceremonies, and the thinking of men concerning marriage, divorce, and remarriage may change, but the law of Christ has not changed. Matthew 19:9 still says, “*Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doeth commit adultery.*”

## ***The New Testament Church***

Men, over the years, have tried to change the church in lots of ways, but have unsuccessful as the Lord’s church continues to be what it has always been. It is still the church built by Christ (Mt 16:18), headed by Christ (Col. 1:18), and that wears the name of Christ (Rom. 16:16; Acts 11:26). Its work, worship, and organization have not changed.

## ***The Need For Divine Authority***

Man may not always recognize the need for divine authority, but the need is always there. Colossians 3:17 records, “*And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus...*” The fact that man must do all by the authority of Jesus Christ has not changed.

## ***The Consequences Of Sin***

Some may get the idea that sin is not quite as bad as it used to be. Sin is still what it has always been and will do what it has always done! Sin is still “*the transgression of the law*” (1 Jn. 3:4), and sin still “*bringeth forth death*” (James 1:15).

## ***The Gospel Plan Of Salvation***

Men have taught, believed, and obeyed plans foreign to the gospel plan of salvation, what it takes to save a person has not changed. (God still requires hearing (Mt 17:5), believing (Jn 8:24), repenting (Lk. 13:3), confessing (Rom. 10:9-10), being baptized (Acts 2:38), and faithful living (Rev. 2:10).

# ***The Bible Versus the Koran (part 2)***

by Eric Lyons, M.Min. (for more interesting articles, visit [apologeticspress.org](http://apologeticspress.org))

Another major problem with the Koran is that it presents the Bible as being ordained and revealed by God (see Suras 5:72; 19:29-30; 21:7; 29:46-47). Normally, someone or something (in the case of the Koran) claiming that the Bible is the inspired Word of God would not be a problem. But, in the Koran’s case, it is a significant problem. Why so? Because the Koran also claims to be from God, and yet it consistently disagrees with the Bible. Notice just three instances where the Koran contradicts the Bible:

- In Sura 20:87-96 the Koran states that the golden calf that the Israelites worshiped at the foot of Mount Sinai in the days of Moses was made by “the Samaritan.” The city of Samaria, however, was not built until hundreds of years after the death of Moses (see 1 Kings 16:24).
- The Bible indicates that drunkenness is a sinful work of the flesh that will keep a person out of heaven (Galatians 5:21; 1 Corinthians 6:10). In contrast, the Koran teaches that drunkenness is all right, unless you are praying (see Moffitt, 1992, pp. 6-7).
- Finally, whereas the Koran denies that Jesus ever was crucified (Sura 4:157), the Bible emphatically states numerous times that He was (Matthew 27:34-50; Luke 23:33-46).

Even though the Koran states that it contains no contradictions (Sura 18:1-2), any person seeking the Truth easily can see that it does. In contrast, the Bible is accurate in every way. After 2,000 years of attacks by infidelic scoffers, not one legitimate mistake has been found.

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