

**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 (6-22-08)

B.C. – 32

A.M. – 61

P.M. – 37

Wed. - 32

Offering – \$1,820

Wkly Bdg. - \$1,702

News & Notes

(NOTE: The extended illness/shut-in list will be reposted in next week's bulletin)

Prayer List

- ***Jean Jagers** (brethren, sister Jagers isn't doing well at all. Ronnie and Jimmy were called in last night...keep this family in your prayers)
- ***Gregory Henderson** (Gregory is having some medical problems that are baffling doctors - they think they have figured out what's wrong and have started treatments. He is the son of Paula Booth's co-worker, and she requests our earnest prayers on his behalf)
- ***Andrea Rodriguez** (Andrea had her gall bladder removed last Tuesday and all is going well so far with recovery!)
- ***Dot Swint** (she has had a lot of pain in her right arm for a while now, and don't know exactly what is causing it. Please pray for her)
- ***Linda Batchelor** (Linda received an excellent report last week...the tumors are responding to the chemo and have shrunk! She and Homer still request the prayers of the church.)
- ***Lloyd Bible** (will undergo colon cancer surgery on July 7...he is 89 years old. This is Michael's uncle.)

Announcements

- ***Birthday:** Helen Dotson (6-30)!
- ***Potluck lunch today!** Visitors and members alike are all encouraged to stay for the Potluck and afternoon service!
- *Today is the 5th Sunday, which means our Order of Services will be: Morning Worship, Potluck lunch, immediately followed by an afternoon Worship service. There is no 6pm service on the 5th Sunday.
- *The SYBSNET is @ Atlanta, TX this week. We will leave the building @ 5:30pm. Please let Micah know who is going this morning, if possible, so we can provide adequate transportation and adult supervision...thanks!
- *We know that several of the ladies are already thinking about the food preparation for the Summer Youth Series that will be held here one week from tomorrow (July 7). Just a note...there has been at least 150 people present for every SYBSNET event so far. Elizabeth Gilbert has volunteered to coordinate this. Many volunteers are needed for food preparation!
- *Micah is planning on taking a group of young people to the singing at the Bethel church of Christ in Waldo, AR on Friday, July 11. The group will leave the church building @ 4pm, and will eat dinner @ CiCi's (dutch-treat).
- *Medina Children's Home will be by sometime this week to collect the clothing donations.
- *There will be a book-signing @ Christian Herald Bookstore on July 1, from 10am - 12pm. Brother Jim McGuire (of the Walnut congregation) has written a book titled, "The Covenant of Grace", and he will "meet and greet" customers and speak about his book.

Brotherhood Events(see bulletin board for flyers)

- *SYBSNET @ Atlanta, TX. Van will leave @ 5:30pm.
- *MFCC Middle School Session July 6-11
- *Haskell Singing School - July 6-11, 2008
- *MFCC Junior Session July 13-18.

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Privileged To Serve...

June 29th

Announcements & 1st 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 (Matt. 26:26-28)

Sermon..... Michael Gilbert (Daniel 6:16-17)

Prayers -- AM & Afternoon

2nd prayer.....Buddy Ray

Closing.....Dwayne Jeffery

AM Sermon: Daniel in the Lions' Den

Afternoon Sermon: Lessons Learned from Daniel

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

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.
(Ephesians 6:10-12)

How often does Satan try to interfere with our relationship with God? Let me assure you that Satan will always try to keep us from having a close relationship with God. We must be aware of Satan's schemes at all times. Satan will always try to mess with our minds. According to this passage, Satan is not just going to get up and walk away from you. It is our duty to shove him out of the way and be a firm believer in Christ Jesus. In order to be a firm believer in Christ, we must put on the full armor of God. We as the body of Christ must strive to be strong in the Lord as verse 10 says.

God is very powerful and merciful. Jesus did not die and rise again so His church could live in poverty. Jesus died and rose again simply to redeem the lost and so that we might sit at God's right hand. He died and rose again so that we could have eternal life and stand as God's light. This wealth is found in Christ.

--Micah Dawson--

Who Nailed Jesus to the Cross?

by Mike Benson

Back in 2004, Mel Gibson produced *The Passion of the Christ*. Ironically, he didn't star in the film. He did, however, have a small, yet significant, cameo in the actual movie. Don't recall seeing him? Watch it carefully again. He's there. You don't see his face or body, but you do see one of his appendages.

Remember the scene when Jesus was being nailed to the cross? You don't see the soldier who held the hammer and drove that long nail into the Lord's flesh, but you do see the soldier's left hand. That was Gibson's hand.

Gibson said he reserved that role for himself because he wanted his audience to know that his sins made the crucifixion necessary. He said, "I'm first on line for culpability. I did it."

In truth, we all did it. We're all responsible for Calvary. Scripture says, "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23). "All have sinned." That means everybody. Our transgressions, both cumulative and individual, put the Savior on tree of Golgotha.

