

**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?**

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)

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**Record (2-24-08)**

B.C. – 40  
A.M. – 87  
P.M. – 54  
Wk. - 55, 44, 43  
Offering – \$2,224  
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**

- \*Linda Loe (recovering from bronchitus)
- \*Dorothy Jackson (cancer; friend of Delores Brewer from New Orleans)
- \*Helen Richardson (still having lingering problems with her eyes)
- \*Bill Hawkins (surgery went well, he is home recovering)
- \*Pat Davis (seems to have improved with new meds)
- \*Tanner Bailey (4th grade student at Hubbard, had a brain procedure done and has suffered an infection from it)
- \*Letha Robbins (has bronchitis, and has undergone some tests, the results have not come back yet. it will be a few more weeks before they will find out what is wrong)
- \*Nancy Kier (keep her in your prayers as she lost her brother, Jim Morse, Jr.)
- \*Jane Turner (is glad to be home, but still needs our prayers)
- \*Bobby Hodgson (the cataract surgery was successful, however, he is having problems with his retinas, and will be seeing a specialist soon)
- \*Bonnie Rodgers (getting over bronchitus)

**Announcements**

- \***Birthday:** Pat Davis (3-4); Bessie Daniel (3-4)!
- \***Ladies' Bible Class** today @ 4pm.
- \*Remember to **move your clocks forward 1 hour** next Saturday night. This also means that next Sunday's PM service will revert to 6pm and remain there until Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 2.
- \*The next **Bible Bowl** of Northeast Texas (BB-NET for short) event will be March 10th (7pm). We are always looking for more Bible Bowlers - do you know of someone who would like to participate?

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

- \***Gospel Meeting @ Avery**, March 3-6 @ 7pm.
- \***Bible Bowl of Northeast Texas** - March 10th @ 7pm. (read often Matt. 21-24).
- \***Gospel Meeting @ Atlanta** - March 16-19, with Barry Grider of the Memphis School of Preaching and co-editor of the *Gospel Journal*.
- \***Congregational Singing @ Westside** in Idabel, March 28th @ 7pm.
- \***Ladies Day @ Blodgett**, Sat. March 29th, Phyllis Holt Davis will be speaking on "Swept Away in Kingdom Living"
- \***Gospel Meeting @ Westside** in Idabel, March 30-April 4
- \***Memphis School of Preaching** Lectures - March 30 - April 3.
- \***Prom Alternative @** the Franklin County Airport facilities, on April 4th.

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**Privileged To Serve...**

**March 2nd**

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

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

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

**Scripture Readings**

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

Sermon..... Mitchell Weeks (Luke 13:5)

**Prayers -- AM & PM**

2<sup>nd</sup> prayer.....Doyle Raney

Closing.....John Loe

AM Sermon: God's Plan Demands Repentance

PM Sermon: Philip's Guide

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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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"O Lord, how manifold are thy works: in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth s full of thy riches" (Ps. 104:24)

Jonquils are blooming in my neighbors yard. Beside my house, the pear trees are covered with pure white blooms. Across from my house, there is a beautiful tree with deep purple blooms - I remember it from last year. Our gardens will soon bring us fresh food. What a beautiful world! Surely, "The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God" (Ps. 14:1).

Our Creator has been good to us. Paul and Barnabas reminded the people of Lystra, "Nevertheless he left not himself without witness, in that he did good, and gave us rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness" (Acts 14:17). It's hard to understand God's goodness toward humanity in light of man's weakness, but the Psalmist helps us to understand it by declaring, "The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow in anger, and plenteous in mercy. He will not always chide: neither will he keep his anger forever. He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities" (Ps. 103:8-10).

We can be grateful that we serve a good God who, "...maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust" (Mt. 5:45)

Brethren, we should, "Enter into its gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him and bless his name" (Ps. 100:4)!

# ***Christian Colleges Can Be Dangerous***

Brad Harrub, \*Ph. D. (\*Neurobiology, University of Tennessee/Editor - THINK magazine)

As many of you know, I get asked almost every weekend about our “Christian” schools by anxious parents who are about to send their children off to college. They want to know which ones are still faithfully teaching the Truth. My standard response lately has been: “I’m not sure of any that are not compromising in some areas, and as such, it is vitally important to make sure your children have a strong foundation for their faith beforehand. I would select a school that is strong in the area they want to major in and alert them that they will be surrounded by wolves.”

