

## ActsFest 2022: A Gathering of Believers

ActsFest 2022 concluded July 17. If you were not able to attend in person or on line, you missed an amazing time of fellowship, great preaching, teaching, music and food. This year's ActsFest was a four-day event entitled "A Celebration of Believers." Dr. James Wining spoke about Acts Ministry and the various sub-organizations under the Acts Ministry cover, introduced our founder, Dr. Paul Collins, and gave a brief history of Acts Ministry, reminded us of our mission of "Unity, in Christ, through the Holy Spirit," and opened us in prayer.

The first day's theme was "Knowing the Holy Spirit". The first breakout session, "Guided by the Holy Spirit," was led by Bishop Dennis Eversen. He reminded us that the we need to walk in love, have a knowledge of the Word in our hearts, and stay away from division caused by the enemy. He also reminded everyone that without faith you cannot find God and the difference between works of the flesh and fruit of the Spirit.

After a short break, Dr. Paul Collins led a teaching on "Hearing the Voice of the Holy Spirit". The Holy Spirit, Dr. Collins explained, is the power of the Lord in us. Holy Spirit is God with us. We should all strive to hear and do what the Holy Spirit wants us to do so that those we meet can more fully understand our Christian walk.

The last session on Thursday was "Dreams, Trances and Revelations," led by Dr. James Wining, He advised us that the time for evangelism is over and we must now grow and share Holy Spirit power with those we come in contact with. The teachings on Thursday were all spot on and blessed all in attendance.

Friday, we listened to teachings on the "Messages of Jesus Christ" with Pastor Ladena Bough starting the day speaking about "Love and Forgiveness" followed by Pastor Billy Burris speaking on "Healing Mind, Body and Soul." Pastor Burris brought his accordion this year and he and his wife, Glenda, sang and played. Afterward, Pastor Steve McAllister sharing a



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few words about the upcoming “Trial of Christ” play that various members of Acts Ministry plan for the near future. The play is based on the book, “The Trial of Christ – A Criminal Lawyer Defends Jesus” by the late Dee Wampler, a Springfield attorney for many years. His examination of the historical evidence, the rules of law at that time, and his mastery of language offers compelling insights into Jesus’ trial, crucifixion and death.

Saturday was “A Day of Recognition and Fellowship” with Sandy “Sassy” Lowrance sharing her testimony. Following Sassy’s testimony, numerous attendees visited Bass Pro Shop’s “Wonders of Wildlife” with Jaidyn Laborde, a Wonders of Wildlife employee, serving as tour guide. The trip was organized by our Board Secretary and Treasurer, Pam Wining. This year, men were invited to attend. Previously, trips during ActsFest had been limited to women. After the tour, we gathered back at the Acts Ministry offices for a barbecue and “Awards and Recognitions,” presented by Dr. Wining; “Fellowship, Prayer and Testimonies,” with pastor and Board Vice-President Matt Pearson; and a special time of gospel music performed by members of the Baldknobbers, Matthew Pearson, Jaidyn Laborde, Donna Kilmurray and others, hosted by Pastor Kevin Kilmurray and Music Pastor Donna Kilmurray.

Those receiving awards and/or special recognition this year were: **Commissioner Lynn Morris**, the Jimmy Dunn Lay Person Award; **Pastor Ladena Bough**, the Dennis Coad Minister of the Year Award; **Pastor Steve McAllister**, the Jackie Scott-Phillips Service Award; **Bishop Dennis Eversen**, the Bruce Pearson Faith Award; **Pastor Kevin Kilmurray**, the Lighthouse Award.

Sunday, our fourth and final day, was entitled “Knowing God” with Commissioner Lynn Morris doing a presentation on “The Ten Commandments” followed by preaching by Dr. Collins regarding “A Time of Healing”. Dr. Collins and his wife, Nancy, invited those in attendance to come forward for prayer and healing. Many did so. Following the healing service, Pastor Marchia Holland, who attended with her husband and a group of ladies currently residing at Clean Sweep Ministries, presented “The Sacraments” and then Marchia lead in Holy Communion.

The entire Acts Fest was recorded and broadcast for remote viewing. If you could not attend, I certainly hope you find the time to watch it on line.



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# Calling On Good Shepherds

Calling all shepherds of the flock of Christ!

Mission: “To Do the Right Thing, Wherever Needed!”

