

**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 (12-9-07)

B.C. - 32
A.M. - 62
P.M. - 31
Wed. - 29
Offering - \$1,722
Special Offering - \$622
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 (continues to need our prayers)
- *Parker's Turner's sister-in-law, Clarrotte Turner, past away yesterday. Please keep this family in your prayers.
- *Bill Hawkins (diagnosed with cancer, but doctors say it is treatable)
- *Neta Walraven's sister is still recovering from a stroke and heart attack.
- *Doyle Raney underwent a medical procedure this week, keep him in your prayers.
- *Carlos Rodgers has been having it rough lately, keep him in your prayers.
- *Letha Robbins (has been sick lately)
- *Al Washington (recent stroke, is in Dallas hospital; Al is a brother in Christ)
- *June Tice (came home from the hospital)
- *Zack Booth has a friend whose mother has been diagnosed with cancer, he asks that we remember her in prayer.

Announcements

- *Birthdays: Sherry Ray (17th), Michael Gilbert (17th), Anthony Booth (19th), Micah Dawson (20th).
- *Devotional at Sunny Acres today at 3PM.
- *Singing Practice Today @ 5PM
- *Be sure to attend next Sunday evening's "Song & Scripture" service. The men of the congregation will be leading the service.
- *Sunday, December 30th service times are **regular time**. We normally change our times of service on 5th Sunday's, but not this month.
- *If you have not returned your **questionnaire to the elders**, please do so as soon as possible.
- *The congregation is invited to the **Dalby's house on New Year's Eve**.
- ***Bible Bowl** - study Matthew (chps. 13-16) for January's competition. We will be hosting the Bible Bowl in February. More details to follow in January. Our boys did well last Monday, placing 4th in a very close competition. They only missed 6 questions on a very difficult test!
- ***Ladies Bible Class** will resume Wednesday, Jan. 16th @ 10 AM.
- ***Thank-You Note:** "Thank you for your recent donation of candy and fruit. We appreciate your thoughtfulness." Thanks again, Sunny Acres staff and residents

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...

December 16th

Announcements & 1st Prayer.... Buddy Ray

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

Lord's Table.... Giles Feazel, Dickie Dalby, Mitchell Weeks

Scripture Reading (Communion): Michael Gilbert

Scripture Reading (Sermon): Michael Gilbert (Mk. 15:1)

Prayers -- AM & PM

2nd prayer.....Alex Evans

Closing..... Dwayne Jeffery

AM Sermon: Binding the Hands of Jesus

PM Sermon: Question & Answer Session

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**

"There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling" (Eph. 4:4)

The Christian commitment is biblically designated as a "calling." The divine "calling" (Eph. 4:1) is not a direct communication from God or his Holy Spirit, as some today allege. No one on earth knows anything about Jesus Christ, and his way of redemption, except what they have learned either directly, or indirectly, from the Scriptures.

Here are some facts about the Christian's calling: (a) Its source is God (Acts 2:39; Heb. 3:1). (b) It is characterized by a humble, willing-to-learn attitude (1 Cor. 1:26-29). (c) The sacred calling is by means of the gospel (2 Thess. 2:14). (d) Its design is for a holy, worthy life (1 Cor. 1:2; Eph. 4:1). (e) Its direction is upward (Phil. 3:14). (f) Its sphere of operation is "in Christ" (Phil. 3:14). (g) The ultimate hope of the calling is in a single destiny - heaven (Eph. 4:4; Col. 1:5). It is not without significance that the Greek word that is normally rendered "church," in our English versions, is ekklesia, a compound term meaning "to call" and "out from." Such emphasizes the Christian's separation from his past life of worldliness. (Jackson, 27-28)

A Different Kind of Family Debt

by Todd Clippard

What parents do not owe their children:

- *The latest fashion* (Acts 10:34–35; 1 Timothy 2:9–10; James 2:1–10). We need to teach our kids to earn admiration and respect through character and not clothing.
- *The hottest toys and games* (Ecclesiastes 1:4, 8). Look through your house at all the “gotta have it” toys that haven’t been touched in months. I wrapped all these one year and gave them as anonymous gifts to needy families. Not once did anyone ask “what happened to my . . . ?” or “where is my . . . ?”
- *A car and money to burn* (1 Timothy 6:10–11). There’s nothing inherently wrong with buying your kids a car, but most 16-year-olds think they are OWED a car at 16. Take a group to the mall or on a youth trip and see who has the most spending money—it’s not the adults!
- *A life free from pain or embarrassment*. The Bible says that all who would live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution (2 Timothy 3:12). Peter said, “If any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but rather glorify God” (1 Peter 4:16).

