

**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 (4-06-08)

B.C. – 30
A.M. – 57
P.M. – 30
Wed. - 31
Offering – \$2,044
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

- ***Jean Jagers** (had a few bad days this past week - needs our visits & encouragement)
- ***Letha Robbins** (continues to need our prayers regarding her health - she is still not doing well)
- ***Jack Williams** (still in a lot of pain - apparently there is more pain than usual for his surgery - so he is going back to the doctor, and would appreciate a call or a visit)
- ***Juantez Calley** (has been hospitalized with chest pain and scheduled for surgery, but doctors opted not to perform it - she is home now; Sherry Ray's mother)
- ***Linda Batchelor** (recovering from very serious cancer surgery...they continue to request our fervent prayers)
- ***Andrea Rodriguez** (has been feeling bad this past week)
- *Our sympathy is extended to **the family of Linda (Brailey) Newton**, who passed away this week. She worked for the city of DeKalb, and was known in the community.
- ***Lois Burns** (hospitalized in Mt. Pleasant, she has many health problems, but the latest is the removal of colon polyps that may be cancerous; Doyle Sikes' aunt)
- ***Michael, Elizabeth, and J.M.** as they are in East TN this week. Michael will be holding a gospel meeting there.

Announcements

- ***Birthday:** Letha Robbins (4-16)!
- ***Ladies' Bible Class** will meet today @ 5pm to send out the C.A.R.E. grams.
- *The last **Bible Bowl** event for the 2007-2008 season will be tomorrow @ 7pm (be reading & studying Matt. 25 - 28). See brother Dalby - he is coordinating transportation in Michael's absence. This will be the "awards night", so it may take a little longer than usual.
- ***Birthday party @ Sunny Acres** is Wednesday @ 2pm. Sign up to bring a cake!
- ***Devotional @ Sunny Acres** will be next week (April 20 @ 3pm). If you haven't been involved in this good work before, this is a great time to get started!

Brotherhood Events(see bulletin board for flyers)

- ***Bible Bowl of Northeast Texas** - April 14th @ 7pm. (read often Matt. 25-28).
- ***Ladies Day @ Pittsburg** - April 19 @ 10 AM Registration is at 9:30 AM.
- ***Gospel Meeting @ Mt. Vernon** - April 20-23- 7 PM. David Baker will be speaking.
- ***Gospel Meeting @ New Boston** - April 20-23 - 7PM. Mike Hisaw will be speaking.

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Privileged To Serve...

April 13th

Announcements & 1st Prayer.... Dickie Dalby

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

Lord's Table.... Dwayne Jeffery, Charles Lee, Giles Feazel

Scripture Readings

Communion.....Dickie Dalby (Mark 14:22-24)

Sermon..... Charles Lee (Acts 26:16-18)

Prayers -- AM & PM

2nd prayer.....Pat Davis

Closing.....Mitchell Weeks

AM Sermon: Buddy Ray preaching

PM Sermon: Buddy Ray preaching

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**

"Strive to enter in at the strait gate:
for many, I say unto you, will seek to
enter in, and shall not be able."
(Luke 13:24)

The word strive as used by our Savior in Luke 13:24 reveals to the Christian why the lukewarm are not accepted by God. The word is defined by Thayer as "to endeavor with strenuous zeal, strive, to obtain something..." (Thayer, pg. 10) Serving God has never been easy. Abraham was told to offer his son of promise, Jeremiah was placed in prison and in a miry pit, Elijah was mocked, Moses led a rebellious people, Abel was murdered, Daniel was thrown into a den of lions, Paul was beaten severely, Jesus was crucified.

Jesus said, "Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able" (Luke 13:24). Knowing this, we should never take our responsibility to God lightly, for those who do can never enter into heaven. If we are not striving/putting forth a great effort to serve God, then we must understand that we can never enter into heaven and live with our Savior. Satan is not good company.

MSOP Lectureship 2008

by Michael Gilbert

My family and I want to express our deepest gratitude for the opportunity to attend the MSOP Lectures this year. Some preachers and their families don't get this opportunity, but you have been kind in allowing us to be gone each year for the Lectures.

