

Jackie Scott-Phillips: A Lifetime of Service

From at least the age of twelve, Jackie Scott was a servant of God. As far back as the 1970s, she and her ventriliquism sidekick, Joey, were ministering to children and adults alike in Sunday schools, vacation Bible schools, and summer camps with her unique combination of sharp wit, gentle humor, and pure love.

As an adult, Jackie took her ministry on the road, taking missionary trips to Jamaica, Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales. While she loved Scotland, her ancestral home, she held a special place in her heart for the impoverished children of Jamaica, or for any child in want or need, for that matter.

A native Arkansan (and proud of it) Jackie graduated from Arkansas State University in Jonesboro, worked in radio in Northeast Arkansas for a while, then moved to Branson, Missouri, where she lived for many years.

For several years, she and Joey hosted a "Sidewalk Sunday School," taking the gospel directly to an audience of mostly Hispanic children in a housing project in Branson.

For ten years during her time in Branson, Jackie was stage manager for Sunday Praise Gathering, a Sunday morning gospel show at Jim Stafford's Theatre. She and Joey always made an appearance with a story or conversation with the children in the audience.

Jackie was also closely associated with Acts Ministry for many years. An ordained minister, she served at various times as vice-president, director, corporate secretary,



Jackie Lorraine Scott-Phillips 1961-2021

public relations leader and newsletter editor for nearly eight years. She believed wholeheartedly in the vision of Acts Ministry, "Unity in Christ Through the Holy Spirit," and faithfully practiced it. She was involved with or originated many of Acts' projects. Ministries for autism, veterans, the homeless all benefited from her public speaking, presentation and fundraising skills. She was involved in the Helping Hands Fund, and helped start the Kidney Fund.

It was through Jackie's tireless efforts that her life-long friend, and later husband, Randal Phillips, was able to receive a new kidney. And, on Nov. 21, 2020, Dr. Jim Wining, president of Acts Ministry, walked her down the aisle as she became Mrs. Randal Phillips.

Jackie passed away in her sleep at her home in Grain Valley on the evening of January 26 after a months-long battle with epithelioid angiosarcoma, a rare form of cancer. Acts Ministry has designated a fund to help other people with catastrophic or terminal illnesses in her honor. Memorial gifts may be made to the Jackie Scott Memorial Emergency Medical fund through Acts Ministries..

Unwaveringly kind and compassionate to acquaintance and stranger alike, she will be missed by hundreds of friends and family. "I knew Jackie nearly 58 years," her husband, Randal Phillips said, "and in all that time, I never knew her to say an unkind word to or about anyone and I never knew anyone who knew her who didn't love her."



Jackie Scott and her pal, Joey.

A Day in the Life of a Dialysis Patient

By Randal Phillips

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7:00 a.m. The clinic is fairly quiet except for the whirring of the dialyzers. These jukebox-size machines do what your God-given kidneys can't: they filter the poisons and impurities out of your blood, and remove excess fluid. They are life-saving devices, but they don't do the job as well as your kidneys once did. For one thing, they cannot remove as much phosphorus. Phosphorus is vital element, but if you are overstocked with it, it will settle in your soft tissues — muscles and blood vessels, eyes and lungs — and calcify them. Turn them to stone. Another limitation has more to do with time than function. Your kidneys worked all the time and compensated for fluid intact on the fly. You only have the dialyzer a few hours at a time, three days a week. Those fluids and impurities you once lost multiple times a day have nowhere to go for up to three days at a stretch. It builds up in your tissues and can cause breathing problems and even lead to a heart attack.

8:00 a.m. Sleep. When you first started dialysis, you tried several ways to occupy the time. Some bring books to read. Provided their fistula allows it, some of the ladies crochet or knit. But eventually the ennui of the situation takes a toll and most people simply sleep. Dialysis, all by itself, is exhausting. Losing so much fluid at one sitting drops your blood pressure, leaving you light-headed. Much like a long car trip, you are trapped in a sedentary position for hours, unable to move around. Unlike a long car ride, there is no rolting scenery to keep your mind occupied. At these times, the dialysis floor is quiet except for the whir of the machines, the soft voices of the techs, and the occasional snoring patient.