What parents do owe their children:

- *A godly example* (Psalm 85:13; cf. 1 Peter 2:21–22). Jesus gave His disciples an example (John 13:15), as Paul did his (1 Corinthians 11:1).
- *A good name* (Proverbs 22:1).
- *A peaceful home* (Proverbs 21:9; cf. 25:24).
- *Objectivity* (Proverbs 19:18). Everyone (including teachers, the police, etc.) is not “out to get” your child.
- *Structure and discipline* (1 Samuel 3:13). Children need discernable boundaries. Children need to understand the consequences of violating the boundaries.

What children owe their parents:

- *Love* — (1 John 4:19).
- *Respect* (Ephesians 6:1–3) — For the name they wear, especially when their parents aren’t around.
- *Obedience* — The word obey in Ephesians 6:1 is from Greek the compound hupakouo (hupo = under + akouo = hear or give the ear to). Literally it means “to listen with the intent to obey” (cf. 1 Samuel 3:9–10).
- *Submission* — (1 Peter 5:5).
- *Proper care when they become aged* — (Proverbs 23:22; 1 Timothy 5:4). The word despise in the phrase “despise not thy mother when she is old” means to hold in contempt or as insignificant (it is an antonym of reverence). Your parents helped you with your first steps; help them with their last. Your parents made sure your home was clean and your food was hot—don’t let them live in squalor. If you can’t take care of your parents, find someone who can. First Timothy 5:8 says that a failure to properly care for your parents disrespects them, disgraces the church, denies the faith, and damns your soul.

Be sure to pay all your family debts!

Outback Religion

By Keith Kasarjian

If you want a good steak and baked potato, Outback Steakhouse is a pretty good choice. By now you've probably heard their advertisements on the radio and television. After making the pitch for their product the announcer, in his Australian brogue, says “Outback Steakhouse. No rules. Just right.”

That sounds great, doesn't it? There is some appeal to a place where there aren't any rules or restrictions and no matter what, everything turns out all right. One day it dawned on me that many people have “Outback Religion.” When it comes to their relationship with God they want it to be “No rules. Just Right.” They want to be able to come to God on their own terms and yet have Him welcome them just the same.

More and more it seems we find people who find comforting the thought of having a meaningful relationship with God but who are unwilling to follow the rules. I suppose it has always been so that many wanted God on their terms but it has always been true that Jehovah has never allowed man to call the shots or make the rules. Either we come to him as He wills or we don't come at all.

When I claim a relationship with God but I want to keep my bad habits, and ungodly practices, and sinful relationships

then I'm looking for Outback Religion. But God does have “rules” and here are three things to remember about them.

“The Rules” Are God's

The natural tendency is to “kill the messenger” but we must realize that if one is speaking the truth, he is only a messenger of the will of God. Jesus said, “if you love me you will keep my commandments” (John 14:15). To be sure, making our own rules is a violation of God's will (Revelation 22:18) but just as wrong is the ignoring of God's law (Revelation 22:19).

“The Rules” Are For Our Good

Ultimately, what God requires of us is in our best interest. Throughout the centuries of his dealings with mankind, God has never forbidden something good for man nor has he required something harmful.

“The Rules” Will Judge Us

Whether we live by them or not, we will be eternally judged by the will of God. Jesus said, “He who rejects me, and does not receive My sayings, as one who judges him; the word I spoke is what will judge him in the last day” (John 12:48).

When we submit ourselves wholly to living by the will of God, He cleanses us of our sins (1 John 1:7-9). Or, you might say that when we live by God’s rules He makes us just right!