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“Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the LORD. Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart. They also do no iniquity: they walk in his ways. Thou hast commanded us to keep thy precepts diligently. O that my ways were directed to keep thy statutes! Then shall I not be ashamed, when I have respect unto all thy commandments.”

Psalm 119:1-6

It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man. Psalm 118:8

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**GOD’S HOLY DAYS
2008**

April 19th
Lord’s Supper
(observed evening before at
Sundown)

April 20th-26th
Feast of Unleavened Bread*

June 8th
Pentecost*

September 30th
Feast of Trumpets*

October 9th
Day of Atonement*

October 14th-20th
Feast of Tabernacles*

October 21st
Last Great Day*
*begins evening before

“We will go where the Spirit of God leads, and teach the Good News of the coming Kingdom of God.”

MINISTRIES

“And God said unto Moses, **I AM THAT I AM:** and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, **I AM** hath sent me unto you. And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, **The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this is my name for ever, and this is my memorial unto all generations.**”

Exodus 3:14-15 KJV

THE COMMANDMENTS OF GOD

Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; And showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain: for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work. But the seventh day is the Sabbath to the Lord thy God; in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates:

For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it.

Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

Thou shalt not kill.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Thou shalt not steal.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor’s house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor’s wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbor’s.

Exodus 20:3-17

Kansas City Church of God Ministries

Speakers Schedule AUGUST 2008

AUGUST

*We are planning to celebrate Pentecost weekend
with our brethren in Bolivar.*

Aug. 2nd - Sabbath Service, 11 A.M.

God's Word presented by Stephen Hicks

Henry County Library

Friends Room

123 E. Green St.

Clinton, Mo. 64735

Located at Third St. & Green St

Library Phone: 660-885-2612

Aug. 9th- Sabbath Service, 1:30 P.M.

God's Word presented by Stephen Hicks

Topeka and Shawnee County

Public Library, 2nd floor

1515 SW 10th Ave.

Topeka, Kansas 66604-1374

785-580-4495

Aug. 16th - Sabbath Service, 11:00A.M.

God's Word presented by Stephen Hicks

Optimist Building

109 N. Lexington St.

Harrisonville, Mo. 64701

816-380-7821

Times, Locations & Speakers are subject to change.

Aug. 23rd - Sabbath Service, 11 A.M.

God's Word presented by Stephen Hicks

Optimist Building

109 N. Lexington St.

Harrisonville, Mo. 64701

816-380-7821

Aug. 30th - Sabbath Service, 11 A.M.

God's Word presented by Stephen Hicks

Historic Reno Church

201 W. Washington St.

Tonganoxie, KS.66086

Sabbath School 10 A.M.

Potluck after Service

*******If you haven't done it, then it's time to
start making plans for the upcoming Fall Holy
Days. (See the cover page for dates.)**

***Our plans right now are to hold the
Feast of Trumpets and Day of Atonement in
Harrisonville, Mo. this year.***

***We will be keeping the Feast of Tabernacles &
Last Great Day at the:***

BEST WESTERN - BRANSON INN

& CONFERENCE CENTER

8514 STATE HWY 76

BRANSON WEST, MO 65737

417-338-2141

**We will have more Feast info in next months
newsletter.**

**For directions to any of these locations call the
numbers listed, call 816-380-7821, or if you have
internet access you can get directions at:**

www.mapquest.com

"OUR COMMISSION"- *"Go ye therefore, and teach
all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: Teaching them
to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded
you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end
of the world. Amen." Matthew 28: 19,20*

Commentary by Tom Shadoin

Conspiracy Theories

As the scattering and splintering of God's church has continued, I have been saddened and shocked to sometimes see, within some of these groups, a number of "conspiracy theories" come to the fore. Sadder still, is that some of these ideas are being promoted by the PASTORS of these groups. And not necessarily by "rookie" pastors either. A few of these men have histories in God's church that go back several decades. Still and again, some of the wackier ideas are held and promoted just by members.

We are warned by God's word that in the latter days many will SEEK after those who peddle these off the wall ideas and that we are to turn away from them and to follow only the truth of God being preached from His Word in 2 Timothy 4:2-4:

(2) Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with all long suffering and doctrine.

