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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.”

“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

**MINISTRIES**

# Kansas City Church of God Ministries

## Speakers Schedule SEPTEMBER 2008

### Sept. 6th - Sabbath Service, 11 A.M.

God's Word presented by Stephen Hicks  
**Optimist Building**  
109 N. Lexington St.  
Harrisonville, Mo. 64701  
816-380-7821

### Sept. 13th- 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.  
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### Sept. 20th - Sabbath Service, 11 A.M.

God's Word presented by Stephen Hicks  
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Times, Locations & Speakers are subject to change.  
All changes will be posted on the K.C. website, or  
you can check with Stephen at 816-380-7821.

**"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

### Sept. 27th - Sabbath Service, 11 A.M.

God's Word presented by Stephen Hicks  
**Optimist Building**  
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### Sept. 30th - FEAST OF TRUMPETS Service, 11 A.M.

God's Word presented by Stephen Hicks  
**Optimist Building**  
109 N. Lexington St.  
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816-380-7821  
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 Front page for dates.)**

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**See Page 5 for more Feast accommodations:**

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## Commentary by Tom Shadoin

### Predestination

One of the most misunderstood doctrines taught from the Bible is that of predestination. Stated simply it is the belief held by much of the Protestant world that human beings are "predestined" from birth- or even BEFORE birth- to be consigned to either being "saved" or "lost". And nothing, or so the belief goes, can be done to change the final destiny of each human being. As I said before, many of the Protestant denominations believe this teaching, or a variation on it, and that included some of their founders, including Calvin and Luther.

The scriptures that are mainly relied on for this wrongful teaching are, first of all, Ephesians 1:4-5, 11:

(4) According as he [Christ] hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

(5) Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

(11) In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:

Its noteworthy that, although the teaching in this world is that some are predestined to be saved OR lost, nowhere in these passages is anything said about being LOST, only about being saved. Now let's look at the other major area where the teachings about predestination are drawn from, in Romans 8:29, 30:

(29) For whom he [God] did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn amongst many brethren.

(30) Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

Again, nothing is there about anyone being born for the purpose of being lost, only saved. And what DOES Almighty God say, anyways, about His desires for us, His children? We must take His Word as a whole in finding out. Let's let Him speak to us through His Word, in 2 Peter 3:9:

"The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."

And further, on the same subject 1 Timothy 2:3-4:

(3) For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour;

(4) Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

And let's also look at Romans 11:25, 26:

(25) For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in.

(26) And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion [Zion] the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:

Unfortunately verse 26 is not a good translation, and it would be better rendered, "Israel as a whole shall be saved." So what we're looking at here is a great Master Plan of God's where not everyone is being called NOW but will be at a later date. We who ARE being called now are a kind of firstfruits (James 1:18, Romans 8:23) and we and the other called out ones are NOW being predestined to be saved.

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*As for  
me  
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we will  
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## HISTORY OF THE JEWS, PART 5 (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 4, and would like to read them, you can read it online at: [www.kansascitychurchofgod.org](http://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.

One of the largest and most infamous death camps built was Auschwitz-Birkenau. This camp expanded its operations in early 1944, and continued its grisly work through November 1944. Most of the other death camps victims were mainly Jews from Eastern Europe, but Auschwitz became the graveyard of hundreds of thousands of Jews from Western Europe as well. In fact, the total number of Jewish victims, in this camp, was estimated to be one million.

During the height of Auschwitz-Birkenau's operation, they used a total of four gas chambers, killing over 8,000 Jews a day, using a gas known as Zyklon B, or better known as hydrogen cyanide).

**I would like to pause here for a moment and share with you some information that I found while**

while searching for answers to the question, "What is Hydrogen Cyanide?"

We have all probably seen movies about spies and it seems that when they get caught with no chance of escape they take a small capsule out and swallow it and within a few seconds they are dead. Well, I always accepted cyanide as just that, a poison.