So, what do we do? If we've sinned, and we have (Rom. 3:10), and if sin separates us from God, and it does (Isa. 59:1-2), then what is our recourse? What do we do?

My denominational friends would say, "Nothing. There's nothing you can do, because if you do anything, you negate the grace of God." But dear reader, is that accurate? Biblical?

Turn in your New Testament to Acts 2. On the Day of Pentecost, the apostle Peter told his listeners, "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ" (v. 36; emphasis mine--mb). Like Gibson, Peter's audience had nailed Jesus to the cross. In this case, literally. Now notice how they responded, "Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, 'Men and brethren, what shall we do?' And how did the apostle respond to their sincere inquiry? He said, 'Do? My friends, there is nothing you can do. If you do anything, you negate the grace of God.' Right? Read the next verse. 'Then Peter said to them, 'Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit'" (v. 38). Repentance (Matt. 12:41; Luke 13:3) refers to change. Change requires effort, in essence, doing (Jonah 3:10) something. Baptism refers to immersion in water (Acts 8:36-39). Again, doing (Acts 22:16) something. Now pay close attention that little word "for." "Repent, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ FOR (Greek, eis) the remission of sins." For means, "in order to" obtain. Repent and be baptized in order to obtain the remission or forgiveness of sins (Mark 16:15-16).

Question...what would have happened to these believers on Pentecost had they not repented and been baptized? Obviously they would have been lost! They recognized this, and that's why two verses later we're told, "Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them" (v. 40). Now did any of these 3,000 earn or merit God's

grace simply because they obeyed Peter's command (cf. Acts 10:38)? Could any in that assembly proudly thump his breast and say, "Look what I've done to save myself?!" Of course not.

Some object, "Mike, you're confusing effort because of what Jesus did for us, and effort we exert in an attempt to merit the gift of grace." Friend, if works -- of any kind -- have absolutely no role whatsoever in our salvation, then it matters not if they are before or after. In truth, none of us can earn or merit our salvation. Period. Underline that statement. Highlight it. Catholicism says, "Earn it". Calvinism says, "You can't earn it, so do nothing". Both extremes are unscriptural. Meritorious works can't save (Eph. 2:8-9; 2 Tim. 1:9; Titus 3:5), but a dead, non-working faith (Jas. 2:17, 19) can't save either! Only through faith coupled with works (Gal. 5:6) of obedience (Acts 10:34-35; Jas. 2:14-26; Phil. 2:12) can we lay hold of the free gift of God's grace.

Read through Hebrews 11 and then consider the following questions in the context of our study: Did Noah earn his salvation when he built the ark (Heb. 11:7; cf. Gen. 6:22)? What if he had never constructed it in the first place? After the flood waters abated, could the aged Patriarch have smote his chest and say, "Look how I've saved myself?!" Was he saved before or after expressed his faith? Did Abraham earn his salvation when he obeyed God and left his home for a foreign country (Heb. 11:8; cf. Gen. 12:4)? What if he had never moved as God decreed? Did Moses earn his salvation when he kept the passover (Heb. 11:28; Exo. 12:3ff)? What if he had not slain a lamb and placed its blood on the doorposts? Was splashing blood on the door a meritorious act? Did the children of Israel earn their salvation when they passed through the Red Sea on dry ground (Heb. 11:29; Exo. 14:22)? Could one among those thousands have objected, "Hey, we can't cross over! If we do anything we'll be negating the grace of God!?" Did the children of Israel earn Jericho when they marched around the city (Heb. 11:30; cf. Josh. 6:1ff)? Jericho was a gift (Josh. 6:2; cf. 2:9, 14). If the Israelites hadn't marched around the city as God had required, would they have received the "gift?" Did Rahab merit her salvation by hiding the spies and later tying the scarlet cord in the window (Heb. 11:31; cf. Josh. 2:ff; 6:17ff)? All of these Old Testament stories illustrate without question that it's not a dead, non-working faith that saves, but a living, obedient faith. That's why the Bible says, "He who believes (a work of obedience -- John 6:28, 29) AND is baptized (a work of obedience -- Titus 3:5) will be saved" (Mark 16:16; cf. 1 Pet. 3:21).

We're all guilty. We're all culpable. We all had a part in nailing Jesus to the cross. That's the bad news. The good news is that Jehovah has enacted a gracious plan by which we can receive divine pardon. We must 1) believe that Jesus is the Christ (John 8:24), 2) repent and turn away from our sins (Acts 17:30; 26:20), 3) confess that Jesus is the Christ (Acts 8:35-38; Rom. 10:9-10), and then be immersed (Gal. 3:27; cf. Acts 8:12-13; 36, 38; 9:18; 10:47; 16:15, 33; 18:8; 1 Cor. 12:13). God has done His part. Will you do yours (1 Thess. 1:3)? "Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling" (Phil. 2:12).

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