

**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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**Preacher**

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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 (2-10-08)**

**B.C. - 34**  
**A.M. - 64**  
**P.M. - 29**  
**Wed. - 35**  
**Offering - \$2,100**  
**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**

- \***Dorothy Jackson** (cancer; friend and Delores Brewer from New Orleans)
- \***Helen Richardson** (still having lingering problems with her eyes)
- \***Alex Evans** (still recovering from a virus)
- \***Doyle Sikes** (recovering from Bronchitus)
- \***Michael Gilbert** (recovering from Bronchitus)
- \***Homer Batchelor** (cancer free, but is having problems with a hernia)
- \***Bill Hawkins** (cancer surgery on Feb. 26th)
- \***Pat Davis** (seems to have improved with new meds)
- \***Katie Gilbert & her family** (Katie's sister, Dottie Beckett, has a malignant brain tumor; Katie is Michael's sister-in-law)
- \***Dewayne Garner** (at home recovering from a bad car wreck)
- \***Ophelia Walraven** (doing better, hopes to be here today)
- \***Bobby Batchelor, Jr.** (should be home this weekend, please remember him and Laura as they settle into their new home)
- \***Bobby Hodgson** (appt. on Thurs. @ the VA in Shreveport concerning his eyes)

**Announcements**

- \***Birthday:** Jean Jagers (20th)
- \***Devotional @ Sunny Acres** is today at 3PM.
- \***Ladies' Bible Class** today @ 4pm.
- \***Ladies' Night Out** - this Tuesday, the 19th, @ the multi-purpose bldg. (7pm).
- \***Birthday Party @ Sunny Acres** is this Wednesday at 2 PM. Please sign up to bring a cake.
- \*Sunday, Feb. 24, will be **Potluck Sunday** - it kicks off our Gospel Meeting with David Williams! Sign up to feed him during the week on the bulletin board.
- \*There will be a **burnout shower** for Kelly and Angie Dalby, next Sunday (24th), from 2 - 3:30pm @ our Multi-Purpose building. For more info, contact Kassie Loe.
- \*The next **Bible Bowl** of Northeast Texas (BB-NET for short) event will be March 10th (7pm). Our team did well considering that 2 out of 3 members of our team were brand new this month! Much good is being done through the Bible Bowl - everyone is learning God's Word, and some of the kids are now having Bible studies with their non-Christian friends!

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

- \***Holding to the Traditions** meeting @ Murfreesboro, AR, Sat., Feb. 23rd, 9am
- \*We have a **Gospel Meeting** planned for Feb. 24-27 with David Williams of Nashville, AR!
- \***Bible Bowl of Northeast Texas** - March 10th @ 7pm. (read often Matt. 21-24).

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**Privileged To Serve...**

**February 10th**

**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 (Luke 22:19-20)

**Sermon.....** Mitchell Weeks (Rom. 10:9-10)

**Prayers -- AM & PM**

**2<sup>nd</sup> prayer.....**Parker Turner

**Closing.....**Buddy Ray

**AM Sermon: "If Thou Shalt Confess..."**

**PM Sermon: 7 Marks of the Born Again (part 2)**

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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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*"And the Lord said unto Joshua, Get thee up; wherefore liest thou thus upon thy face?" (Joshua 7:10)*

After the mighty victory at Jericho, it was abundantly obvious that God was fighting for His people as they entered the land of Canaan. God had promised Joshua: "There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life" (Josh. 1:5), so nothing could stop them now.

Except one thing - sin in the camp! After a humiliating defeat at Ai, "Joshua rent his clothes, and fell to the earth upon his face" and began to complain to the Lord about how He had let them down (Josh. 7:6-9).

Normally prayer is a good thing, but in this case God rebuked Joshua for praying! Have you ever wondered why?

Joshua should have remembered that God's promise had a condition: "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth;...that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein:...then thou shalt have good success" (Josh. 1:8). Their complete lack of success at Ai could, therefore, only have resulted from their disobedience. Joshua, as leader, should have realized this and immediately punished those responsible. Instead, here he was groveling and crying like a baby with his face on the ground.

As soon as Joshua did what he should have done in the first place - purge the guilty ones from the company (Josh. 7:25) - then God gave them a great victory over those who had once defeated them. (Josh. 8:28)

Application: Congregations of the Lord's church have no right to pray if they are harboring known sin in the camp. As Paul wrote, "A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump" (1 Cor. 5:6)

# *The Mechanic and the Preacher*

Matt Ritchardson

The following "parable" was written by Leroy Brownlow, who is now deceased...

