

**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 (3-9-08)

B.C. - 34
A.M. - 59
P.M. - 32
Wed. - 43
Offering - \$1,772
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; Jean Jagers; Homer Batchelor; DeWayne Garner; Joey
Almaraz; Kellie Fletcher

Prayer List

*We extend our sympathy to **Jean Jagers**, in the death of her sister, Merle
White. The funeral was Thursday, in Bryan, TX.

***Dewayne Garner** (doctors are concerned with nerve damage in his leg which
was hurt in a recent car wreck and they will try a procedure that will hopefully
remedy the situation)

***Jack Williams** (has had back trouble for some time, and will have surgery this
Friday)

***Beverly Sikes** (meds seem to have helped her breathing problems due to
something in the air at her place of employment)

***Pat Davis** (needs our prayers and encouragement)

*We extend our sympathy to **the family of Kelly Brown**, who died in an auto
accident. His widow, Martha, had to spend some time in Wadley after she got the
news. Mr. Brown also leaves behind two children)

***Darrin Cowley** (diagnosed with stage 4 cancerous tumor on his heart, he has a
wife and 3 children; he works for Craig Loe)

***Mike Rhoden** (diagnosed with brain tumor which is wrapped around his brain
stem; 1st cousin of Buddy Ray)

***Donna Harp** (diagnosed with cancer, and will be having surgery @ Baylor; co-
worker of Wendy Salinas)

***Bryar Fanning** (recently had appendix removed and is having complications
from the surgery; friend of Raelissa Sikes and student at Hubbard)

***Tanner Bailey** (4th grade student at Hubbard, had a brain procedure performed,
which resulted in an infection, but is back in school now!)

***Martha Shifflet** (diagnosed with cancer; she lives across from Benny & Paula,
and she is Wade Burns' mother)

***Letha Robbins** (her test results will be given to her this Wednesday - doctors
really haven't told her much up to this point)

***Sharon Jeffery** (meds for her arthritis seem to be helping some, if they don't,
she may be facing knee-replacement surgery)

***Kayla McCauley** (Kayla leaves today for Arizona, to meet back up with her
husband who is in the military - we will miss her!)

Announcements

***Birthday:** Kit Carson (3-16-08), and Ola Lee Stuart (3-21)!

***Anniversary:** John & Linda Loe (3-16-08)!

***REMEMBER** that our Sunday PM worship service has returned to 6pm until
Daylight Saving Time ends on the 1st Sunday in November (11-2-08).

***Ladies' Bible Class** today @ 5pm. We will be starting a new book, *Harmony of
the Gospels*.

***Devotional @ Sunny Acres** is today @ 3PM

***Birthday Party @ Sunny Acres** is Wednesday @ 2 PM. Make sure you sign up
to bring a cake.

***Ladies' Night Out** - this Tuesday @ 6:30pm, in the Fellowship Hall.

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Privileged To Serve...

March 16th

Announcements & 1st Prayer.... Buddy Ray

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

Lord's Table.... Dickie Dalby, Phillip Raney, Mitchell Weeks

Scripture Readings

Communion.....Michael Gilbert (Luke 22:19-20)

Sermon..... Charles Lee (Rom. 10:17)

Prayers -- AM & PM

2nd prayer.....Alex Evans

Closing.....Craig Loe

AM Sermon: Faith Cometh By Hearing...

PM Sermon: The Future of the Church is Bright

Thank-You Note...

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Dear DeKalb Brethren,

Please accept my sincerest appreciation for the opportunity to be with you in your gospel meeting this past week. We enjoyed tremendously both the fellowship that you so graciously and abundantly extended to us and the delicious meals that were prepared each day. Your generous hospitality and also your kind comments encouraged us greatly. I thank God for you and pray that He will continue to bless you and use you mightily in His work. Please remember us in your prayers, as we will you also.

In brotherly love,
David Williams

**Highlights From
Highlighted Passages**

"For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revelings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries" (1 Pet. 4:3)

Certain subjects like social drinking stir up lively conversation! I don't know who first mentioned it, but I get the impression that a large percentage of the congregation is discussing this subject at present. Lively discussions are not wrong but, we have to remember that God wants to get in on the conversation!

Has God spoken about using alcohol for recreational purposes, specifically social drinking? Absolutely. The Bible is not hard to understand - the question is, "Am I willing to submit to God in this area?"

In our text, Peter lists three sins involving the recreational use of alcohol, "...excess of wine, revellings, banquetings...". These three sins seem to be listed in "descending" order, and the meaning of each sin is described below as simply as I can:

- 1) *excess of wine* - the point where speech is badly slurred, walking is difficult, driving is nigh impossible
- 2) *revellings* - a buzz, occasional stumbling might occur, maybe a few slurred words (think about those drinking at NFL, MLB, or NBA games)
- 3) *banquetings* - refers simply to "drinking" without regard to the amount

Of the 3, which one approves of "social drinking? That's right - neither one! In fact, the word "banqueting" forbids it!

