

ACTS MINISTRY

NEWS

2019: A Year of Milestones and Expansion

As we look back on 2019 in Acts Ministry, it was a very busy year with several milestones and expansions. The biggest expansion was in Acts Television, what started with a single radio program, "Morning Drive," has expanded to nine diverse Acts Facebook Live programs. The programs can also be viewed on the Acts Media Website and YouTube, as well as listened to on Acts Radio.

Acts University has been relaunched and is available to students online. Look for more class offerings in 2020.

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Dennis Coad Memorial Service Set for Jan. 4

Dennis Coad, co-founder of Crosswalk of Hope, entered Heaven in the late afternoon of Saturday, Dec. 21, 2019 at 66 years of age.

He will be remembered at a memorial service Saturday, Jan. 4, at Live Church in Republic, Missouri.

Visitation will be 1-3 p.m. The memorial service will begin at 3 p.m. with Dr. Paul Collins presiding. Several speakers will pay tribute to the life and Christian service that Dennis lived.

Dennis is survived by his wife, Becky, and her son, AJ, who will continue the Crosswalk of Hope ministry.

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NEWSLETTER



Dennis Coad passed away Dec. 21, 2019.

Crosswalk of Hope Co-founder passes away

Several years ago, Dennis and Becky Coad founded Crosswalk Journey. A few years ago it became commonly known as Crosswalk of Hope.

The original (and still legal) name of the corporation was adapted because, at the time, Dennis and Becky were very involved in ministering in an area of Springfield, Missouri where many of the city's homeless were living on the streets, in alleys, and in makeshift shelters. Dennis often carried a home-made cross on his shoulder and dragged it along behind him. He attracted attention!

When he was approached by anyone, he would begin to witness about Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit. Often he would simply hold a person's thumb and the person would "fall out" under the power of God. This would happen frequently on sidewalks in full view of many spectators. On at least one occasion, a city police car stopped and checked to see if Dennis had harmed someone.

Along with his wife, Becky, and a handful of volunteers,
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Acts Telethon helps fund operations

Acts Ministry held its first-ever live telethon in October. The two-day event raised \$6000 for operations. The telethon featured several sponsored segments, interviews and information about various aspects of Acts Ministry and even a talent show. Tanner Gibbs won the talent competition with his "Slow Down" medley. Viewers voted with their donation for their favorite performance.

Acts Ministry is involved with many social issues and several interviews focused on how Acts Ministry is, "doing the right thing and making a difference," for families dealing with Autism, kidney disease, elder care, veterans' issues, natural health alternatives, homelessness and drug abuse. The telethon was an effort to help stabilize the 26-year-old ministry financially and raise funding for continued growth and expansion of the ministry.

Dr. James R. Wining, president of Acts Ministry said, "We could not have had the telethon without our businesses and individuals, and ministries who sponsored our segments."

Kidney Fund Update

Our first transplant patient, Randal Phillips, received his new kidney on June 16, 2019. Following hospitalization for the transplant, he spent three weeks in rehab followed by a couple of weeks staying in the Kansas City area for frequent doctor and clinic visits. Initially, he remained on dialysis until the kidney began to function. He also had stays in the hospital due to extremely low blood sugar, an infection, and several more times to place and replace drains in the kidney. He has been off dialysis since mid-September and the kidney has been functioning well enough to keep him off dialysis. He has not had to be hospitalized overnight in two months, although he still makes frequent trips to St. Luke's Hospital in Kansas City for clinic visits, labs and other procedures. Starting in January, clinic visits will be monthly, the regular maintenance schedule..

We have used the Kidney Fund for monthly spend down since September. Other expenses such as travel to Kansas City, food and lodging have been picked up by Randal, close friends, and family. Acts Ministry has been paying \$354 per month for his spend down and we receive \$150 in on-going gifts. Due to a cost of living adjustment to Social Security Disability in January, his spend down will increase to approximately \$375 next year. We need regular monthly donors that will make up the additional \$225 per month to keep the fund stable. We would also like to see expanded donations so that the AMKF could reach out to more patients facing the same issues Randal is facing.

New Season for Senior Farmers Market Program Begins May 1

The new season for Missouri's Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program will run from May 1 through the end of August, 2020. During that time, qualifying seniors may apply for vouchers good at farmers' markets around the state for fresh produce, local honey, and Missouri-grown herbs.

Launched just last year, the program works in cooperation with Missouri truck farmers to give those over age 60 who meet income guidelines.

Qualifying seniors must be at least 60 years old, a resident of Missouri, and have an income less than \$31,000 for a household of two. Contact your local Seniors Center or county Area Agency on Aging. A list of participating counties is available at: <https://agriculture.mo.gov/abd/fmkt/pdf/sfmnp-customer-flyer.pdf>.

Farmers who want to accept the vouchers must be at least 18 years of age, grow at least half of the produce they sell themselves, and attend a training session to learn how to accept and handle the vouchers. There is no cost whatsoever to the farmer. The next training sessions begin in March, 2020. For further information, producers may call Dept. of Agriculture at 573-751-7794.

Actsfest 2020 set for July 16-19

Mark your calendars! Acts Ministry ministers and friends are all encouraged to attend ActsFest 2020 July 16-19 in Springfield, Missouri.

The event will include participant-suggested ministry workshops, worship and healing meetings Friday night, and ordination service Sunday. Please email suggestions to 4321acts@gmail.com. A ladies event will also be held on Saturday morning.