(3) For the time will come, when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;

(4) And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

In case some of you have not heard these rather colorful beliefs, let me give some examples. More than one "teacher" professes to be the one and only that God is working through on this earth. Unless you agree with this you cannot attend the group. Everyone who disagrees is conspiring to work against not only these self-proclaimed "leaders," but in fact supposedly against God too. Another adds to that that he is a "prophet," even THAT prophet referred to in scripture. Brethren it seems to me that this is very close to blasphemy. And the paranoia that pervades the followers in these groups is appalling.

Another idea is promoted (in and OUT of the church) that a group of billionaire bankers in Europe control the world's economy and the rest of us are just pawns in their game. Two things about this idea, other than the fact that it isn't true, especially disturb me. One is that the family names in this group seem to be only Jewish and so this reminds me of some, in the world, who believe Jews are conniving powerful folks who have the money and power to conspire to control so much of the world. One advocate, in the past, of this Anti-Semitic idea was none other than Adolph Hitler. We see where his beliefs led the world.

Something else that disturbs me about this "teaching" is that supposedly the world's ills are not caused by us collectively but by forces beyond our control. That is by these powerful men I mentioned above. Therefore it seems to follow that we have nothing to repent of. No sins causing the world's ills. We're just victims, helpless pawns. Such nonsense! The Bible says so too by pointing the finger where it really belongs. (Romans 3:23)

Make no mistake about it brethren, we are called upon to be a light in a quickly darkening world. (Matthew 5:14) And by advancing unfounded ideas to those who ask us to give an answer for the hope that lies within us, we can be blowing a golden opportunity. (1 Peter 3:15) We can obscure the wonderful truth of God in a smokescreen of nonsensical conspiratorial ideas and theories. Our answers always need to be SCRIPTURE based. (Matthew 4:4; 2 Timothy 3:16-17). If we do not speak according to the word we are showing that in fact there is no light in us. (Isaiah 8:20). Or at best that that light is shrouded. Regretably some in the churches who promote non scriptural "theories" have, it seems to me, made those ideas seem to be EQUAL to doctrine. In other words, you have to accept their ideas to be "in" with their group. This would seem to be ADDING to the clear scriptures of the Bible, something God warns us not to do:

Rev. 22:18-19:

(18) "For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:

(19) And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book."

More trouble can come, it seems to me, from those who listen to the so-called "conservative" gurus. These folks see conspiracies lurking around every corner. They seem to preach a blend of (Continued on Page9)



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*As for
me
and
my
house,
we will
serve
the
Lord.*

HISTORY OF THE JEWS, PART 4 (From Holocaust to Present)

Many of us have heard bits and pieces of Jewish history, but often times there are gaps in what we have come to understand. As I began to study on this subject I found that there were gaps in my understanding of the Holocaust and what events have brought the Jews to where they are today and what has kept them in a constant state of alert. Even today, the state of Israel remains on alert, wondering when things will explode again, launching them into another battle for the Promised Land.

If you missed Parts 1 through 3, and would like to read them, you can read it online at: www.kansascitychurchofgod.org or you can order a copy by calling me at 816-380-7821. You can also write to us at: K.C. Church of God Ministries, P. O. Box 909, Harrisonville, MO. 64701-0909.

Between 1941 and 1943, Hitler deployed what were known as “action groups” or “Einsatzgruppen” in Poland and the Soviet Union. These groups were under the command of Reinhard Heydrich, who was chief of the Nazi Security Service, or SD. Heydrich took all of his orders directly from Himmler, who in turn received his orders directly from Hitler.

These action groups were nothing more than mobile killing units organized into four battalions (A,B,C & D), consisting of approximately 3,000 men. These men were generally high-ranking officers in the SS, Gestapo, and police.

Many of these murderers were men of intellect and were professionals like lawyers, architects, economists, and other well-educated men. Otto Ohlendorf,

Who was the commander of Battalion D, held three degrees, including one in jurisprudence. One of the commanders of Battalion C was Ernst Biberstein, a Protestant pastor and church official.

In May of 1941, the battalions began their training, and then two months later received their orders to follow the advancing German army into the Soviet Union and kill all the Communist officials and Jews they could find.

The German army would secure a city, town, or village followed by the Einsatzgruppen rounding up all the Jews and telling them they were being transported for resettlement.

