

**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)

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**Record (5-11-08)**

B.C. - 32

A.M. - 63

P.M. - 20

Wed. - 33

Offering - \$1,692

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; Jean Jagers; DeWayne Garner; Joey Almaraz; Kellie  
Fletcher; Jane Turner

**Prayer List**

\*We extend our sympathy to the family of **Mike Nolte** who passed away last week. Mike was Mary Willis' son-in-law.

\*We extend our sympathy to the family of **Linda Mabry** who passed away last week. Linda was Sharon Jeffery's cousin.

\*We extend our sympathy to the family of **Claudia Burt** who passed away last week. Claudia was the Dewayne Garner's aunt.

\***Linda Batchelor** (her chemo treatments are very rough on her, and she needs all the prayers and support she can get).

\***Jean Jagers** (remains under hospice care, and needs our prayers and visits)

\***Ola Lee Steuart** (we haven't mentioned the bad fall she took a few weeks back, but remember her as the home-care staff continues to care for her legs)

\***Dot Swint** (continues to have various health issues, but she wants to be her so very bad... she loves to assemble with the saints, and we hope she is able to be with us real soon)

\***Jane Turner** (she hasn't been able to assemble with us for some time now, and she dearly misses it...she needs our attention as well)

\*We rarely put **our widows, widowers, and military** on the prayer list, but they need our prayers. The widows and widowers have sacrificed much so we can worship at this congregation...our military is sacrificing much for our freedom.

**Announcements**

\***Note to youth & parents:** The elders have asked our very own Micah Dawson to work with the youth this summer. Please pray for Micah as this is a "first" for him, and support him with prayers and encouragement in the task at hand!

\***Birthday:** John Loe (5-19)!

\***Bridal Shower Announcement:** "You are invited to a bridal shower honoring Jessica Jeffery, bride-elect of Brandon Canup, on Sunday, May 18, from 2-4pm in the Multi-Purpose bldg."

\***Devotional @ Sunny Acres** is today at 3 PM. Please make plans to attend.

\***Birthday Party @ Sunny Acres** is this Wednesday at 2 PM. Please sign up for a cake.

\*Everyone is cordially invited to attend the **wedding of Jessica Jeffery & Brandon Canup** on Friday, June 6 at 7pm! Congratulations Jessica! The wedding will be here at the building.

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

\*Haskell Singing School - July 6-11, 2008

\*Camp Ida begins June 8 and ends July 4 (4 sessions over 4 weeks).

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May 18, 2008

**Privileged To Serve...**

**May 18th**

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

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

**Lord's Table....** Doyle Raney, Charlie Gonzales, Phillip Raney

**Scripture Readings**

Communion.....Mitchell Weeks (Luke 22:19-20)

Sermon..... Michael Gilbert (Jn. 11:18-27, 32-45)

**Prayers -- AM & PM**

2<sup>nd</sup> prayer.....John Loe

Closing.....Giles Feazel

**AM Sermon:** Death, Dying, and Grief

**PM Sermon:** Beware of Antichrists!

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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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*"And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch"*  
(Acts 11:26)

The name "Christian" is the name given to the disciples of Christ in Antioch of Syria following the first missionary journey of Paul and Barnabas (Acts 11:26). It is an important name, and to those who wear it should be aware of their great responsibility to live up to that title.

The verb *chrematizo* ("called") in Acts 11:26 suggests a divinely given appellation. Some think that "called" also is a technical term that hints that it was a disciple's "business" to serve Christ (W.E. Vine). Herod Agrippa II, a ruler before whom Paul appeared, declared that the apostle, with forceful persuasion, was making a case for becoming a Christian (Acts 26:28). And Peter proudly contended that those who suffer for the name "Christian" should glorify God thereby (I Peter 4:16). There is no reason to believe that the early Christians adopted the name for themselves, or that the appellation was thrust upon them by their enemies. It is a tragedy that this sacred title has been replaced today by so many sectarian designations (e.g., Catholic, Lutheran, Baptist, etc.) (Jackson, 29-30)

## ***Recent Headlines That Ought To Concern Christians***

by Michael Gilbert

By now, you have seen the headlines: "California High Court Legalizes Gay Marriage". How could you miss it. The mainstream media crams it down our throat. They want us to fully accept it, and sadly, we have softened. We tolerate it now better than in 2004, when the unruly ( and wicked) San Francisco mayor, Gavin Newson, began marrying "gay couples".