In my search for answers to what it really was, I was very surprised out how common Cyanide really is and how much it is actually used within our society and even in the insect world.

Cyanide is a fast-acting, potentially deadly chemical that prevents the cells of the body from using oxygen properly. When this happens, the cells die. Cyanide is released from natural substances found in some foods, such as apple seeds and peach pits, and in certain plants. Cyanide is in cigarette smoke and the substances released when materials, such as plastic, or wood burn. (This is the cause of some of the burn and the difficulty breathing when we are subjected to a lot of smoke.

While no one would willingly breathe hydrogen cyanide into their lungs, smokers do it multiple times with every cigarette they inhale. And because hydrogen cyanide is present in secondhand smoke, nonsmokers are also at risk of breathing in this poison when they are exposed to cigarette smoke. Smoking cigarettes is probably one of the biggest sources of cyanide exposure for people who do not work in cyanide-related industries.

Cyanide is also used to make paper, textiles and plastics. It is in the chemicals used to develop photographs. Cyanide gas is used to kill pests on ships and in buildings. So, as you can see, Cyanide has many uses.

Cyanide is used in liquid form for tempering steel, dyeing, explosives, engraving, the production of acrylic resin plastic, and other organic chemical products (eg: historically: formic acid). Hydrogen Cyanide is also being used for capital punishment in gas chambers in six states.

God even gave some millipedes the ability to release hydrogen cyanide as a defense mechanism, as do certain insects such as some burnet moths.

Hydrogen cyanide is even contained in the exhaust of vehicles.

**Please note: Just because you come into contact with hydrogen cyanide, does not mean you will get sick, or die from it. It takes a large amount to have an effect on the human body. As we've seen**  
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the area, it is very important that you make  
your reservations as soon as possible, so that  
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are suitable for you and/or your family.**



## FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE BIBLE STUDY

**NEW TIME - Study begins at 8 P.M.**

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**When the recording begins enter:  
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and is a toll call unless you have unlimited long  
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**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, September 6th, 11 A.M.

Saturday, Sept. 13th, 11 A.M.

Saturday, Sept. 20th, 11 A.M.

Saturday, Sept. 27th, 11A.M.

**Feast of Trumpets, Tuesday,  
Sept. 30th, 11 A.M.**



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

(HISTORY, Continued from Page 4.) from this information, Cyanide can exist in different forms.

One form is hydrogen cyanide, which is a colorless gas. It has a “bitter almond” smell and an odor that may not be easily recognized.

Hydrogen cyanide can be used to purify water, because it affects the respiration of the bacteria and other germs in the water.

An HCN concentration of 300 mg/m3 in air will kill a human within a few minutes. The toxicity is caused by the cyanide ion, which prevents cellular respiration. This is how the Germans used it to exterminate millions of Jews in the death camps. They would have the people strip and then march them into a large building which had been equipped with pipes and sprayer outlets. Once they had the people packed inside, they would seal the doors and pump in the Zyklon B gas, or Hydrogen cyanide. Within minutes everyone within the room had suffocated and died.

The Germans ran into a big problem though. Disposing of millions of bodies was no easy task. They created special units of prisoners that were called, “Sonderkommandos, who would remove all of the bodies from the gas chambers and cremate them. In many of the death camps, this was the only way some survived by joining these commando units.

When the war was over and the world became aware of these death camps, the German citizenry expressed (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. The Garden of Gethsemane (Matthew 26:36)
2. Rock, sand (Matthew 7:24-27)
3. Alpha and Omega (Revelations 1:8)
4. Love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance (Galatians 5:22,23)
5. Deborah (Judges 4:4)
6. The twelve disciples (Luke 9:1-3)
7. Achan (Joshua 7:1)
8. B. servant (2 Kings 4:12)
9. His Nephew (Genesis)
10. C. Learned Jew (Acts 18:24)
11. His sister (Exodus 2:4)
12. Hannah (1 Samuel 1:20:2:18,19)
13. Michal (1 Samuel 18:27)
14. Proverbs (Proverbs 11:22)
15. The day of evil (Proverbs 16:4)
16. Their names are not written in the Book of Life (Revelation 20:15)
17. Publius (Acts 28:1,7)
18. Ephraim "Ephraim is a cake not turned" (Hosea 7:8)
19. Jesus, and it means "My God, My God, who hast thou forsaken me?" (Matthew 27:46)

