

**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 (4-20-08)
B.C. – 33
A.M. – 56
P.M. – 32
Wed. - 23
Offering – \$1,687
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** (has moved to Room #4; needs our visits & encouragement)
- ***Letha Robbins** (continues to need our prayers regarding her health, doctors still haven't diagnosed her problem)
- ***Jack Williams** (recovering at home...and is feeling much better after his latest procedure. Jack & Christine appreciate those who have called or visited.)
- ***Linda Batchelor** (recovering from very serious cancer surgery...She is at home, but has made at least one trip to the ER since coming home. Homer & Linda appreciate all the calls and visits. It is probably best to call before you visit)
- ***Johnny Gilbert** (had open heart surgery on Friday, doing well; Michael's uncle)
- ***John Loe** (still having problems with scar tissue, he is seeking a 2nd opinion and may have to undergo another surgery in the future)
- ***Dewayne Garner** (doing some better, but still recovering from a doctor's mishap as his pain pump was being refilled)
- ***Linda Mabry** (hospice has been called in to care for her; Sharon Jeffery's cousin)
- ***Claudia Burk** (not doing well, hospice has been called in; sister-in-law of Louis Garner, and Dewayne's aunt)

Announcements

- ***Birthday:** Joey Almaraz (4-29), Buddy Ray (4-29)!
- ***Anniversary:** the Dawson's (4-30)!
- ***Fellowship Meal** today after morning services.
- ***Ladies' Bible Class** will meet today @ 5pm.
- ***Buddy and Sherry Ray** are in Kirby, AR this morning. Buddy has been invited to preach every 2nd & 4th Sunday morning in Kirby.
- ***Michael and J.M.** will be traveling to Mabank this afternoon to speak on the lectureship. He will be back in town tomorrow.

Brotherhood Events(see bulletin board for flyers)

- ***Gospel Meeting @ Talco** - April 27-30, 7 PM. Bob Stapleton will be speaking.
- ***Gospel Meeting @ Blodgett** - May 4-7, 7PM. Randy Daw will be speaking.
- ***2nd Annual Young Men's Retreat @ Beaver's Bend Youth Camp #2**, sponsored by the Broken Bow church of Christ, May 16th - May 18th.

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Privileged To Serve...

April 27th

Announcements & 1st Prayer.... Dickie Dalby

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

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

Scripture Readings

Communion.....Buddy Ray (1 Cor. 11:23-29)

Sermon..... Mitchell Weeks (1 Pet. 2:21-25)

Prayers -- AM & PM

2nd prayer.....Doyle Raney

Closing.....John Loe

AM Sermon: Walking Where Jesus Walked

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**

"Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord"
(Eph. 5:19)

The Greek word *psallo* is found five times in the N.T. It is rendered by the English terms "sing" (Rom. 15:9; I Cor. 14:15; Jas 5:13), and "make melody" (Eph. 5:19). In the era of classical Greek (cir. 900 to 330 B.C.), the word was used in the sense of "to touch" or "to twang," as with a carpenter's line or bow string. During the time of the Septuagint (Greek O.T., third century B.C.), the word was employed of singing (Ps. 135:3), playing an instrument (I Sam. 16:16), or singing to the accompaniment of an instrument (Ps. 33:2) – the instrument being supplied by the context.

In the N.T., however, the word is used only in the sense of singing. If the word has reference to mechanical instruments of music (guitar, piano, banjo, etc.) in Ephesians 5:19, then: (a) one cannot not *psallo* without using the instrument; (b) since each person is to *psallo* personally, each would have to play an instrument; (c) it would have to be an instrument capable of being "plucked" (i.e., it must have strings). Perhaps this is why very few scholars in modern times are using the "psallo" argument in defense of instrumental music in Christian praise.

The N.T. does not authorize the use of mechanical instruments for Christian worship. (Jackson, 138-139)

I'm Going That Way

as sung by Ollie Gilbert

*I've heard of a land of joy an' peace
And wonderful life
A beautiful place of mansions fair
Skies ever bright
Where all who believe th Saviour dear
Forever shall stay
An' having been saved by grace divine*

*Well, glory is news I tell an' sing
As onward I go
For those who are still astray
In sin my Saviour may know
I want them to sing His praise above
Some beautiful day
For glory to Him who died for me
I'm going that way*

*I know I shall meet Him at th gate
When trials are pass't
I know I shall meet Him face to face
In glory at last
O, I believe when we meet
Well done He will say
While tusting His so redeeming love
Going that way*

CHORUS

*I'm going that way
I'm going that way
An' Jesus th Saviour I adore
He's with me each day
I'm clingin' to Him an' never to stray
Jest singin' His praises all day long
Jest singin' His praises all day long
I'm going that way*

[As sung by Ollie Gilbert, Mountain View, Arkansas on August 31, 1971 Cat. #1207 (MFH #839); words and (mis)spellings taken verbatim from <http://maxhunter.missouristate.edu/1207/index.html>]

Heaven Will Surely Be Worth It All!

by Michael Gilbert

The inspirational song, "I'm Going That Way" is one of my favorites. It helps me to keep my focus on heaven - that glorious "home of the soul" where "we never shall die". Praise God, "to Canaan's land I'm on my way"! Our beautiful psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16) have stamped images of Heaven deep on my heart - and I am grateful to those talented songwriters. I'm also indebted to the Holy Spirit for His glimpses of Heaven on the pages of Holy Writ....here are some of His "glimpses of Heaven" for your enjoyment and edification.

Heaven Is For Those Who Have Been Baptized

Jesus is coming back to take the church, His body, back to Heaven (Eph. 5:23ff). Baptism for the remission of sins is what God demands of those who would enter the church, the body of the saved (see Mk. 16:16, 1 Pet. 3:21, Mt. 28:18-20, etc.). Baptism is an act of faith in God's promise to save, and in this act of baptism God forgives our sins through Jesus' blood (Col. 2:12-13).

Heaven Is A Place Of "No-Mores"

Won't it be wonderful! No more heartache. No more tears. No more hearing those words, "you've got cancer". No more fussing and fighting. You know, heaven will be great because there will be no more death, sorrow, crying, and pain. No more atheists angrily shaking their fist in our face. No more denominational division (or church splits). There will be no more sin for, "...there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life" (Rev. 21:27).

Heaven Is A Prepared Place

Jesus asked his disciples (Jn. 14:1ff) to grasp four basic beliefs: 1) belief in God, 2) belief in Jesus as His Son, 3) belief in Jesus 2nd advent (coming) and, 4) belief in the reward of Heaven. We can grasp these 4 beliefs as well...and enter the home God has prepared for us.

"Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom *prepared for you* from the foundation of the world" (Mt. 25:34).

Heaven Is A Better Place

Abraham & Sarah, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph all hoped for a better place. It is said of the recipients of the book of Hebrews, "...ye have in heaven a better and an enduring substance" (Heb. 10:34). The same can be said of faithful baptized believers today! By faith Abraham obeyed, Sarah conceived, Abel offered and Enoch was translated. Why? Because, "these all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth" (Heb. 11:4-16).