

**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 (5-25-08)**

**B.C. – 28**  
**A.M. – 57**  
**P.M. – 32**  
**Wed. - 35**  
**Offering – \$1,390**  
**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**

\***Homer & Linda Batchelor** (are traveling to Houston this weekend...both of  
them have doctors appointments and request our prayers).

\***Landon Rodgers** (in Longview with a tumor on his liver; grandson of Carlos  
and Bonnie Rodgers)

\***Renae Nolte** (at home recovering from surgery, doctor said everything went  
well)

\*Our sympathy is extended to **the family of Mike Rhoden**...he was a member of  
the Hampton Rd. congregation and the 1st cousin of Buddy Ray.

\***Landon Jagers** (recovering from an injury to his foot; grandson of Jean  
Jagers)

**Announcements**

\***Birthday:** Paige Phillips (6-2), Raelissa Sikes (6-3), and Doyle Raney (6-6)!

\***Anniversary:** the McCauley's (6-1) and the Feazel's (6-6)!

\*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.

\*Attention Members! We have a request of you. We would like to teach our  
young people about service, so if you have a job inside or outside that you are  
unable to do or it's hard for you to do, grab a slip of paper from the bulletin board.  
Please fill it out and give it to Micah or the elders and the job will get done.

\*Attention Members! We have another request of you. Our young people need a  
place for devotionals on Sunday nights. If you are interested in hosting one  
please sign up on the event paper.

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

\***Gospel Meeting @ Clarksville.** June 1-4 beginning at 7PM. Ivie Powell will be  
speaking.

\***SYBSNET June 2 @ North Jefferson** in Mt. Pleasant at 7PM.

\***Vacation Bible School @ Foreman.** June 2-4 starting at 7 PM. Classes from  
Nursery to Adult.

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

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

\***MFCC Middle School Session** July 6-11.

\***MFCC Junior Session** July 13-18.

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June 1, 2008

**Privileged To Serve...**

**June 1st**

**Announcements & 1<sup>st</sup> Prayer....** John Loe

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

**Lord's Table....** Mitchell Weeks, Craig Loe, Phillip Raney

**Scripture Readings**

**Communion.....**Michael Gilbert (Matt. 26:26-28)

**Sermon.....** Mitchell Weeks (James 1:2)

**Prayers -- AM & PM**

**2<sup>nd</sup> prayer.....**Jim Reaves

**Closing.....**Doyle Raney

**AM Sermon:** Joy

**PM Sermon:** Special Presentation by World Bible School Rep.

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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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*"The law and the prophets were until  
John: since that time the kingdom of  
God is preached, and every man  
presseth into it."*

**(Luke 16:16)**

I have highlighted many passages in  
my Bible because of their importance.  
One such passage is Luke 16:16.

Understanding the difference between  
the *Old Testament* (i.e., the Law of Moses  
- Lk. 24:44) and the *New Testament* (i.e.,  
the Law of Christ - Gal. 6:2) is essential  
to understanding the Bible. It has been  
said that that the Old Testament is the  
New Testament *concealed* and the New  
Testament is the Old Testament *revealed*.  
To truly understand Christianity, one  
needs to have a basic understanding of  
both Testaments.

The table of contents in my Bible  
agrees with Luke's assessment that "the  
law and the prophets" (the Old  
Testament) were until John the Immerser  
(Lk. 3:1-6). From John's time on, the  
"kingdom of God" (otherwise known as  
the church, Matt. 16:18, Acts 2:47) was  
and is preached. Christ's law was given to  
replace the law of Moses (Heb. 9:15;  
10:9-10) and govern spiritual Israel, the  
church (Gal. 6:16; Matt. 26:28).

Since the law of Moses is no longer  
binding on Christians today, we shouldn't  
go to the Old Testament to find authority  
for our religious practices. Rather, we  
should follow Christ's law, and use  
Moses' Law simply for our learning  
(Rom. 15:4). See also Gal. 3:19, 23-27.

