



# The Caller

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*Elizabethtown Church of Christ*

## Spring Gospel Meeting

**May 16-19, 2010**

**Speaker:**

**TOM HOLLAND**

### Schedule:

Sunday @ 6:00 p.m. – *“Be Saved From This Generation”*

Monday @ 7:00 p.m. – *“Why the Church?”*

Tuesday @ 7:00 p.m. – *“What is Salvation?”*

Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m. – *“Are You Ready For the Ready Judge?”*

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# Intelligent Design in the Universe

Even among those who are atheists, complexity in the universe is acknowledged. The question for the atheist is not whether design implies a designer; rather the problem for the atheist is whether there is design in nature adequate enough to support the conclusion that there is a God. The atheist concedes “complexity” where the theist sees “design.” The following information provides a sampling of the evidence for design as seen by the theist.

First, consider the size of the Milky Way galaxy. The great size is evidence of design in that without such distance between the objects of the universe, the stars and planets would be drawn together by gravitational attraction. Earth is but one of nine planets that revolve around a star known as the sun. The sun is one of 100 billion stars in the Milky Way galaxy. Consider the following information regarding the calculation of the diameter of the Milky Way galaxy:

Multiply the speed of light in a vacuum (186,317.6 miles per second) by the number of seconds in an hour (3600) to get the speed in miles per hour. Then multiply your answer by the number of hours in a day (23 hours, 56 minutes, 47 seconds). When you get that worked out, multiply again by the number of days in a year (roughly 365.25) and you will have the distance that light travels in one year. This number is approximately 5,880,000,000,000 miles, and it must be multiplied again by 100,000 (the diameter of the Milky Way) to get the diameter of our galaxy. Thus we determine that the diameter of the galaxy is something on the order of 588,000,000,000,000 miles.

Such a number is truly incomprehensible to the human mind.

Second, consider that the Milky Way galaxy is but a speck in the universe. One galaxy in close proximity to the Milky Way galaxy is known as the Andromeda galaxy. Andromeda is almost a twin galaxy to the Milky Way galaxy. It is estimated to be 2.2 million light years from Earth. The following helps to illustrate the concept of 2.2 million light years:

If you were to send a radio signal to a friend of yours living in Andromeda and your friend were to send you an answer the instant he received your message, you would have to wait at least 4,400,000 years for the reply. Remember that this message was sent both ways by one of the fastest transportation systems we know—a radio wave that could orbit the earth over seven times in one second!

The vastness of the universe cannot be denied. The atheist explains the vast size of the universe as an indication that the universe has existed eternally. The theist would use the expanding universe, the amount of hydrogen, and the Second Law of Thermodynamics, to argue that the vastness of the universe indicates it had a beginning. More importantly, the theist would argue that the vastness of the universe argues for a God who created and cares for such.

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## Bible Question

*This Week's Bible Question: Where in the Bible is the vision of wheels within wheels?*

*Last Week's Bible Question: Who saw the heavens opened when he was dying? The correct answer is Stephen, Acts 7:56. Those who correctly answered the question are: Mary Walker, Edna Ashlock, Rick Eiler, Jean Smith, Reagan & Samuel White, Bloria Taylor, Wilma Stull, Joyce Pack, and Lorene Harris.*

*Please write down your answer and put it in the box outside the church office before next Wednesday or email your answer to [chofchrist@windstream.net](mailto:chofchrist@windstream.net) by Tuesday afternoon. Please include the Scripture reference and your name.*

## Schedule of Services

### Sunday:

Bible Classes	9:30 A.M.
Morning Worship	10:30 A.M.
Evening Worship	6:00 P.M.

### Tuesday

Ladies Bible Class	10:30 A.M.
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### Wednesday

Evening Bible Class	7:00 P.M.
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### Daily Bible Reading Schedule

May 10 — Church Workers Workshop  
May 15 — Young Adult Cookout, Walkers  
May 16-19 — Gospel Meeting w/Tom Holland  
May 16 — Congregational Skating Party & Youth Devo  
May 22-23 — Super Saints Trip to Fort Gay  
May 23 — Youth Banquet & Congregational Potluck  
May 23 — Singing at Atria  
June 5 — Vacation Bible School  
June 5 — Mandatory Camp Staff Meeting

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