Shepherds encourage believers in their walk with God, help others understand the teachings of Jesus and gain guidance from the Holy Spirit. This reporter was tasked back in May with becoming the first of the Good Shepherds for Acts Ministry. This is *not* preaching or teaching doctrine, as such, but *is* an obligation to be obedient and attentive to the Holy Spirit. Shepherds will teach those who seek Him and help individuals navigate life through and around evil for the fulfillment of Jesus’ work upon this world.

I, and the Board of Directors of Acts Ministry, are looking to appoint six other Shepherds to become the “Shepherds Council.” These individuals will take a day of each week, or a staggered schedule throughout the month, for gathering and/or trumpeting to believers words of knowledge, comfort, along with words of the Bible and received from the Holy Spirit. The current task is to find shepherds who will take charge of one day of shepherding to believers through activities such as:

- Developing Bible studies;
- Social media broadcasting;
- Regular faith-based events such as “Every Friday is a Good Friday,”
- Gathering activities such as “A Day of Gospel Music;”
- “Who Cares Day” for veterans, orphans, disabled, elderly, or autistic persons, to name a few;
- Marriage and family time education and entertainment, and;
- Healing for diseases, including alcohol- and drug-addiction, or something else you think of.

I had the pleasure of speaking briefly with some of you during ActsFest about this concept and one idea was to provide a Women’s Church. We have some amazingly talented individuals who might consider a weekly or monthly “jam session” or music performance glorifying God. Since we need to prepare the flock for what is coming, maybe someone is willing to host classes or shows on nutrition, cooking, and classes on budgeting. We must prepare the flock for what is coming. Remember the Scripture:

*Rev. 13:16-17: And he causeth all, both small and*



**Pastor Ladena  
Bough**

*great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: and that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.”(KJV)*

I am asking that each of you send me a text or email with your thoughts on how to more fully use our Acts Ministry offices, our studio, and our contacts to help each other and the flock through this last season of evil against our Godhead. My cell number is 816-912-6779 and my email is ladenabough@gmail.com. (Sometimes I do not answer phone calls from numbers I do not know, so if you get my voice mail, please leave a message!)

In this time of generating ways to more fully engage others, please bear in mind that we want to provide the flock with ways to get a “hand up,” and not a “handout.” We certainly do not want to cause more harm than good. Let’s share ideas on what type of need exists within our flock. “Relief” can be defined as urgent and temporary provision of emergency aid, but relief is no longer needed when individuals have the opportunity to help themselves. After the crisis has been averted, it is important to move quickly into rehabilitation and development. These stages require the shepherds to move into a partnership role and allow those we help to participate and plan their own recovery.

While most of these activities can be accomplished remotely, it is important for safety, human cohesiveness and physical commitment, that all activities should culminate to or from one centralized location, and at this time, that is the Acts Ministry offices.

Acts Ministry may not be the total answer to the current unseen battles between God and evil, but it is the answer for those who believe in the vision of Acts Ministry, “Unity, in Christ, through the Holy Spirit.” We should all remember that there will come a time of urgency, with a total absence of communication abilities, and, therefore, the planned and ingrained knowledge as to where to go is crucial, so getting the flock trained up during this time is more important than ever.

Human control has lost its “check,” in evilness by “nuclear deterrent.” Human leadership is markedly divided and weak in purpose and, thereby, is unable to lead. Fear has taken over economic improvement, and Christian principles such as trust, respect, and love have been replaced by divisive ideological slogans of racism, choice, socialism, communism and anarchy.

I look forward to hearing from you all.

**Pastor Ladena Bough**

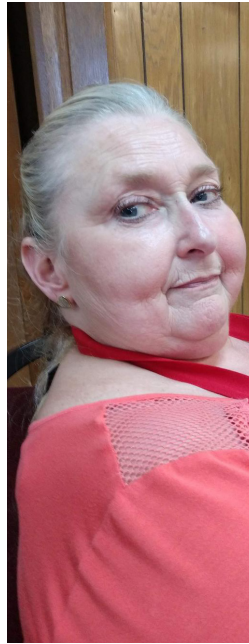


# ActsFest Cooks: Barbecue Heroes

Each year, part of ActsFest is a shared meal. This year, while most attendees were touring Wonders of Wildlife, some of attendees and family members stayed at the offices to make sure all were fed after the outing.