Want an example of wolves in sheep's clothing? Randy Lowry, president of Lipscomb University was heralded as the guest preacher for a “*Week of Prayer for Christian Unity*” (Jan. 19-25, 2008) at Second Presbyterian Church in Nashville (Tuesday of that week). [Read the announcement here: <http://outandaboutnewspaper.com/article.php?id=2265>]. And, if the announcement itself were not good enough, the newsclip appeared in “Tennessee's Best GLBT (gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender) Source for News.” Nice! Here's another account from the Tennessean: [www.tennessean.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080119/NEWS06/801190336](http://www.tennessean.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080119/NEWS06/801190336). The announcement says, “Dr. Randy Lowry, president of Lipscomb University, will preach, and a choir of singers from all the sponsoring congregations will offer special music.”

Those who know me well know I am not a watchdog or an alarmist. Having been wrongly “written up” myself by brotherhood watchdogs in the past for things that I did not do, I wanted to make sure I got my facts straight in this instance. So I made two calls: 1) Randy Lowry's office; and 2) Second Presbyterian church. “Jennifer” in Randy's office verified that he did in fact preach there. And the secretary at Second Presbyterian verified it as well (going so far as to emailing me a copy of the program). He and those “special choirs” joined hands and prayed for Christian unity.

Friends, I feel strongly that we should strive for Christian unity. But these people Randy fellowshiped with are NOT NEW TESTAMENT CHRISTIANS! Do we need to teach the lost? DEFINITELY! I try hard to teach them the TRUTH about what it means to be a New Testament Christian! The article says this special day is “urging all Christians” to join Christ in praying “that they may all be one.” Before they can be one they must put on Christ in baptism. Have we completely forgotten the uniqueness of the one true church? Part of the reason the church is in the position it is today is because several generations have slowly embraced the idea that the church of Christ is simply just another denomination. IT IS TIME TO CHANGE THAT MENTALITY!

Like it or not, his position as president puts Lowry in the spotlight. He is the highest representative for that school. And as such, his actions speak loudly for the entire university. If this is the direction he has chosen to take the school, that is his choice. He has that right. But we also have the right to write off Lipscomb University as a “Christian” school. I, as a New Testament Christian, don't have to support him (or the school) and I strongly urge you to consider doing likewise. Isn't it time we either take our schools back or write them off completely (and

financially!). If you know of board members, please call them – today – and ask them to bring things back to the Old Paths! Hold the board accountable. If Lipscomb wants to wear the name Christian, then it must be willing to make that distinction through its actions and not name only. Randy, I for one am holding you to a higher standard. What's your response?

Sincerely In Him,  
Brad Harrub, Ph.D., (1600 Westgate Cir, Suite 125, Brentwood, TN 37027)

P.S. Please feel free to pass this along to your friends.

*(this letter was written by brother Brad Harrub in response to some recent questions directed to him. Brethren, it is not a sin to attend Christian Colleges or Universities, but it can be spiritual death to one who "swallows hook, line, and sinker" everything being taught by "our" Christian colleges & universities - Michael)*

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## ***Counting The Cost (part 2 of 2)***

*By Marvin L. Weir*

***Separation from the world.*** The Bible is very clear in regard to this matter. John says, “Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him” (1 John 2:15). A Christian has undergone a transformation, and will not conform to sinful matters (Rom. 12:2). One living for Christ has counted the cost and has buried the old man (Col. 2:12) to become a “new creature” in Christ Jesus (2 Cor. 5:17). The cost must be counted for refusing to be “unequally yoked with unbelievers” and coming “out from among” those who stand opposed to Christ and His teaching (2 Cor. 6:14, 17).

***Opposition by the world.*** One who seeks to live godly will “suffer persecution” (2 Tim. 3:12). Christ warned His apostles, “And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake” (Luke 21:17). He also gives the reason why worldly people oppose Christians in saying, “And this is the judgment, that the light is come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the light; for their works were evil For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, and cometh not to the light, lest his works should be reproved” (John 3:19-20). Abel suffered and died because his works were righteous (Gen. 4:4, 8). But as you count the cost of living righteously, remember these words of Christ: “In the world ye have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world” (John 16:33).

***Temptation by the devil.*** Satan seeks to devour Christians – not non-Christians (1 Pet. 5:8). Why? A non-Christian is already in bondage to and serving the devil (Rom. 6:6, 16). For this reason, Satan will not tempt non-Christians as he does Christians! Satan attacks Christians through “the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the vainglory of life” (1 John 2:16). A Christian must count the cost and remember that God “will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation make also the way of escape, that ye may be able to endure it” (1 Cor. 10:13).

It is a necessary and solemn matter to count the cost!