12 Signs of a Bad Boyfriend/Girlfriend

Michael Gilbert (adapted)

Good advice on dating is precious! It is so easy to choose the wrong mate. The Lord wants His children to be happy, and a great part of that happiness is determined by the mate we choose. We have several young people in our congregation who are of dating age, or, will soon be of dating age, so, I adapted this article for you! I hope you will keep this article through your dating years, and I pray that you will find that special person who will help you go to heaven! Go home, look up the Scriptures for each point, and seriously consider what is said. Don't forget to ask God to help you choose your mate!

1. If he/she is not a Christian, look elsewhere. Marry a Christian (**Gen. 6:1-2**).
2. If your intended has nothing good to say about his/her "exes", please be cautious (**James 3:9-10**).
3. Look closely at your loved one's credit and job history. They are sure predictors of what your life will be like if you marry this person (**Rom. 13:8; Col. 3:22-23**).
4. If your family/friends have doubts about his/her character, pay close attention. God gave us parents for a reason (**Prov. 1:8-9; 11:14**).
5. Beware if the person you are dating has no friends (**Prov. 18:24**).
6. Pay attention if your "significant other" hates your friends (**Prov. 27:4**).
7. If he/she has a DUI and still drinks, run (**Eph. 5:18**).
8. If he is never wrong and never apologizes, everything will be "your fault" forever (**1 Jn. 1:8**).
9. Be sure in your heart that you can live with the person as is. You cannot change another person - only God's Word can do that (**Rom. 12:1-2**).
10. If he/she is mean to children, pets, and animals - move on (**Prov. 12:10**).
11. If your loved one is estranged from his or her parents/family, ask why (**2 Sam. 13**).
12. If he's an expert at everything and brags a lot, know that he will turn off a lot of people, eventually even you (**Prov. 8:13**).

Preaching Should Be Increased (or, Kill the Church - Downplay Preaching)

by Michael Gilbert (part 3 in a series)

A second reason Timothy was told to "*preach the word*" had to do with the *godly examples* of all the preachers that had gone before him, beginning with Paul.

In our text (2 Tim. 3:10-14), Paul was confidently "passing the torch" on to another generation of gospel preachers - he knew his time was short (2 Tim. 4:6). Timothy was just another preacher in a long line of godly preachers. Let me rephrase that - the phrase, "just another preacher" really doesn't do Timothy justice - perhaps the phrase "*man of God*" would be more appropriate, and scriptural (1 Tim. 6:11; 2 Tim. 3:17)!

Paul, being a mentor to this young "*man of God*", expressed these sentiments to him, "*But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of...*" (2 Tim. 3:14). This young preacher had "*learned*" and "*been assured of*" Paul's, "*...doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience, persecutions, and afflictions...*" (2 Tim. 3:10-11). Paul reminded the "*man of God*" that preaching would not be easy because, "*...all that will (desire, MG) to live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution*" (2 Tim. 3:12). However, with that persecution comes the Lord's help. Jesus delivered the aged gospel preacher from all his persecutions (2 Tim. 3:11), and He would surely deliver Timothy from his. During times of intense rejection of God's word, the man of God must return to "his roots". Timothy was reminded of those who taught him the Gospel (Paul, etc.), as well as his mother and grandmother when Paul wrote, "*...knowing of whom thou hast learned them; and that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures...*" (2 Tim. 3:14-15). To all those who have ever taught and/or preached, but are presently downtrodden - remember the teachers of your early years, and hang on to the Truth they instilled in you!

Paul was not Timothy's only example of a faithful preacher. We would be remiss if we neglected to mention our Master - God only had one Son, and He made Him a preacher. The forerunner of Jesus, John the Immerser, is surely a great example of godliness and courage for any young man who is just beginning his ministry. When we think of Micah's tenderheartedness and boldness (Mic. 1:8, 2:1-11), Jeremiah's determination in spite of the miry pit (Jer. 38:6), Ezekiel's fortitude and focus on God's mercy despite living among the wicked and being mocked at every turn (Ezek. 20:49; 37:12), and Daniel's stance on principals when compromise and/or "toning it down" would have kept him out of the lion's den (Dan. 6), then we begin to understand the foundation upon which Timothy was standing and the godly examples that he was to follow. What examples of *men*, and not only men, but "*men of God*"!

Timothy, preach the word because godly preachers of old have set the example for you to carry on the work of God in the midst of "*perilous times*"!