## ***Judgment Day Surprises***

by Michael Gilbert (part 2)

*(we continue where we left off last week - discussing the "time" of the second coming and Final Judgment")*

Unfortunately, many have misunderstood Jesus' teaching in Matthew 24. This oft studied, oft quoted chapter deals with two specific events: (1) the destruction of Jerusalem (24:4-35), and (2) Jesus' second coming (24:36-51). America's preachers have generally missed this two-fold division. For instance, Jesus' parable of the fig tree (24:29-33) is used to teach about "signs of Jesus' coming" prior to the "1,000 year reign", but Bible students realize this parable was actually Deity's warning about Jerusalem's impending judgment/destruction in A.D. 70. Although Titus sacked the city (killing many), historians have said that not a single Christian life was lost. Why, you ask? Because Jesus' early followers correctly understood His parable of the fig tree, as well as the message recorded in the first thirty-five verses of this chapter. There are a few "signs" of Jesus' coming in Matthew 24, but *every one of them refers to Jesus' coming "in judgment" upon Jerusalem via the Roman General Titus!*

**While some will be surprised at the *reality* and the *time* of the 2nd coming and Final Judgment Day, others will be surprised at the *purpose* of that Great Day.** It's safe to say that the majority of Bible believers are taught Jesus will return to the earth and set up a kingdom. Wrong! Friends, the kingdom is here on earth. It's called the church. Don't take my word for it...listen to Jesus Himself. He explained to Peter, *"...I will build my church...and I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven..."* (Matt. 16:18-19). He taught that the church and the kingdom are the same! Peter was given the keys of the church/kingdom in Acts 2 - when he was inspired by the Spirit to reveal the way to salvation through Jesus! When he preached about repentance and baptism for the remission of sins, he was using the "keys of the kingdom" (Acts 2:38)!

According to Paul, this kingdom/church will be "delivered up" to the Father immediately after the final resurrection (1 Cor. 15:23-24). There will be no "1,000 year reign" of Christ over His kingdom on the earth after the final resurrection. He is reigning over His kingdom now!

The time line is simple: (1) time, (2) end of time (occurs at Jesus' 2nd coming, followed by the resurrection, then by the Final Judgment...after which the kingdom/church will be delivered up to the Father - see 1 Thess. 4:15-16; Jn. 5:28-29, Heb. 9:27, etc.). Frankly, there will be no rapture, no tribulation period, no thousand-year reign of Christ, no single "AntiChrist" and battle of Armageddon.

Time...then, the end of time. It's so simple...but Satan wants to confuse us. And he has done a good job of it!

So...the purpose of the 2nd coming isn't to establish Jesus' kingdom on the earth, but rather, to raise the dead, judge the world and take God's children home! Because of premillennial dogma, most are surprised to hear this!

Here are a few facts about the judgment...(1) the standard is God's Word (Jn. 12:48), (2) all men will be judged by their works (2 Cor. 5:10), (3) even so, no man can ever "do enough" to earn his salvation (Eph. 2:8-9; Titus 3:5), (4) just as the blood of the passover lamb "covered" the Hebrew people, Jesus' blood "covers" the Christian during the Final Judgment and God's wrath is calmed by this "precious blood of Christ" (1 Pet. 1:18-19), (5) and as touching the purpose of this Final Judgment, men will learn "why" God is sending them to Heaven or Hell (Matt. 25:34-46).

**In our age of "second chances", some will be surprised to learn that the sentence handed down by Jesus is *final*.** The sentence delivered on the Judgment Day can not be "appealed". Therefore, the purpose of the Judgment Day is to render a "final judgment". We must be prepared. The Bible says, *"...then cometh the judgment"* (Heb. 9:27), not, *"...then cometh a judgment"*. There is no room for error...we must be covered with Jesus' blood to face the Final Judgment with confidence (1 Jn. 4:17).

**For the faithful Christian, the purpose of the Final Judgment is very desirable - to reward them for their faithfulness!** Just think...the souls under the altar will no longer have to cry *"How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?"* (Rev. 6:10). And they won't have to hear the answer *"...rest yet for a little season..."* any longer (Rev. 6:11)!

Truly, God has promised a "reward" for the faithful...*"But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him"* (Heb. 11:6). This "reward" has been described in various ways. Jesus described it as "many mansions" (Jn. 14:1-3). Paul pictured it as "a crown of righteousness" (2 Tim. 4:8). The Hebrews' writer called it a "rest" (Heb. 4:9). I personally like the apostle John's description of a place where *"...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).

Let's always remember that we don't have to be surprised about anything in regard to the Final Judgment Day...we just need to be ready!