

# NEWSLETTER

May, 2021 Edition

Remember April SRG Reports are now due



ActsFest 2021 will meet in a new location, 4166 W. Kearney St., Springfield, Missouri.

## ActsFest 2021 Set for July 15-18

Get ready. ActsFest is coming and this year will be a bit different from last year.

Acts Ministries Inc. president, Dr. James Wining, says that this year, more than ever, ActsFest will be about equipping the Christian ministries Acts serves for "guerilla warfare" in the areas of evangel-ism and charitable works.

Covid has changed the playing field and, Wining feels, the laws and regulations that came out of the pandemic may not go away when the pandemic ends. ActsFest this year will focus on helping the subordinating ministries deal successfully with the new realities.

Most events will be held in the new ministry headquarters at 4166 W. Kearney Street in Springfield, Missouri. The Sunday worship service, a long-held ActsFest tradition, will be held at First Church.

Thursday and Friday sessions will open with a time of fellowship, communion, and a light breakfast at 9 a.m. Following will be seminars on how Acts Media Group can help your ministry, and on critical issues facing non-profits and subordinating ministries in the future. President Dr. Jim Wining and Acts Ministry founder Dr. Paul Collins will host a seminary on "Non-Church Ministry and Social Cause Advocacy" Friday at 10 a.m., followed by a panel discussion, "How to Increase Your Footprint in Ministry Connection" at 11 a.m.

Lest we think that ActsFest is all about serious seminars, there will be plenty of fun events as well. Thursday will see a musical talent contest competition and award hosted by John Cockroft at 1 p.m., followed by a competition for other, non-musical, talents at 3 p.m. On Friday, Matt Pearson and Geoff Haberen will host a "Sandwich King Championship".

Saturday will be a telethon day, with telethons for the Veterans Church, for Autism Awareness Support, for the various Subordinated Ministries, and a fundraiser for Acts Media Group.

Saturday from 12-2 p.m. is ActsFest Recognition Luncheon with hosts Dr. James Wining and Dennis Eversen. Awards include the Dennis Coad Minister of the Year, the Jimmy Dunn Lay Leader of the Year, the Lighthouse Award, the Jackie Scott-Phillips Service Award, and the Acts Media Group Award.

At 2 p.m. there will be a discussion on the Jackie-Scott Phillips Medical Relief & Helping Hands Fund.

ActsFest will wrap up a Sunday afternoon chapel service with a message from Acts Ministry founder, Dr. Paul C. Collins, "Unity in Christ Through the Holy Spirit; More is Needed Than Ever; Doing the Right Thing Wherever Needed".

For a complete schedule of events, see Page 2.

# ActsFest 2021 Schedule

## Thursday, July 15

9:00 a.m.

Fellowship with Light  
Breakfast Snack

Hosts: Matt Pearson & Jason Cobb

10:00 a.m.

What Can AMG  
Broadcasting Do for YOU?

Hosts: Matt Pearson & John Cockroft

11:00 a.m.

Issues Facing Non-Profits  
& Subordinated Ministries

Hosts: Donna Moller & Jim Wining

12:00 p.m.

Lunch Break

1:00 p.m.

Live & Pre-Recorded Music  
Talent Competition/Award

Host: John Cockroft,  
Judge: Dennis Eversen

3:00 p.m.

Live & Pre-Recorded Talent  
Competition/Award  
(Non-Music)

Host: John Cockroft,  
Judge: Dennis Eversen

## Friday, July 16

9:00 a.m.

Fellowship with  
Light Breakfast  
Communion Offered

Hosts: Mark James and Jodi Myer

10:00 a.m.

Non-Church Ministry &  
Social Cause Advocacy

Hosts: Jim Wining & Paul Collins

11:00 a.m.

How to Increase Your Footprint  
in Ministry Connection

Host Panel: Jane Campbell\*, Billy Burris\*,  
Ledena Bough & Dennis Eversen

12:00 p.m.

Lunch Break

1:00 p.m.

ActsFest 2021 Sandwich  
King Championship

Host: Matt Pearson, Judge: TBD

2:00 p.m.

Ministry in Changing Times

Hosts: Dr. Paul Collins &  
Commissioner Lynn Morris

3:00 p.m.

Acts Ministry, Inc.,  
Board of Directors Meeting

## Saturday, July 17

9:00 a.m.

ActsFest 2021 Telethon for Acts  
Ministry Works - Veterans Church

Hosts: Steve McAllister & Randy Barr

10:00 a.m.

ActsFest 2021 Telethon for  
Acts Ministry Works - Autism  
Awareness Support

Hosts: Jim Wining & Dawn Blackard

11:00 a.m.

ActsFest 2021 Telethon for Acts  
Ministry Works - Supporting  
Subordinated Ministries

Hosts: Jim Wining & Todd Carter\*

12-2 p.m.

ActsFest

Recognition Luncheon  
AWARDS:

Dennis Coad Minister of the Year  
Jimmy Dunn Lay Leader of the Year  
Lighthouse Award

Jackie Scott-Phillips Service Award  
Acts Media Group Award

Host: Jim Wining & Dennis Eversen  
(Limited to 28 Guests)

2:00 p.m.

Jackie Scott-Phillips  
Medical Relief &  
Helping Hands Fund

Host & Judge: Randal Phillips

3:00 p.m.

ActsFest 2021 Acts Media  
Group Fundraiser

Hosts: Matt Pearson, Jason Cobb  
& John Cockroft

\*Confirmation pending.