Once a week, one of the nephrologists, kidney specialists, connected with your clinic comes around to check on you. He or she will likely bring admonishments to watch how much you drink, to eat more protein, or to cut out the high phosphorus or potassium foods. Most "neph", as they are called, are sociable and you find that you can joke with them. Some, on the other hand, are very proud of their credentials and want to be sure that the patients are properly in awe of them. "What's the difference between a nephrologist and God?," asks an old dialysis riddle. "God never thinks He's a nephrologist."

9:00 a.m. Coffee. Dialyzing is an inexact science. The techs set up the machines to pull, to take fluid off, at a rate calculated to get you down to your optimum level by the time you leave. It's a balancing act between how long you are in the chair and how hard the machine can pull without crashing you and rendering you unconscious. Sometimes, despite all efforts, they miscalculate. Techs monitor your progress carefully the whole time you are on. If you are getting too dry, they bring around water and coffee to help balance out the treatment. If a tech offers you something to drink, you *know* to drink it.

10:00 a.m. This is often the roughest hour in the chair. Your body wants to move, to shift positions. *Something*. But you can't. And your blood pressure is probably at its lowest. But hang in there. You're nearing the end.

11:00 a.m. You're done! A tech comes around to turn off the dialyzer, but it may be a few minutes before you are freed from it.

Shift change is a busy time and it may take a while for them to come and pull the needles out of your arm. Taking them out is not as traumatic as putting them in, but they will likely bleed and a tech will bandage your access for you. They will take your blood pressure and you will not be allowed to get up, let alone leave, until it reads high enough to be safe. You may have to wait, but that's par for the course. You've seen new patients jump out of the chair and hit the floor, so you get up slow and easy when you do get up.

11:15 a.m. Weigh out. If the session went well, you may have lost 3-4 kilos. If something went amiss, the nurse will advise you on what to do to correct the problem before your next session. If the problem is serious enough, you may be asked to come in tomorrow for an extra session.

12:00 p.m. You've made it home. Dialysis makes you ravenously hungry, so the first thing you think about is lunch. You may not realize it until halfway through lunch, but you're also exhausted and you have a headache. Some patients call it the dialysis hangover. Two things you know for sure at this point: One, that you desperately need a nap, and, two, that you'll be doing this over again when your next session rolls around in two days.

Acts Ministry maintains a fund to help those on dialysis cover the expenses of a kidney transplant. You can help with a contribution either singly or monthly by sending a check to: Acts Ministry, 4166 W. Kearney, Springfield MO 65803, or online at www.actsmideiagroup.com/category/donation/. Note that the contribution is for the Acts Kidney Fund. Thank you.

Phone App Offers New Funding Stream for Acts Ministries



A new phone app created by Springfield software developers is helping Act Ministry fund its operation. When you download the app, Huligives, to your smart phone, it connects to Walmart stores and, whenever you shop for non-grocery, non-alcohol, and non-pharmaceutical items at the mega retailer, a donation of ten percent of your purchase will be made to Acts Ministry (or whatever charity you choose). The cost to you? Nothing. The app itself is free and there is no co-donation required from you.

The Covid outbreak, combined with a stalled economy and the recent bad weather, has impacted Acts Ministry's bottom line significantly in recent months. Dr. Jim Wining, Acts president, has been looking for new creative, effective ways to help with funding; this just might be an answer to prayers.

Huligives is available for both Android and Mac phone systems from The App Store and Google Play. Just look for the yellow palm tree, download it to your phone, then follow the directions.