1. "Follow me and I will make you \_\_\_\_\_."
2. Who was Andrew's brother?
3. Who was the man who said, "Every kind of beasts, and of birds...hath been tamed by mankind"?
4. "Pray without \_\_\_\_\_."
5. What is the first lie to be recorded in the Bible?
6. What was the name of the prophet who was very hairy and wore a leather belt?
7. What was the name of the man who owned a seamless coat?
8. How many days was Saul blind while in Damascus?
9. What was the name of the couple who died because they lied to the Holy Spirit?
10. What was the name of the father who was struck dumb, because of unbelief, until his son was born?
11. What women in the Bible tried to seduce a handsome slave?
12. Who owned dishes that were pure Gold?
13. There was a certain group of men who could not wear garments that would cause them to sweat. Who were these men?
14. After Paul's shipwreck he swam to the island of \_\_\_\_\_?
15. What was the name of the wife of Lapidoth and what is she famous for?
16. Who committed suicide by hanging himself?
17. What was the name of the secretary of Paul the apostle who wrote the book of Romans for Paul?
18. When the seventh seal was opened in the book of Revelation, there was a silence in Heaven for: A. a minute B. a half hour C. an hour D. a day E. a month F. a half year G. a year
19. Who fell asleep during a sermon and died as a result?

## Garlic Cheese Biscuits

- 3 Tablespoons butter, melted
- 1/4 teaspoon celery seed
- 2 Cloves garlic, minced
- 12 oz. can refrigerated biscuits
- 2 Tablespoons Parmesan cheese

Coat bottom of a 9-inch pie pan with butter. Add celery seed and garlic. Slice each biscuit into quarters; arrange on top of butter mixture.

Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese and bake at 425 degrees for 12 to 15 minutes. Invert on plate before serving.



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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.

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## THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

*We will list all requests for one month unless we are notified to keep them on longer. Please write down the prayer requests each month, or cut this page out to use as a reference. 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 & family difficulties.
8. Chris Riat. Has breast cancer. She is going through treatments but the cancer seems to be in remission.
9. Teresa Hicks. Sprint is saying they will have more layoffs between now and the end of the year.
10. Leland Strommen. Has cancer throughout his body. Hospice has been called in to help with pain.
11. Alice Strommen. Has several health issues, one being with her heart. Pray for strength for her also.
12. Jeana Booth. Having lots of back pain.
13. John Booth. Pray that God will help him find work.
14. Walter & Deanna White's grandson, Alex, has an ear infection that is making him sick.
15. Jerome Ortvals, Teresa's dad just had a pacemaker put in and He is in early stages of Ahlziemer's and needs our prayers.
16. Tom Shadoin suffers from allergies to ragweed, pray that God will protect him from it.
17. Sharon Lynam. Is having troubles with her diabetes.

*"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.*

1. Noble Curran at last report was doing well, and knows that God is healing him.
2. Norm Curran at last report was at home, was doing much better, and said that he felt God healing him.

Please continue to pray for both of these individuals and thank God for their healing.

**(Commentary, continued from Page 3)**

That is, it is NOW God's time for us to be given our opportunity. That doesn't guarantee our salvation but God is PREDESTINING us to succeed. Later everyone including those who died not having their opportunity will have their chance.

Probably the best analogy I ever heard about this design of God's is to picture salvation as a train trip. God calls us- puts us on the train- and does everything He can to assure we will reach the destination, HIS destination. We, however, still have free choice or free will. We can decide to get OFF the train and thus never reach the destination, that of course being the destination to be saved and transformed into spirit beings. (Job 14:14).