## Sunday, July 18 2:00 p.m.

First Church Chapel Service

Message: "Unity in Christ Through the Holy Spirit" More Now is  
Needed Than Ever; More "Doing the Right Thing Wherever Needed"

Pastor/Minister: Dr. Paul Collins

# Psalms Can Help Relieve Covid Stresses

By Donna Moller, Licensed Counsellor

For the last year, much of the world has been filled with stress, isolation and uncertainty. In the midst of this are the social distancing, "stay-at-home" orders, and mandatory face masks. Then added to that the shutdown of visiting in assisted living facilities and the strict policies in hospitals. Dear ones died with no one around to love them. Babies were born without the joy of visitors surrounding the new parents.

The long-term impact—biologically, psychologically, socially, and spiritually—of these preventative efforts is currently unknown. Many are settling into social distancing and mask-wearing as being here to stay, the

"new normal". Even while we are beginning to see some changes occurring with the Covid restrictions, there is still the sense things will never be the same. Again, the "new normal".

To maintain psychological and spiritual well-being during this unstable time, I counsel my clients in a two-step strategy. I believe we need to cry out to the Lord in our discomfort and also maintain hope and gratitude with this new normal. Psalms can help due to the fact that psalms reflect both praise and complaint. Psalm 42 is one example of complaint that ends with the soul being told to, "put your hope in God, I shall yet praise Him." I call it a bipolar

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# Real News Review Article of the Month

## Community Service Policing

By Dr. James Wining

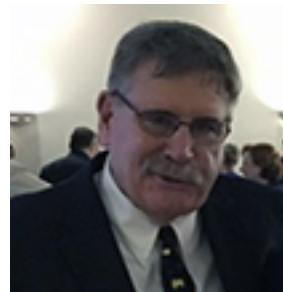
Two conflicting issues persist for many police departments and for the general public throughout the USA. First is the increased cost of staffing a police force in the 21st century. Second is the apparent growing conflicts the police departments are having with the general public. With the extreme social pressure of COV-19, crime has dramatically risen and there has been a corresponding development of new social and racial tension between the police and the general public. Is there a solution for both issues that works for the police and the general public?

Not all crime is violent and dangerous to respond. Without breaking it down with data published as current but dated years ago, it is fair to say a significant portion of a police force is entangled with non-violent crimes such as motor vehicle, theft, burglary, embezzlement, fraud, public intoxication, and drug possession. In fact, these types of policing may not even require the necessity of firearms. However, their costs of policing are nearly the same as for violent crime policing.

What if we could answer both problems with one solution? Let us consider starting at the community level with a "Community Service Police (CSP)", officers drawn from the young ranks of men and women. This would be similar

in nature to the Peace Corps, or a non-combatant military draftee. They would serve 24 months, be paid minimum wage, receive credit hours in college education, and be assigned non-violent crime policing duties.

This solution should reduce police staffing costs, improve time allocations for experienced staff to work on violent crimes and open the police department up to more participation from the general public. This solution-framed CSP should promote good will, educate the youth about police work and open and strengthen community cooperation in stopping crime. While there are many moving variables with the CSP officer program the objective is to answer the two problems of public awareness and public support. This is, hopefully, a positive step in violence control and public awareness.



**Dr. James Wining**  
President  
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## Psalms and Stress

psalm because it flips back and forth from AAAGH! to PRAISE!

Psalms often refer to three seasons of life: (1) orientation, a state of well-being; (2) disorientation, a state of suffering, despair, and hardship, and; (3) new-orientation, a state of gratitude and thanksgiving. As I work with my client, she often shifts between the phases. One day she is able to see the new-orientation, the next session she is despairing. This is normal. As we struggle together, she will be praising Him more each day. I call it a 80/20 rule. Eighty percent of the time she experiences gratitude; twenty percent of the time, not so much. It is a balance of trusting in His goodness. All this is done by His Spirit guiding us. At least that is our goal!

The strategy I use from the Psalms for both me and my clients:

One: Select a Psalm of lament and thanksgiving (e.g. Ps. 13). Read it to feel what David feels. Take time to absorb the feelings.

Two: Apply it to a current situation, selecting one verse that captures your complaint as well as one that reflects thanksgiving/gratitude toward the Lord. Release the complaint to the Father and meditate on His goodness.

Three: Later, whenever a negative thought arises, simply

acknowledge it—return to the two-step strategy of lament and giving thanks to Him.

Remember that, through this process, there is no condemnation from the Lord. You are perfect and holy and blameless because of the incredible gift God the Father gave us through the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. All things work together for good for those who love the Lord and are called according to His purpose. And this is His purpose: that we would be conformed to the image of His Son.

This is very brief synopsis of my working through this time of history. Hopefully it will help to help others traverse through this very unstable time.

His Word is unfailing!



**Donna Moller**  
Licensed Professional  
Counselor



# **Acts Television Network**

**SIMULCAST ON ACTS RADIO**

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## **Morning Drive**

*Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, 8-9 a.m.*

**Hosts:** Matt Pearson and Jason Cobb

## **Morning Mouth**

*Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9-10 a.m.*

**Hosts:** Johnny Rooster and Matt Pearson

## **The Bucket List**

*Monday, 10-11 a.m.* **Hosts:** Dr. Paul and Nancy Collins

## **Learning Curve**

*Tuesday, 9-10 a.m.* **Host:** TBA

## **Reality Check**

*Tuesday, 10-11 a.m.* **Host:** Dr. R.K. Sanders

## **The Spirit in America/ Silver Linings**

*Alternating Wednesdays, 8-9 a.m.*

**Host:** Randy Baar/TBA

## **Changing Times**

*Wednesday, 10-11 a.m.* **Hosts:** Lynn Morris and Dawn Blackard

## **Penny for Your Thoughts**

*Thursday, 9-10 a.m.* **Host:** Susan Abar

## **Wisdom for Today**

*Thursday, 10-11 a.m.* **Host:** TBA

## **Open Ended**

*Friday, 10-11 a.m.* **Hosts:** Peggy and Geoff Haberen