

ACTS MINISTRY NEWS

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NEWSLETTER**

From Drugs and Booze to Gospel and Good Newz

As of New Year's Day, we are in a new decade. What has changed in your life since 2010? For Matthew Pearson the past decade has brought a radical change in his life. In 2011 he made a commitment to Jesus Christ. Nine years later, he is clean from drugs and alcohol, is now an ordained minister, broadcaster and part of a band that plays both Christian and secular events.

Rev. Matthew Pearson is known to many of Acts Media viewers and listeners as half of the Morning Drive radio

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Baldknobbers' Brandon Mabe Returns to Acts Media

Branson Missouri's first show, the Baldknobbers begins it's 2020 season March 6. Over their 61-year history, many shows have come and gone, but the Baldknobbers remain. Their competition is not so much the other shows as themselves. Each season, they are tasked with coming up with something new, exciting, and fresh while remaining true to their roots. Many make an annual trip to Branson to see them. Grandparents who were once the kids in the audience bring their grandchildren. Others come several times a year to see the show, because it is a live performance. Although the basic show is set for the season and won't change until

Christmas, there are always slight changes simply because it is a live show and, quite frankly, the performers play to the specific mood and make up of the audience.

Just as country music has evolved and changed, so the Baldknobbers has changed to stay relevant and entertaining to each generation. They now perform at a state-of-the-art venue called Branson Famous Theatre and have renamed themselves Branson's Famous Baldknobbers, which is not just a re-branding, but a legitimate title. It can be argued that the Baldknobbers put Branson on the map, but one thing is for sure; their root run deep in Ozark Mountain Country.

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From Drugs to Good Newz

show team. Morning Drive airs Monday through Friday mornings on Acts Media Group's Facebook Live, the Acts Media Group YouTube channel and Acts Radio. The other half of the team is Pearson's cousin, Jason Cobb. Pearson and Cobb share their struggles and triumphs in an honest, often humorous, way. Their non-judgmental attitude and down-to-earth presentation of the gospel draws many who are seeking to know more about Jesus but are reluctant to seek out a church. In March, Morning Drive will focus on some pretty heavy political and social issues, says Pearson.

Besides cohosting Morning Drive, Pearson also runs the equipment to broadcast the other Acts Media Group shows and serves as Acts Media Group's station manager. An ordained minister with Acts Ministry, he is also a member of the board of directors. Dr. James R. Wining, president of Acts Ministry describes Pearson as dedicated, energetic and a creative leader.

Music is one of Pearson's passions and he is part of the Good Newz Band, which plays both secular and Christian engagements. In addition to performing, the band usually practices one to three night a week. When not working for Acts Ministry, Acts Media Group or with the band he manages to work full time as a fleet manager at Central Trucking Company in Springfield, Missouri.

To say Pearson stays busy is an understatement. He is constantly looking for new and better ways to broadcast. When Pearson took the reins of Acts Media Group's broadcasting, people could listen to the Morning Drive

Kidney Fund Update

It's been an interesting month for Randal Phillips. A drop in iron levels and a rise in one of the markers the doctors track in his blood work landed him in St. Luke's Hospital in Kansas City for almost two week. During that time, he underwent a total of five surgeries and procedures intended to fix a urological problem that has plagued him since his transplant in June of last year and implanted a stent in his renal artery to keep it from closing.

The procedures have been effective and he is doing much better, although the procedures were temporary fixes. A final major surgery is set for mid May, delayed due to the three months' course of blood thinners he is taking to help heal the artery stent.

Obviously, transplantation is not always as simple as it may appear. Acts Ministries is helping Randal with expenses and will help other patients in the future as funds and donations become available. Please consider a single or continuing donation to this Acts Ministries effort. Send donations, marked Kidney Fund, to Acts Ministry, 1736 E. Sunshine, Suite 216, Springfield MO 65801 or email 4321acts@gmail.com



Behind the scenes with Rev. Matthew Pearson as he broadcasts "Something To Celebrate."

Monday through Friday on Acts Radio, an internet station. All Acts television were taped and broadcast after the fact. Matt casually mentioned to the board that he had an idea for taking the radio program live via FaceBook. Now, not only is Morning Drive simulcast on FaceBook, YouTube and Acts Radio, but the program line-up has grown to multiple shows each weekday.

"Truly this is a Christian that uses his worldly tool to support Godly purposes," said Wining.

ActsFest 2020 awards

A highlight of ActsFest each year is the banquet, where various ministries, ministers and lay volunteers, and leaders are recognized for their work and dedication. In the next few weeks, Acts Ministry will publish a list of awards and ask you to nominate people who have gone the extra mile, showed leadership, innovation, or dedication to further Acts Ministry's efforts to promote unity through the Holy Spirit and serve where needed.

When you are asked for nominations, please take a few minutes and send in those you feel are deserving of recognition. Then plan on attending ActsFest 2020. There will be seminars on topics of interest to anyone involved in marketplace ministry, missions, or the local church. Friday evening, Acts Church will host a praise and healing service. Saturday evening will be the ActsFest Awards Banquet and Sunday will be the ordination and licensing service. Make plans to attend the entire ActsFest and invite people who would benefit from the training, encouragement and fellowship. Pastors, consider bringing your entire leadership team.



Dr. Marty Hamilton



Steve McAllister

Acts Television Network

Simulcast on Acts Radio

Archives are available on ActsMediagroup.com

Click on Acts TV tab along the top of the home page or check out our YouTube channel.