Brethren many of the mainline churches would consider what we teach to be heresy. It isn't and what GOOD news it is! And how much BETTER then the dismal teaching of predestination that they believe.

One of the verses that adds to the confusion in this area is 2 Corinthians 6:2:

(2) (For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succored thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold now is the day of salvation.

This verse is a quotation of Isaiah 49:8. But, in the original Greek and Hebrew the personal article "the" does not occur. So both verses SHOULD read that "now is A day of salvation." In other words this is not the only day to have an opportunity to be called by God- predestined if you will- and to be saved. Again, more GOOD news.

For many of us, who have walked with God for a number of years, it boggles the mind that some believe our beloved Saviour would deliberately create many of us PREPLANNING our destruction. Now we know how misguided those who teach such a thing are. Almighty God has planned for all of us ever born a very BRIGHT FUTURE! How we should look forward to it. We read about it in 1 Corinthians 2:9:

(9) But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

God speed that wonderful day!

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## **The Fall Feasts of God (Leviticus 23:)**

***"Make plans to attend somewhere."***

### **Feast of Trumpets & Atonement**

<sup>23</sup>And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, <sup>24</sup>Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, In the seventh month, in the first *day* of the month, shall ye have a sabbath, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, an holy convocation. <sup>25</sup>Ye shall do no servile work *therein*: but ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD. <sup>26</sup>And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, <sup>27</sup>Also on the tenth *day* of this seventh month *there shall be* a day of atonement: it shall be an holy convocation unto you; and ye shall afflict your souls, and offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

### **Feast of Tabernacles & Last Great Day**

<sup>33</sup>And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, <sup>34</sup>Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, The fifteenth day of this seventh month *shall be* the feast of tabernacles *for* seven days unto the LORD. <sup>35</sup>On the first day *shall be* an holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work *therein*. <sup>36</sup>Seven days ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD: on the eighth day shall be an holy convocation unto you; and ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD: it *is* a solemn assembly; *and* ye shall do no servile work *therein*.

**(History of the Jews, continued from Page 6)** great shock and insisted that they knew nothing about the murder of the Jews.

About 900 Germans served in the SS and were directly involved in the execution of the Final Solution, and many of them were proud of their service to the country. Many of them bragged about it and sent photographs to family and friends showing the executions at the pits. Even soldiers of the German regular army were very aware of these camps and knew what went on within them. Over one million Germans were employed by the rail system that transported the Jews to the death camps. Without the railroad system most of the death camps would not have been able to receive their victims. German citizens even received the belongings of the Jews, their jewelry, watches, and other valuables that were taken as they entered the camps.

One question that enters the minds of many is, "Why didn't the Jews resist, or why did they allow themselves to be led to the slaughter, or how could several thousand Jews permit themselves to be shot, one by one, with no more than thirty or forty rifles aimed at them?" These are all good questions and there are several explanations. First, some did resist and some escaped, but we have to understand that the Nazi's were very ingenious in the way that they deployed elaborate deceptions at every step of the way. Many of the Jews were led to believe that they were being transported to work sites and they were given detailed instructions on what to bring with them on the trains. Most of the time, when they arrived at the camps, loud music would be playing welcoming them to the camp.

It wasn't difficult for the Jews to accept these deceptions, because there was nothing in the history of the world to prepare them for what awaited them. They went thinking they were going to work. What person would be willing to even entertain the notion that the Nazi's had constructed gas chambers to kill innocent people.

Secondly, some argue that the Jewish religion encourages passivity and abhors violence. Therefore, for most of the Jews, violent rebellion was not an option. Many Jews were taught to accept God's will, which accounts for Jews praying while at the foot of the killing pits, or in the gas chambers. It is our nature to believe what we want to believe and the Jews were no exception to the rule.

**To be Continued Next Month.**

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