Real News Review Article of the Month

Love Your Neighbor as Yourself

By Dr. James Wining

Are we doing a good job in defending life? Maybe those who speak for victims of diseases such as cancer, autism and Alzheimer's are the voices to hear? In 1957, I heard my grandmother's doctor tell her that we have three ways to treat cancer. They were radiation, chemotherapy, and surgery. I heard these same treatments 64 years later for a dear friend. My mother's doctor told me in 2004 when she came down with Alzheimer's disease that there was nothing we can do except prolong her life. She deteriorated over the next seven years and died in 2011. Finally, my son was pronounced autistic in 1995 and I was provided at least eight different types of medicines to suppress—not cure—his behavior. Why are we not focused on healing the diseases? What can possibly be more important than the love and care of people?

There are many diseases that need attention but these three—cancer, alzheimers and autism—affect millions. About 3.5 million people each day suffer from autism. More than 23 million people have been diagnosed with cancer, and five million with Alzheimer's disease. All three of these diseases have remarkable growth spirals which emanate in the youth for autism, the senior for alzheimer's and all ages for cancer. It is very likely 10-15% of our total population will be afflicted by these diseases, not to mention the millions caring for these loved ones and the financial harm to our society.

Acts Ministry has a vision, "Unity, in Christ, through the Holy Spirit," and a mission of "Doing the Right thing

wherever needed." Let's put these two abstract concepts together into one cause which is for Christians and non-Christians. Let us come in unity to do the right thing by supporting and committing ourselves to seek all means, public and private, to provide talent, education and resources to heal these diseases now!

Can we focus on cooperation? Can we put aside political differences? Can we come together irrespective of differences of race, ethnic background and religion? Again, I state, maybe those that speak today who are affected by cancer, alzheimer's and autism will be voices which should be heard. In this instance they might just awaken us to the reality of what Jesus commanded Christians to do in Mark 12:31, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Pass it on!

Please, pray and support Acts Ministry in all that it does by "Doing the Right Thing wherever Needed," and doing it "In Unity, in Christ, through The Holy."



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Conviction is Not Condemnation for the Believer

By Donna Moller, Licensed Counsellor

My last sharing was on the truth, as a believer, that I am holy, blameless, righteous. This is true, regardless of your feelings. The balance of this truth is to know that, while we are never condemned, the Holy Spirit will correct us and convict us of sin. That is one of His many jobs within our lives. He convicts through His Word, through others, through preaching, and our own thoughts. The antidote for conviction is intentional repentance, forgiveness, and prayer which allows the Lord to minister His power to transform.

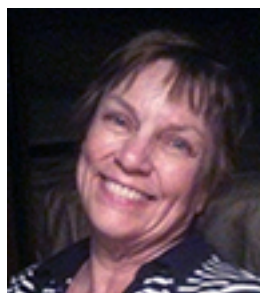
The unfortunate piece of His conviction of sin is that clients often view the truth of the word of God as condemnation. They think a loving God would never put conviction upon them. They confuse conviction with condemnation. Hence, the need to reinforce the fact that they are His children with no condemnation, coupled with His power to transform and sanctify us.

I view the church as the only possible place we can work out our salvation, our sanctification process. This is because the body of believers I am with is to be a sanctuary of peace, humility, patience, and gentleness. Believers should be able to truly be themselves. Sanctification is quicker when we can share our hearts safely. Each believer I am fellowshiping with needs to know His truth and walk in love (Eph 4:1-3). There is to be no judgment of the person I am ministering to and

counseling. None! And the balance? Judgment begins in the house of the Lord; we are called to judge sinful behavior. The counseling setting requires safety for the counselee. No safety? No transformation. Would that the church understood this!

Housekeeping counseling guidelines: Read your state laws! Every state is different. Christian counselors have the highest number of lawsuits against them. Being a pastor/biblical counselor does not exempt you from these laws, ever. Confidentiality issues are the number one reason for lawsuits against Christian counselors. Pastors and church counselors break this law (and it is a law, not a suggestion) consistently. Do not share with anyone without a written release.

Feel free to email me with any questions you may have. My email is domol62@comcast.net.



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