Among others, heartfelt thanks go out to Sandy “Sassy” Lowrance; Sassy’s husband, Robert; Randy Wining, and his wife, Cassie, for all of their work in the kitchen this year. Robert and Randy went out of their way, and into the 100-plus degree weather, to grill hamburgers, hot dogs, and brats outside for everyone, while Sassy and Cassie served in the kitchen: baked beans, macaroni salad, ramen noodle salad, potato salad, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, and other condiments, along with a wide variety of deserts.

Everyone in attendance, definitely appreciated their efforts and gives a big shout out and *thank you* to these special servants of Christ.



Sandy Lowrance, Randy and Cassie Wining, Robert Lowrance.

## Accountability

*By Pastors Kevin and Donna Kilmurray, Veterans Church*

Does accountability even exist anymore?

What got me started on this? I’m glad you asked: A couple of weeks ago, I was getting ready to leave my doctor’s office. This is the doctor that did my knee replacements, great doctor. He did a fantastic job. He said, “Be careful. The roads are crazy!”

It got me thinking. Why are we so eager to assign human traits to inanimate objects? Let’s face it. A road is just concrete or asphalt. It has no mental condition. In fact, it is the *drivers* who are crazy, show-offs, wanna be NASCAR drivers and those people with road rage. Road rage even fits in that category. The roads don’t rage it’s the people that do. None of these are the road’s fault.

Another case that really gets to me as seen in the paper or heard on the news almost nightly: the term, “gun violence”. Guns can’t be violent. They’re just metal. So why do we blame them for all the misery being caused by people? I know some of you are going to say but if the guns weren’t available the people couldn’t have done the things. But that’s not entirely true. Look at what Timothy McVeigh did in Oklahoma City with a box truck and a bunch of fertilizer and diesel fuel. How about what was done on September 11 with airplanes and box cutters, and all the safety measures and controls that were in place to prevent those horrific acts? The bad guys are going to find a way to be bad, one way or another.

There are incidents where lives have been saved by a good person with a weapon. There’s one in the not-too-recent past where a person was criticized for the way he was driving in

an area he left. He came back with his weapon and started shooting. There was a party at that location, one of the parents, a woman, had her weapon with her. She neutralized the threat and kept anybody from getting killed. These stories are out there. You just don’t hear them as often as you hear the other.

I wish I could give you an answer how to stop this, but I just don’t know. One way I can think of is to pay more attention to our friends and relatives. If you think somebody’s having issues, try to get them help or at least talk to them and see what’s going on in their minds. Maybe at schools the answer more mental health counselors who can talk to the kids and screen for possible problems. Talk and testing could possibly identify the onset of a problem.

Hold kids accountable to the school rules. Letting prayer take place in schools. Make respect the rule, not the exception.

Because, when it gets right down to it, we are all going to be accountable to God in the end.

*God bless and stay safe!*

*Kevin and Donna*



**Kevin and Donna Kilmurray**  
Pastors, Veterans Church

# Real News Review Article of the Month

## The Holy Spirit and ActsFest 2022

**By Dr. James R. Wining**

"The Holy Spirit" is the last portion of the Acts Ministry vision. The vision reads, "Unity, in Christ, through the Holy Spirit." This ActsFest 2022 will focus on the Biblical foundations and purpose of the Holy Spirit.

First, while Christianity is a forgiving faith, it is not when it comes to the Holy Spirit.

If you had any doubt, read Matthew 12:31-33. Therefore, when addressing the presence of the Holy Spirit, and its multiplicity of human reasons, it is imperative we do not add or subtract in our worship and recognitions that which is given us in the Bible.

Second, the broadness of his presence is easily recognized by evil doers acting as if they are receiving a divine word. We must remember Galatians 5:22-23 where the basic purposes of the Holy Spirit are defined. These purposes are: love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control. Interpretive actions outside of the workings defined above are not of the Holy Spirit.

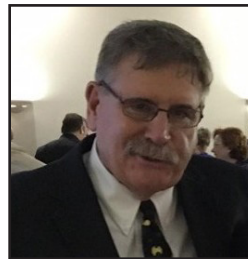
Third, Acts Ministry has for nearly 30 years exercised tolerance, restraint and patience the pieces of forbearance. Its ability to accept disunity, unfaithfulness in service and disregard of material needs has been clearly acting within the guidance of the Holy

Spirit. It is quite apparent the Holy Spirit, has his presence on the workings of Acts Ministry. Therefore, this is the reason why Acts Ministry has been guided by the Holy Spirit to conduct this ActsFest 2022. The Holy Spirit will be invited to deliver the messages needed today.

