

**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 (6-15-08)**

**B.C. – 31**

**A.M. – 61**

**P.M. – 32**

**Wed. - 41**

**Offering – \$1,542**

**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**

- \***Jerry Herron** (suffered a severed foot in a motorcycle accident and is in VA hospital in Shreveport, doctors hope to save his foot; cousin of Doyle Sikes)
- \***Dorothy Moore** (continue to remember her as she deals with the tumors that were found; Myra Reaves' sister)
- \***Doyle Sikes** (had two cancerous spots removed from his back, and doctors found out he is borderline diabetic and also anemic)
- \***Andrea Rodriguez** (will have gall bladder surgery this Tuesday in Texarkana)
- \***Homer & Linda Batchelor** (will leave tomorrow for MD Anderson)
- \***Delores Brewer** (been "under the weather" the last couple weeks)
- \***Letha Robbins** (awaiting the results of another test to see what is causing her problems)
- \***Jean Jagers** (her health continues to deteriorate and she needs our prayers and visits)

**Announcements**

- \***Birthday:** Homer Batchelor (6-27)!
- \***Anniversary:** the Salinas' (6-25) and the Williams' (6-26)!
- \*Immediately following tonight's Worship Service, everyone is invited to the Multi-Purpose bldg. for a **game night & fellowship**.
- \*Those who are attending tomorrow's SYBSNET event need to be at the building by 6pm. The youth will be traveling to Mt. Vernon and Richard Rutledge will be speaking on "Principles of Presence - What Would I Do If Jesus Was With Me?".
- \*This coming Saturday (June 28), the youth will be traveling to the **Athens Fish Hatchery** and will leave the building between 10 - 11am.
- \*Our annual trip to the **Mesquite Rodeo** is tentatively set for Friday, July 25.

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

- \***SYBSNET** June 16 @ Blodgett...the van will leave the building @ 6pm
- \***Camp Ida** will continue through July 4.
- \***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 22, 2008

**Privileged To Serve...**

**June 22nd**

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

*Song Leader (AM & PM)...Micah Dawson/Parker Turner*

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

**Scripture Readings**

*Communion.....Michael Gilbert (1 Cor. 11:23-29)*

*Sermon.....Seth Salinas (Dan. 1:17-21)*

**Prayers -- AM & PM**

*2<sup>nd</sup> prayer.....Doyle Raney*

*Closing.....Giles Feazel*

*AM Sermon: The Consequences of an Uncompromising Life*

*PM Sermon: Uncompromising Faith in the Fiery Furnace (1)*

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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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*"Therefore thus saith the Lord God; Because ye multiplied more than the nations that are round about you, and have not walked in my statutes, neither have kept my judgments, neither have done according to the judgments of the nations that are round about you..."*  
*(Ezekiel 5:7)*

As God gave the prophet Ezekiel a message to speak to the Jews in Babylon, He said that His people had "multiplied more than the nations that are round about you" (Ezek. 5:7). The word multiplied, in this context, has reference to the people's disposition. In Wilson's Old Testament Word Studies, he defines the word as "to make a noise, to rage... most critics agree that tumultuous rage against God is implied" (pg. 282). Jerusalem had been set "in the midst of the nations" by God in order that all people might know of Him. Yet, for all of His care, they forsook Him and "raged against God". They raged against Him by changing His judgments into wickedness more than the nations (Ezek. 5:7).

Even today, God's children are not immune to forsaking Him, even to the point of being worse than other peoples or nations which know not God. All the while, God's erring children may be professing to know Him, but in works they vehemently deny Him and His only begotten Son. God's children must take heed lest they fall back into sin, and begin to loving the world again.

## *The Bible Versus the Book of Mormon*

by Eric Lyons (ApologeticsPress.org)

Similar to the insecure person who hangs around the rich and famous for the sole reason of establishing himself, the Book of Mormon has attempted to make a name for itself by “cozying up to” the Bible. The very first line in the “Introduction” to the Mormons’ revered text states: “The Book of Mormon is a volume of holy scripture **comparable to the Bible.**” Even the Book of Mormon’s subtitle (“**Another** Testament of Jesus Christ”—emp. added) lends credibility to the Bible.

Obviously, the Mormons have attempted to give credence to their scripture by comparing it to the Bible. Furthermore, a crucial element of the Mormon religion found in their Article of Faith #8 says: “**We believe the Bible to be the word of God** as far as it is translated correctly; we also believe the Book of Mormon to be the word of God” (emp. added). If both the Bible and the Book of Mormon are inspired by God, then reason demands that they must never contradict one another. No book from God’s hand will contain factual mistakes because He does not make mistakes. By definition, He is omniscient and perfect in all His ways (cf. Psalm 139:1-6; 1 John 3:20). The truth is, however, they **do** contradict one another.

The Book of Mormon contains numerous passages that contradict what the Bible says. The following examples are conspicuous instances of such contradictions.

- The Book of Mormon contends that at the tower of Babel, a group of people known as the Jaredites had their **separate language** (Ether 1:34-35, emp. added). As most Bible students know, however, until God confused the languages at Babel (Genesis 11:7-9), “the whole earth was of **one** language” (Genesis 11:1, emp. added). It seems Joseph Smith mistakenly thought there were many different languages at Babel and that God confounded them while sparing the language of the Jaredites. The fact is, there was only one language and God confounded the people by creating different languages.
- Contrary to the Bible prophecy concerning the Lord’s birth in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2), and the fulfillment of that prophecy in Matthew 2:1, the Book of Mormon reads: “And behold, he (Jesus) shall be born of Mary at **Jerusalem**” (Alma 7:10, parenthetical comment and emp. added). The writer of the Book of Mormon was simply wrong.

- The Bible tells us that at the crucifixion of Jesus, darkness covered the land for three hours (Matthew 27:45; Mark 15:33; Luke 23:44). However, the Book of Mormon states three different times that there was darkness “for the space of **three days**” (Helaman 14:20,27; 3 Nephi 8:3, emp. added). Of course, this is a big difference.
- Finally, whereas the Book of Mormon has people wearing the name Christian in about 73 B.C. (Alma 46:13, 15), the Bible clearly reveals that the disciples of Christ “were called Christians **first** in Antioch” (Acts 11:26, emp. added). This was in approximately A.D. 40, and thus represents a difference of over 100 years. Which account are people to believe? After all, according to Mormons, both books are inspired.

The fact that there are numerous disagreements between the Bible and the Book of Mormon does not disparage the Bible in any way. In fact, a Bible believer would expect there to be contradictions between the two, since the Bible never gives any legitimacy to the Book of Mormon, but actually condemns it (cf. Galatians 1:6-9, Revelation 22:18-19, 2 Peter 1:3, and Jude 3).

On the other hand, the Book of Mormon easily is exposed as fiction when compared to and contrasted with the Bible, which Mormons claim is “the word of God.”

Simply put, if both the Bible and the Book of Mormon were inspired by God, then they never would contradict each other. However, since they do disagree with one another (in a number of places), the Book of Mormon is obviously a fraud, written by con men, not inspired men.

*(taken from <http://apologeticspress.org/articles/print/1777>)*

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***I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: [7] Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. [8] But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. [9] As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.***

***Galatians 1:6-9 (KJV)***