I first heard about the California Supreme Court's decision to legalize "gay marriage" on the evening news. I hadn't watched the evening news for several weeks, so you can imagine the disappointment I received when this ruling by the California Supreme Court was the first thing I saw. Even so, this is just the latest in a long line of headlines that ought to concern Christians. Over the last 3-4 years, I have compiled the following list of news headlines that document the decline and fall of the United States of America. It brings me no joy to mention these things. It is an affront to a Holy God that such headlines would occupy the front pages of America's newspapers...

***"Another City Backs Gay Marriage"***

***"Congress Debates Gay Marriage"***

***"Gay Couple Married In Asbury Park"***

***"Gay Couples Are Being Wed In Oregon"***

***"Gay Marriage Sweeps The Nation"***

***"In Oregon City, Lesbians Getting Most Marriage Licenses"***

***"Kerry: Federal Government Should Recognize State-Sanctioned Same-Sex 'Marriage'"***

***"Mass. Legislature Takes Up Gay Marriage Again"***

***"Multnomah County Grants Gay Marriage Licenses"***

***"NC Parent's Angry Over Gay Children's Book"***

***"New York City Gays To Apply For Marriage Licenses"***

***"Oregon Judge OK's Gay Marriage Licenses"***

***"Quebec Court Declares Gay Marriage Legal"***

***"S.F. Mayor Slams Bush Gay Wedding Stance"***

***"Seattle Mayor To Recognize Same-Sex Marriage"***

***"Next State To Drop – Gay Marriage Heads To New Mexico"***

***"K-12 Academy Hosts 'Queer State Of The Union' "***

I realize that same-sex marriage is not the only sin of our nation, but homosexuality (including "same-sex marriage") is so grotesque, vile, and offensive to our Creator that He destroyed Sodom & Gomorrah because of it (Gen. 19). The apostle Paul wrote that God actually "gave people up" to practice homosexuality (Rom. 1:24, 26). There is nothing holy, sacred or special about being gay. It is a sin. It is dirty, and people should be ashamed of themselves when they practice it.

Only Christ and his saving blood can cleanse sinners from the filth of sin, and that cleansing only comes through fervent belief in Christ as God's Son (Heb. 11:6; Jn. 8:24, 14:6), repentance of sin in view of the coming judgment (Acts 17:30-31), confession of faith in Christ as the resurrected Son of God (Rom. 10:9-10), and baptism in water for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mk. 16:16). Upon baptism, the Lord adds us to the church we can read about in the Bible (Acts 2:47). We then must live faithful unto death (Rev. 2:10). There is no other way.

The media would have you believe that the number of gays in America is overwhelming, but in reality, the number of homosexuals are most likely less than 3% of the total U.S. population. Three percent is still too many. However, these headlines should concern us and we should fight for the truth of God on marriage and family.

In the beginning of time, God ordained marriage as the bedrock of civil society and it is worth fighting for! Are you doing your part in promoting the truth among your family, your co-workers, your neighbors, your friends? Remember Jesus' words, "Whosoever shall confess me..."? *Confessing Jesus means more than claiming to be His child...sometimes it requires us to stand up, and speak up, about what is right and wrong.*

Paul wrote,

***"For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness" (Rom. 1:18)***

Why did he write those words...

***"...because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened...for this cause God gave them up unto vile affections...men with men, working that which is unseemly" (Rom. 1:21, 26).***