The topic of this year's Lectureship was "Strengthening the Heart". Every speaker was assigned the duty of "edification" in some aspect...and everyone I met was indeed "built up" in the most holy Faith (Jude 20). Some of the sermons I listened to were "He Shall Strengthen Your Heart" (Psalm 31), "The Heart of the Preacher", "Growing Stronger in Personal Work", "The Heart that Shows Mercy", "The Heart that is Lonely", "The Heart That Grieves", and "Strengthening our Sisters in Christ".

Elizabeth was encouraged as well by the Ladies' classes. She heard such topics as, "The Heart of a Christian Mother", "A Word Fitly Spoken", "When a Loved One Goes Astray", "The Heart of Her Husband Trusts in Her", "Essentials for Strong Bible Class Teachers", and "Strengthening the Preacher's Wife". Hiring a preacher is often (though not always) an investment in a "family" more than one man...and I'm thankful that the Lectureship committee included lessons for the preachers' wives.

In September 1966, at the Getwell church of Christ (Memphis, TN), the Memphis School of Preaching was started by the beloved Roy J. Hearn. The school eventually ended up under the oversight of the Knight Arnold congregation (now Forest Hill church of Christ) and has remained under their eldership ever since. Since its inception in 1966, the school has not wavered from the belief that the Scriptures are the verbally inspired, inerrant Word of Almighty God, our Creator. This year was no different. Every speaker respected the Scriptures as being from God. Brother Keith Mosher's new book, *The Book "God-Breathed"*, was "hot off the presses". It deals with the inspiration of the Bible, which books belong in the Bible, and how we got the Bible. If you have ever wanted to study these subjects, you should consider getting this book! Brother Mosher has taught this subject for years at MSOP, and his class was perhaps the most faith-building class of all at MSOP (at least for me). Classes like this are the reason the school hasn't wavered from the Truth!

Every year I have enjoyed the Lectures, but this year seemed to be especially good. My wife's family was present - they live in Memphis, and we stay with them each year. My father, as well as my aunt & uncle were present - I'm always glad when my family gets to attend the Lectureship. And several of my classmates were present - always special to see them. It is always good to "get a spiritual shot in the arm" each year in Memphis!

Why Did He Go To The Cross?

by Bill Haywood

*"For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit"
(1 Peter 3.18)*

Why did Jesus allow Himself to be brutalized? Why did he allow the mockery and the scorn? Let's answer these two questions by asking two other questions and by allowing 1 Peter 3.18 to supply the answers.

"What did Christ do?"

The answer to our first question is *"For Christ also suffered once for sins"* (1 Peter 3.18).

The story of the cross is a story of suffering but not meaningless suffering. Jesus suffered for every human being that has or will ever live. Each person who can stand responsibly and accountably before God deserves a death sentence! (Romans 6.23). Jesus died in our place! The prophet Isaiah proclaimed, *"But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed"* (Isaiah 53.5).

"For whom did Jesus suffer?"

The answer to our second question is *"the just for the unjust"* (1 Peter 3.18).

Jesus had no sin! He was perfect in every respect. 1 Peter 2.22 (speaking of Jesus) Peter states, *"Who committed no sin, Nor was deceit found in His mouth"*. The writer of Hebrews describes Jesus as *"holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners"* (Hebrews 7.26). And Paul would proclaim, *"For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us"*. Jesus carried our load of sin to the cross! He accepted the death sentence for each of us.

This was always God's plan (Revelation 13.8; Ephesians 1.4). We would never be able to pay the price for the least of our sins. Only Jesus could pay the price for sin!

Now we must simply accept God's payment for sin on God's terms. Not my terms or your terms, BUT GOD'S TERMS!

We must believe that Jesus is who He says he is (John 8.24). We must repent of our sins (Luke 13.3,5). We must confess the name of Jesus before men (Matthew 10.32—33). We must be baptized into Jesus for the forgiveness of our sins (Mark 16.16; Acts 2.38; Acts 22.16; Romans 6.1—5; Galatians 3.27; 1 Peter 3.21). And we must be committed to faithful living (Revelation 2.10). Jesus has expressed His love for each of us at the cross. Will we express our love for Him? Jesus said, *"If you love Me, keep My commandments"* (John 14.15)