Finally, Isaiah 11:2 defines what actions need to be taken. The Holy Spirit, will give us wisdom, understanding, counsel, knowledge, fear of God and might. We must act with the fear and might of God as we are, by our own actions, the servants of God The Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. This is the time of accountability, obedience and unity lest we forget John 17.

*Amen,*

*Dr. James R. Wining, Bishop/President*



**Dr. James Wining**  
President  
Acts Ministry

## Boundaries of Jesus

**By Donna Moller, Licensed Counselor**

Boundaries were an important aspect of Jesus. It starts with Matthew 5:37 "...letting your 'yes' be 'yes' and your 'no' be 'no.'" Trying to make people do things or to like you "comes from the evil one." Jesus simply wants us to be honest with others. You simply say a 'yes' or 'no' and speak it in love.

Boundaries define a person's identity. I have used the metaphor of a picket fence to describe this to my clients. I draw a sky view of a fence and a second fence which is a horizontal fence. The fence represents your identity which is your value system, each picket represents a value you have. Imagine you are safely in your fenced in area. You have a gate to this fence and you are in charge of who you let into your yard.

Rather than list them here, I encourage you to go to Brene Brown's List of Values. Print out the list. Then, begin to sort out negotiable vs. non-negotiable boundaries. Write each value on the horizontal fence. You will want to prioritize the non-negotiable values as some values, when the "pickets" are knocked down, will cause more negative feelings than others. It hurts to have someone kick your "pickets" down. You did not open your "gate" to that person. They just kicked your pickets down! Of course, your reaction will probably be hurt, anger, and often retaliation. The more "pickets" knocked down...negative feelings grow!! React in love? I do not think so! This is when Romans 8:28-29 are trained into us. "All things work together for good ...we will be conformed to the image of His Son."

The Bible is replete with God observing boundaries and identifying who He is. The Lord also tells us who we are, e.g. holy, peaceful, faithful, righteous, loving, kind, gentle, strong and courageous. The more we identify with His identity, the more we glorify the Lord

and His work in us.

Having good boundaries requires self-awareness, personal responsibility, and the ability to say yes or no reflects love for God and others. The goal in life needs to be to become mature in our identity, values, and boundaries. The stronger your awareness of who you are, the freer you are to make the choices to walk with Jesus.

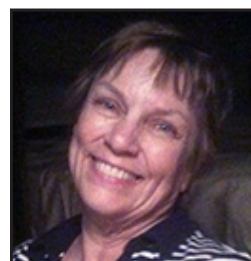
Let our yes be yes and our no be no.

I actually think this is why so little is said in the Bible about having a good marriage. It is because a good marriage will always be based on His abundant guidance in the Bible about values, boundaries, and how to treat others. Love your neighbor as yourself. When one truly has Godly boundaries, you are loving yourself which inevitably causes you to love your neighbor.

If you ever have questions or observations, feel free to contact me at [moller2489@comcast.net](mailto:moller2489@comcast.net).

*Till next time, happy boundaries!*

*Donna Moller, Licensed Counselor*



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# **Acts Television Network**

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## **Wednesdays**

### **• HIGH OCTANE •**

*9 am with Steve McAllister*

### **• CHANGING TIMES •**

*10 am with Lynn Morris & Dawn Blackard*

### **• TRIALS AND TRIUMPS •**

*11 am with Ladena Bough*

## **Every Second Sunday**

### **• THE VETERANS CHURCH •**

*2 pm Host: Pastors Kevin and Donna Kilmurray*

## **Every First & Third Sunday**

### **• FIRST ACTS CHURCH •**

*2-4 pm Host: Dr. Paul Collins*

## **On Demand**

### **• PAINTING OUTSIDE THE LINES •**

#### **New Discoveries in Autism**

*With author Joyce Jones and her husband, Tom*

#### **Education and Autism**

*With Elizabeth Obrey, vice-president of STARS for Autism*

#### **Living the Life with Autism**

*With Keith Allyman, Branson performer with personal experience with autism*

#### **The Little Boy That Could**

*With author Joyce Jones and her husband, Tom*