Pastor Dennis Eversen



Schuyler Carter

Basics of Faith

with Dr. Marty Hamilton

Fridays, 9 am

This program is designed for the person who wants to become a serious Bible student and have an in-depth study of God's word.

Special Programming

with Brandon Mabe

March 5, 9 am

Branson's Famous Baldknobbers. Brandon Mabe updates viewers on the 61st season of Branson's first show.



Tony Hammock

The Gold Standard

with Tony Hammock

Wednesdays, 9 am

What does the wise investor need to know about the markets this year? Are there other investments you need to know about? Plus look at Biblical stewardship principles

Happy Hour

with Dr. Paul Collins and Rev. Nancy Collins, Fridays, 9:30 am

Feb. 7, Dr. Bonnie MacAlmond naturopathic physician; Feb. 14, Steve Pokin, Springfield News-Leader columnist; Barry Albright, Kitchenland manager and house flipper.



Matt Pearson

Morning Drive

with Matt Pearson and Jacan Cobb

Weekdays, 8 am

It's the best way time to wake up; face a new day with joy and excitement. Their zest for life and love for God is contagious



Jason Cobb

Power Hour

with Schuyler Carter Thursdays, 9 am

Finally a program that talks to real men about real issues and helps them become what God intended them to be

Something to Celebrate

with Bishop Tom Young and Amber Weigard-Buckley

Tuesdays, 9 am

You may hear from an author or find a new restaurant, hear inspiring testimonies. You will always find something to celebrate.

Veterans Church

with Rev. Bruce Pearson

and Rev. Leo Frohman

Thursdays, 9 am

A program by and for veterans and their families, but all are welcome to attend the Bible study.



Bishop Tom Young

Spirit in America

with Randy Baar, Days, 9 am

An new version of a popular series produced by Baar and broadcast on cable. Interesting interviews and talented performers

Brighter Living Live

with Steve McAllister, Day, 9 am

Steve knows just about every performer in Branson. Expect to see your favorite Branson stars as well as other interesting interviews



Amber Weigard-Buckley

Transcendental Interactions

with Pastor Dennis Eversen

Days, Time TBA

Miraculous encounters and transcendental interactions. Considering how the spiritual world *is* the real world and our perception is clouded by the physical world.



Rev. Bruce Pearson



Randy Barr



**Rev. Nancy Collins
Dr. Paul Collins**



Rev. Leo Frohman

**Remember:
February SRG Reports
are now due**

Real News Review Article of the Month

We are the Sanctuary Country

by Dr. James R. Wining

Whether you are Irish and fleeing famine, German and fleeing religious persecution or African and fleeing annihilation, the USA in many ways is the safe harbor for those hungry, poor, persecuted and in harm's way. We have fed, clothed, housed and educated those who need, want and desire an opportunity in life. So, if this is the circumstance, then why do we need a wall?

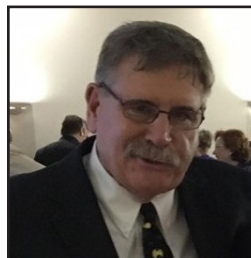
There is a two-part answer to this single question. It involves fear and prejudicial thinking. The former is a simple reaction to the constant news of violence. Border conflict with illegal organizations doing sensational acts of crime such as kidnapping, murder and rape breed a high anxiety level. This reaction is most likely comparable to the old cowboy imagine of "circle the wagons." We are under attack. True or false, the fear of these cartels of illegal organizations coming to the USA fuels the advocacy of the wall.

The other part to the answer is prejudicial thinking. Americans often tend for convenience to generalize in their thinking. It appears most Americans seek, owing to a complicated world, and their limited time/attention span, simplicity in answers. Lumping all those south of the border including not only Mexico but also Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, Columbia as criminals seeking to exploit America justice system, fits that observation. Their assumption is everything from drug

trafficking and human trafficking can be stopped at the border with the wall.

While the answers are clearly stated, a viable solution is not. I have passed numerous times to and from the USA/Mexican border as a pedestrian and in a vehicle. It would seem very simple to redirect non-USA citizens to another line to secure non-residence status for a time pending housing, employment and on the spot background checks. Clearly now the border check cameras with facial recognition could discover illegal backgrounds, warrants, etc. This is a legal and organized way not flaunting danger and death by illegal crossings. All other means would be thwarted including but not limited to officers, dogs and drones.

Finally, we should not limit qualified non-residents. However, citizenry just as our history and laws dictate should be based on knowledge of our country, constitution and fluency in our language before citizenship.



Dr. James R. Wining
President, ACTS Ministry

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Famous Baldknobber Returns to Acts Media

Once, their instruments included a wash board and jaw bone of a donkey, they've gone higher tech these days and some of those instruments along with early costumes are part of the Smithsonian National Museum of American History the only Branson show to be so honored.

Acts Media Group welcomes Brandon Mabe back for a two-part special program. Several years ago, Brandon

did a radio show on Acts Radio featuring many of the Baldknobbers cast members and other Branson performers. Part one of the special aired Feb. 27 and the next show will air March 5 a day before the new season begins. The shows focus on what is planned for the 2020 season. If you missed the Feb. 27 show, you can find it archived on FaceBook, or YouTube.

ActsFest 2020

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ActsFest Award Banquet

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