*A mechanic went to hear a visiting evangelist in a little town. The preacher preached that night on money and presented the sermon under three points. First point: "Make all you can." The mechanic nudged his wife and said, "That man is the best I've ever heard. He is no nitwit. He knows what it's all about. He is one smart man." Second point: "Save all you can." "This excited the mechanic and he whispered again, "This beats anything I've ever heard. He's smart enough to be President. This town has never had a preacher that could hold a candle to him." The preacher commended hard work and thrift, denouncing laziness and waste. The mechanic could not keep quiet. He whispered, "I've believed this all my life." Third point: "Give all you can." "Oh my," exclaimed the mechanic, "now he's gone crazy. He has quit preaching and gone to meddling."*

*Thought: Is it not strange that some people's conception of great preaching is a sermon that compliments them and rebukes others? Remember—your preacher did not write the Bible. He is not responsible for any word in it, but he is definitely responsible for preaching every word in it. And when it is preached, people judge themselves by their reaction to it.*

**Test:** How well do I react to the preaching of God's word?

1. Do I listen to it in order to grow 2 Peter 3:18?
2. Do I listen and compare to what has been said to what God says about the issue Acts 17:11?
3. Do I use it to become an example to others 1 Timothy 4:12?
4. Do I handle it correctly 2 Corinthians 4:2?
5. Do I study what has been said 2 Timothy 2:15?
6. Do I use it for good Jude 3?
7. Do I use it to make sure I stay on the right path 2 Timothy 1:13; 3:14; 4:2; 2 Thessalonians 2:15?
8. Do I allow it to change my actions, attitudes, and my sinfulness?

The preacher has a great responsibility to preach the Truth in love and in its proper context. However as a I hearer...

I have a responsibility to what I hear...

I have a responsibility to react to what I have learned...

I have the responsibility to live by the faithful word that is being taught...

I have the responsibility to know what is being taught is the same message that God delivered once and for all...

How many great lessons have we learned from the Bible and yet we do not apply the lessons learned into our daily routines? Ask yourself this question, Am I guilty of having "ears that are dull of hearing"? Or perhaps do I meditate on the message and allow it to make me a better soldier for the cause of Christ? Points to ponder for your consideration.

# *How To Hit The Nail On The Thumb*

John Gipson

Permit me, if you will, to give some directions for doing a thing in a manner sure to miss it's value entirely...

Get up late on Sunday morning without having decided which clothes you are going to wear. Fuss at the children. Hurry through breakfast. Look for your Bible. Yell at your companion, "We're going to be late." Fuss at the children. Tell them that they don't have time to eat. Drag them into the car. Honk your car horn at your spouse to hurry up. Go back in the house to get your contribution check. Fuss at the children. Drive off in a huff. Turn around and go back to see if you turned off the stove, or forgot to close the garage door.

Arrive late for the service and stumble over people getting into the pew. Stare back at those who are staring at you. Focus on the things you don't like: The temperature is too hot/cold; The songs are too new/old, or too slow/fast; The preacher said "git" instead of "get;" The usual order of worship was changed; Why don't parents take their children to the nursery, or the Training Room?; Somebody needs to turn the sound up/down; If this service lasts any longer I'm going to miss the kick-off to the football game. Leave the building without speaking to anyone, but rejoicing in knowing that you fulfilled your duty in worshipping God, and setting the right example for your family.

On the way home comment on those people playing golf when they ought to be in church. Too bad that they don't have the spirit of David who said, "*I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD!'*"

Perhaps there is more to the oft neglected command to assemble than we have realized... "*Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching*" (Heb. 10:25).

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## *A Tidbit of Wisdom and Exhortation...*

All Christians would do well to compare Eph. 6:13, "*...and having done all, to stand.*" with the following account...

*When the Nazis came for the communists, I remained silent; I was not a communist. When they locked up the social democrats, I remained silent; I was not a social democrat. When they came for the trade unionists, I did not speak out; I was not a trade unionist. When they came for the Jews, I remained silent; I wasn't a Jew.*

*When they came for me, there was no one left to speak out.*

(written by Martin Niemöller (1892–1984) Dachau Concentration Camp survivor)

*"Stand fast in the faith . . ." (1 Corinthians 16:13)*