The Jews were then transported by trucks to a site where they were ordered to dig trenches or pits. The men, women, and children were ordered to strip, then they were taken in small groups to the pits and trenches.

Some of the following information is a bit graphic, but needs to be included in order for the reader to get the full picture of the atrocities that took place upon the Jewish people, and to get a full understanding of the evil that can possess the minds of those under a satanic influence. We have to keep in mind as we read that Satan wants to destroy all of God's people, and will use anyone, or anything he can to do it.

The number of Jews killed per city was between several hundred to many thousands depending on how many Jews were in each area. The largest massacre took place at Babi Yar near Kiev, Ukraine, where 34,000 Jews were murdered.

The Germans became very efficient at filling the pits. They used what we know as “sardine packing.” They would make the first group lay down in the bottom of the pit, stretched out, side by side, then they would shoot them. The second group would be ordered to lay down on the fresh corpses with their heads on the feet of those below. The third group would reverse this position, and so on and so on until the pit was full. They would then push the dirt back over them.

Small children and babies were subject to what the Germans called their special treatment. Toddlers were frequently tossed into the air, shot while in free-fall, and then allowed to land in the pit. At other times, the killers preferred not to waste ammunition on them, so they would smash the small heads with a rifle, or the butt of a gun.

Generally, each massacre was completed within two or three days, and meticulous records were kept indicating the number of (Continued on Page 6)



FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE BIBLE STUDY

NEW TIME - Study begins at 8 P.M.

Join us by calling: 1-304-848-6940

**When the recording begins enter:
1699932**

*(The study is approximately 30 minutes long
and is a toll call unless you have unlimited long
distance, or call from your cell phone.)*

Study Hosts: Stephen Hicks & Tom Shadoin

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Everyone's Welcome.

*“But go rather to the lost sheep of Israel.
And as ye go, preach, saying,
The kingdom of heaven is at hand.
Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the
dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received,
freely give. Provide neither gold, nor silver,
nor brass in your purses, nor scrip for your
journey, neither two coats, neither shoes,
nor yet staves: for the workman is worthy of
his meat.” Matthew 10:6-10 KJV*

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**Church of God Ministries
Heber Springs, AR**

Local Services

Saturday, August 2nd, 1PM

Saturday, August 9th, 1PM

Saturday, August 16th, 1PM

Saturday, August 23rd, 1PM

Saturday, August 30th, 1PM



**Hosts: Don & Charlene Mayfield
(501) 362-3672**

(HISTORY, Continued from Page 4.) dead. Over one and a half million Jews, men, women, and children, were killed by the Einsatzgruppen.

Now we can't throw all of our focus on the Germans for these atrocities. They couldn't have carried all of this out in the short time that it took without a lot of help and support from others.

They received enthusiastic help from the German regular army, Hungarian and Romanian soldiers, and local collaborators, particularly Ukrainians, Lithuanians, and Moldavians. In other words, many thousands of perpetrators of different nationalities, ranging from peasants to brilliant jurists, eagerly participated in the shooting of 1.5 million Jews, one by one, with an average daily death rate of 2,500.

Due to a concern that it was having a negative psychological effect on the German soldiers, in 1943, the Nazis abandoned this method of killing the Jews. Even though the troops involved were given an unlimited supply of schnapps to drink, many were still having a difficult time sleeping.

The Final Solution to the Jewish question was adopted on January 20, 1942, during a secret meeting, which included representatives of the SS, the Gestapo, and the government ministries. This meeting took place in Berlin, and has gone down in history as the Wannsee Conference, named after the street where the meeting was held. All records of the meeting were ordered to be destroyed, by Reinhard Heydrich, but later one surviving copy was found to still (Continued on Page 10)

JUST FOR FUN!

The following trivia questions will be a mix of easy, fairly easy, hard, which may or may not be challenging. Please don't be discouraged if you don't know some of the answers, just challenge yourself to learn. All answers will be published in the next month's newsletter.