The Acts Fest Banquet on Saturday night will be held at RC (Executive Conference) Event Center, 910 Battlefield Rd., Springfield, Missouri.

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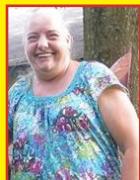
2019 Milestones and Expansion

The past year also saw the first ever Acts Telethon, which raised money for these operations. Acts Ministry also took part in another first; the Kidney Fund, established by Acts Ministry; played a key role in Randal Phillips receiving a new kidney last June. We look forward to helping others battling kidney failure in their quest for a new organ.

ActsFest 2019 saw us move to a new venue for the Actsfest Banquet, which was very well received. Finally the Acts Ministry Newsletter received a face lift and upgrade in design. We hope you enjoy this newsletter as you take a look back at 2019 and look forward to some of the upcoming events and happenings in 2020.



Dr. Marty Hamilton



Becky Coad



Dennis Coad



Tony Hammock



Matt Pearson



Jason Cobb

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.

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.

Crosswalk of Hope

with Dennis and Becky Coad

Mondays, 9 am

Details on possible rebroadcasts of this program along with updates on this ministry will be coming soon.

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

Meet a variety of local business people and professionals along with government officials and ministers. Information that can make a difference in your daily life

Morning Drive

with Matt Pearson and Jacon 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

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.

New Spirit of 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 Life

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

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. Nancy Collins
Dr. Paul Collins**



Schuyler Carter



Bishop Tom Young



Amber Weigard-Buckley



Rev. Bruce Pearson



Randy Barr



Steve McAllister



Pastor Dennis Eversen



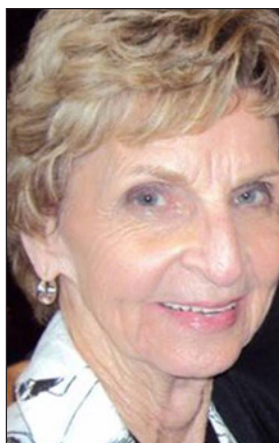
Rev. Leo Frohman

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

Real News Review Article of the Month

Autism Program Product of Sharp's Vision

In 2011, Mrs. Betty Sharp of Lee's Summit, affectionately called "Miss Betty," approached me about her vision to start a non-profit for families with autistic children. (Later the non-profit was expanded to include children with other special needs). Her objective was to have events during the year especially designed for those families with autistic children. These children were usually unable, socially, to attend an event or who were inadvertently excluded from an event such as a Christmas party, Halloween party or water park activity. Her mission was to offer these families events during the year that welcomed them and were safe for their children. I was honored to form Autism Outreach Fellowship for her, designed for those families with autistic children.



Betty Sharp

Since that time we have had annual events such as Christmas with Santa, Halloween pumpkin parties, winter Swimming/water park events, basketball night events and many other activities which have served hundreds of people. Children have enjoyed activities, presents and food. Moreover, many parents and guardians have received gifts cards to ease the challenge of providing for a family with a special needs and/or autistic member. This is all due to the vision of "Miss Betty."

This past Dec. 7, Christmas with our Santa Event at Unity Village was, for me, the true awakening of exactly what the mission and vision was for Miss Betty. As I did my

annual announcing of the winners of our raffles, including gifts and gifts cards, an awkward event occurred. I called out the winning number for a stuffed animal and no one stepped forward to claim the gift. After a few moments a young child with special needs approached me with her parents. She had so hoped her ticket number matched the winning number. Her entire time at the Santa Party had been focused on this special stuffed toy. Regretfully, I turned to the child and her parents and informed them the ticket was in fact, two numbers off.

They left the presentation area and thanked us profusely for the party and all the special attention. In the meantime no one came forward to claim the stuffed animal. My wife turned to me and said, "No one is claiming it. Make an exception and give it to her."

Miss Betty said, "This was what we are all about in making exceptions for exceptional children. Do it!" I ran out the door with the stuffed animal under my arm and caught up with the young child and her parents. I apologized for the misunderstanding and to the tearing young child said "this is your stuffed animal." It was a moment of joy, compassion and yes, love.

I have never been Mrs. Betty Sharp's pastor or bishop. We have always been good friends. I have always been her student. She has taught me the love of Jesus and how our actions show his love in what we do.



Dr. James R. Wining
President, Acts Ministry

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Crosswalk Co-founder passes away

Dennis would orchestrate special gatherings in a park near downtown or in central Springfield. Food was always featured. Occasionally someone would donate supplies or small amounts of money to be used for provisions for the hungry and the homeless.

A few years ago, Dennis and Becky transitioned their ministry to a location between Republic and Billings, Missouri. The new location afforded an opportunity for them to provide temporary shelter and food for the needy. The property became known as Crosswalk of Hope.

Their ministry at Crosswalk of Hope is now providing a place for the successful transition of former inmates back into society.

All of us who knew Dennis and his ministry, were also

aware that he had a strong anointing for healing. Many, many people can testify that they were healed following prayer by Dennis Coad.

Now, what about the future without the physical presence of Dennis? The anointing will continue. It is never lost. God will (and probably already has) placed the gift of healing on another person to follow in the footsteps of his servant.

Becky Coad and others will be led by the Holy Spirit in the continuance of Crosswalk Journey and Crosswalk of Hope.

Rest in peace, Dennis, and enjoy Heaven!

Dr. Paul Collins