1. Bethlehem (Luke 2: 4)
2. Paul the apostle (Acts 18:1-3)
3. Fear of the Lord (Proverbs 1:7)
4. Psalms 119
5. Agrippa (Acts 26:28)
6. O grave, where is thy victory? (1 Corinthians 15:55)
7. John (John 1:1)
8. Uriah (2 Samuel 11:2 -17)
9. Isaiah (Isaiah 7:14)
10. James and John (Mark 3:17)
11. Forty years (Exodus 16:35)
12. Six (Matthew 2:11; Matthew 27:56; John 11:1,2 ; John 19:25; and Romans 16:6)
13. Joshua (Joshua 1:6,9)
14. Herod-Agrippa the first (Acts 12:21-23)
15. Ethiopian (Numbers 12:1)
16. Abraham and Lot (Genesis 18:1-22; 19:1-22)
17. Job (Job 1:14-19)
18. Elisha (2 kings 2:20-22)
19. Decapolis (Matthew 4:25)

1. Jesus was arrested in_____.
2. The wise man built his house on _____ and the foolish man built his house on_____.
3. "I am _____ and _____, the beginning and the end."
4. Name the fruit of the spirit.
5. What was the name of the first woman judge in Israel?
6. To whom was the following statement made? " Take nothing for your journey, neither slaves, nor scrip, neither bread, neither money; neither have two coats apiece."
7. Name the man who kept some of the spoils after the battle of Jericho and brought punishment to Israel.
8. The man called Gehazi was a : A. Prophet B. Servant C. King_ D. Lawyer E. Wicked Priest
9. What was Lot's relationship with Abraham?
10. Apollos was a : A. King B. God C. Learned Jew D. Maker of tents
11. Who was the individual who watched over Baby Moses while he floated in the bul-rushes?
12. What was the name of the mother who made a little coat for her son every year?
13. The name of David's first wife was _____.
14. In what book of the Bible do you find the following words: " As a jewel of gold in a swine's snout..." ?
15. " The Lord hath made all things for himself: yea , even the wicked for _____."
16. People will be thrown into the lake of fire because_____.
17. When Paul was shipwrecked on the island of Melita, he stayed with the chief man the island. Who was this man?
18. What Bible personality was called a half- baked pancake?
19. Who said, " Eli, Eli, Lama sabachthani" and what does it mean?

Pecan Pie Muffins

- 1 Cup packed brown sugar
- 1/2 Cup flour
- 1 Cup chopped Pecans
- 2/3 Cup real butter, melted (No substitutes)
- 2 Eggs, beaten

In a bowl, mix brown sugar, flour and pecans; set aside. Combine melted butter and eggs; mix well. Stir into flour mixture just until moistened. Fill greased and floured miniature muffin cups two-thirds full (do not use larger muffin pan.) Bake at 350 degrees for 18 minutes. Remove immediately to cool.



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THE KANSAS CITY
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IN **COLOR** ON THE WEBSITE.

The Live Friday Night Bible Studies are now available to download, or listen to online. We will continue to add new ones as we complete them, so keep checking the site. You can find them at the KC website by clicking on the link to the KC page, then click the link to the audio bible studies.

**LISTEN TO AND DOWNLOAD
AUDIO SERMONS**

THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

We will begin listing all requests for one month unless there is a reason to keep them on longer. Please write down the prayer requests each month, or cut this page out to use as a reference. It is very important that we are kept informed of the progress of the people put on this list. If we have removed someone's name by mistake, please let us know and we will put them back on the list.

1. Pray that God will continue to bless His flocks.
2. Pray for all of God's ministers.
3. Dale Murphy. He's going through chemo therapy right now and it leaves him feeling weak.
4. Deanna White. Pray that whatever is causing her to loose sleep will cease.
5. David Easton. Is still recovering from a stroke and struggling with his business. He is fighting depression over all of this.
6. Marlene Brown. Still having back problems.
7. Alan & Cathy Perry & family. Need prayer for several health issues.
8. Lori Harvey. She is having more tests run to find out exactly what they need to do for her ovaries.
9. Norman Curran. He has had two successful surgeries on the arteries in his neck, and had prostate surgery on the 29th of July. Pray for quick healing and strength. Pray for strength for him and pray for his wife Helen.
10. Chris Riat. Has breast cancer. Last update says she wasn't doing well as she is going through chemo treatments.
11. Teresa Hicks. Got notified that her department at Sprint may have more cuts, or it may be dissolved. More layoffs are going to happen between now and the end of the year.
12. Leland Strommen. Has cancer throughout his body.
13. Alice Strommen. Has several health issues, one being with her heart.
14. Stephen Hicks. Left knee is swollen up and is hard to walk on. I am unsure of what I have done to it.
15. Noble Curran just went through a successful surgery. Pray for his continued healing.

"Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective." James 5:16

"Thank You for Your Prayers!"

Praises to God.

If God has answered your prayers, let us know so we can give God praise.

(Commentary, continued from Page 3) conservatism with their brand of some apparently "Christian" ideas. God, it seems they would have us believe, looks favorably only on those in ONE American political party. The idea that folks within this party are sinners just like the rest of us does not seem to occur to them.

One acid-tongued radio talk show host makes fun of those he opposes, many of whom are in high government positions. All of those leaders are of course in the OTHER political party which the commentator has so much contempt for. Brethren we should never make fun of anyone, including our enemies, and especially we should not do so with government officials. (Acts 23:5; Titus 3:2; 2 Peter 2:10). We are told to PRAY for them. (1 Tim. 2:1-2). Like yourselves, I am well aware of their shortcomings and sins but we are COMMANDED not to speak ill of them and are reminded of WHO puts them in power in the first place, namely God. (Romans. 13: 1-2).

It seems to me that these commentators, including one in particular, should not even be part of our radio listening. The sarcasm and negativity, it seems to me, can influence our attitudes and make us as negative as they are. One last thing, I noted years ago when I DID listen to one of these speakers. I was disappointed to hear this radio "host", whom I alluded to earlier, blow a golden opportunity to speak up on a certain issue, in this case, same sex marriage. He was so mealy mouthed in his response that he took no firm stand on it at all. This, despite the fact that he alleges, he has talent on loan from God. That day in particular, when he wimped out on that particular issue, I saw NO talent, loaned or otherwise, from God.

We are to be in the world brethren but not of it. (John 17:16). And we are to rely totally on God and His wonderful word. God's perfect Word does not need our help in the form of added "conspiracy theories" or other ideas which are NOT in God's Word and in fact not a part of His teaching. And they should definitely not be coming from any pulpit. We need, as Paul said, to proclaim the WHOLE counsel of God and not teach our own ideas or ideas of others. (Acts 20:27). God's and His Word only are able to supply all our needs. One day the knowledge of His Word will cover the earth as waters cover the sea. (Isaiah 11:9). God speed that day! END

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Where Jerky Comes From

**Be careful where you get your
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Something to Laugh About

Don't Ostriches do this too?



Prairie Dog Watching...A Popular Tourist Activity Out West

(History of the Jews, continued from Page 6) be in existence. Under the leadership of Reinhard Heydrich, those assembled all agreed that all Jews should be killed and that this should be accomplished at specific sites.

This whole meeting was already foreshadowed many years earlier by the publication of “Mein Kampf,” and Hitler’s rise to power. The decisions made at the Wansee Conference were nothing more than the reaching of a consensus, because the Einsatzgruppen had already begun its bloody work during the previous year.

Records show that in June 1941, Hitler instructed Himmler to establish extermination camps in fixed centers and that Himmler had told Rudolf Hoss, the commandant at Auschwitz, to enlarge his labor camp so that it could also be deployed for killing.

On July 31, 1941, Reinhard Heydrich, the head of the SD, told Adolf Eichmann, the man responsible for the administration of the extermination of the Jews, that he had just met with Himmler and was informed that Hitler had ordered the physical annihilation of the Jews.

All six death camps were built in Poland. The concentration camps served several different purposes. Some were transition points that held people en route to the death camps. Others were labor camps, using the laborers to produce goods used for the war. Tens of thousands of Jews died in these transit and labor camps, while many more would die in the death camps. These death camps were located in Belzec, Sobibor, Majdanek, Treblinka, Auschwitz-Birkenau, and Chelmno.

The first one to open was Chelmno, near Lodz. Between 150,00 and 340,000 Jews were gassed in mobile vans between 1941 and 1943 when the camp was closed. The second camp was Belzec, where 600,000 Jews were killed by carbon-monoxide poisoning between 1942-1943. 250,000 Jews died in Sobibor between 1942 and 1943. During the year that Majdanek was functioning, 170,000 Jews were gassed. At Treblinka, 800,000 Jews were gassed between 1942 and 1943.

Next month we will continue with History of the Jews and will discuss the largest and most infamous of the death camps, Auschwitz-Birkenau.

To be Continued Next Month.

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