



The Blackwoods

Jam-Packed Events Schedule Awaits ActFest Participants

Better eat your Wheaties. ActsFest 2021 begins Thursday, July 15 and continues through Sunday, July 18. It's going to be a busy four days. This year, Acts Ministry's big annual event begins at the ministry's headquarters, 4166 W. Kearney St., in Springfield, Missouri.

Right out of the gate, participants will roadtrip to Branson to see gospel singing group the Blackwoods in concert at the American Theatre. Free tickets to the performance are available to the first twenty registrants for ActsFest. Be sure to register and order tickets by emailing 4321acts@gmail.com. Transportation to and from the concert will be available on a first come basis due to group size limitations.

After concert goers return, AMG program hosts Matt Pearson and John Cockroft will give tours of the broadcasting facility and discuss how Morning Drive and the other AMG shows are broadcast over Facebook, YouTube, and other internet media.

Next, Jim Wining and Donna Moller host an indepth discussion about non-profits and governmental regulation. Topics will include working within federal and state regulations, 990EZ, and the monthly SRG filings.

At 3 p.m., Johnny Cockroft hosts an entertaining music contest. Attendees will cast dollar votes for their favorite

Blackwoods to Sing for 2021 ActsFest Goers

Branson's famed Blackwoods gospel/country singing group will perform July 15, at 10 a.m.-noon for attendees of 2021 ActsFest. A legendary singing family, the Blackwoods performance includes country, gospel, and patriotic music. They have shared the stage with such notables as Johnny Cash, The Oak Ridge Boys and Dolly Parton. Winners of multiple awards in Southern Gospel, their hits include "I Find No Fault in Him," and "Through It All."

A group will leave from Acts Ministry headquarters at 4166 W. Kearney St., Springfield, at 9 a.m. July 15 for the trip to Branson. Twenty registrants or sponsors will receive free tickets and roundtrip transportation as needed to see the show at the American Theatre.

REGISTER NOW

Registration has begun for
ActsFest 2021

To get in on the fun, entertainment
and informative seminars, just email
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performer. The winner will walk away with a Plaque of Honor, a \$50 prize, weekly airtime for the month of August on AMG -- and a full year of bragging rights. So tune up your guitar (or what have you) and enter to win.

If your musical talent ends with tuning your radio, you still have a chance to win when, at 4 p.m., Johnny Cockroft hosts a contest for whatever talent you *do* have (so long as it's *not* music). So bring your clown act, your poetry oration, or comedy routine and test your chops against all comers. The prizes are identical to those for the music contest.

Be sure to sign up for the talent contests when you register.

Friday morning is down to business. At 9 a.m. there is a light breakfast and an opportunity to take communion. Those with booth presentations will set up at this time. Then, Acts Ministry President Jim Wining and Dr. Paul Collins with teach an informative class on "Non-Church Ministries & Social Cause Advocacy". The pair will discuss the role of AMG and ATN and ministries both in the USA and worldwide. Social causes will include homelessness, PTSD, autism, addictions, the elderly, the disabled, and disadvantaged.

At 10 a.m., a panel will discuss "How to Increase Your Footprint in Ministry Connection". Topics will include: a new definition of evangelism, church relevance, ministry service, education and connections. Panelists will be Jame Campbell, Billy Burris, Ladena Bough, and Dennis Eversen.

After a lunch break, get out your mayo and aioli sauce. Matt Pearson will host a Sandwich King Championship. The hero of this contest will win a Plaque of Honor and a \$50 prize. The winner will be determined by dollar votes and will be announced on the June 19 edition of Morning Drive.

At 2 p.m., Dr. Paul Collins and Christian County Commissioner Lynn Morris host a class on "Ministry in Changing Times" In a world that almost literally changes with every news cycle, the topics will include changes in government and religion, morals and ethics, and suggestions on how to prepare, serve, and plan for whatever is next.

At 3 p.m., Acts Ministry will hold it's Board of Directors meeting.

Saturday morning is telethon time. At 9 a.m., Steve McAllister and Randy Baar host a talk about veterans issues and affairs. At 10 a.m., Jim Wining and Changing Times cohost Dawn Blackard host a telethon on autism awareness with discussion focusing on current issues and needs in the autism community. Then, at 11 a.m., it's Todd Carter and Jim Wining talking about what Acts Ministry's subordinating ministries are doing for the poor, the homeless, for marriages, parolees, victims of PTSD, the elderly and other social and economic issues.

At noon, the annual ActFest Recognition Luncheon, often the highlight of ActsFest, will present awards recognizing achievements in each of five areas: the Dennis Coad Minister of the Year Award; the Jimmy Dunn Lay Leader of the Year; the Lighthouse Award; the Acts Media Group Award, and, new this year, the Jackie Scott-Phillips Service Award. At 2 p.m., Randal Phillips will host a discussion of the financial needs of those with chronic or life-threatening medical issues and limited or no medical insurance. The role of supplements in maintaining good health will also be discussed.

Rounding out the day, at 3 p.m., Matt Pearson, Jason Cobb, and John Cockroft will hold a fundraiser discussing the role of AMG in Acts Ministry, its subordinates, non-profits, ministries and ministers.

Finally, at 2 p.m. Sunday afternoon, there will be a chapel service at First Acts Church Chapel. The service will begin with communion, then Pastor Dr. Paul Collins, Acts Ministry founder, will deliver a message on Acts Ministry's mission: Unity in Christ Through the Holy Spirit, and Doing the Right Thing Wherever Needed. More now is needed than ever before. The service will close with prayer and healing service.

2020-2021: the Toll on Young People

By Donna Moller, Licensed Counsellor

Covid has taken a toll on us all. The refrain, "back to normal" is constant. But what is normal anyway? And that is just Covid. Then we went from dealing with masks and social-distancing to coming face-to-face with racial injustice, protesting, riots, and policing.

Most of my friends and clients are tired. And if this is true of adults, what has this done to our young people? We may never understand what the toll is upon today's children, adolescents and young adults. In my small counseling world, I have heard the painful effects of Covid. Disruptions of graduations, field trips, proms, family gatherings, holidays, and celebrations of birthdays are only a few of the issues.

Elementary school children are not being allowed to talk to anyone during their lunch periods. They must eat their lunch in silence in their classroom and not in the cafeteria. Students' grades have been challenged due to virtual teaching and not being able to spontaneously interact with their teachers. Principals police the hallways and classrooms to make sure the rules are being followed. Teachers are frustrated and feeling the pain for their children. The atmosphere of the schools is tense.

These cumulative experiences of 2020-2021 will affect every young person. They have been robbed for at least a year and a half of the important development

ACTSFEST 2021 SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, JULY 15

- 8 a.m. Fellowship with Light Breakfast Snack
Coffee and Donuts, Booth Setup
Hosts: Matt Pearson & Jason Cobb
- 9 a.m. Travel to Branson for Blackwoods Concert
Depart from Headquarters, 4166 W. Kearney St., Springfield, for the American Theater, 2905 76 Country Blvd., Branson. Transportation Provided.
- 10 a.m. - Noon Blackwoods Concert at American Theatre
- Noon-1:30 p.m. Lunch Break & Drive Time Back to Headquarters
- 1:30-2 p.m. What Can AMG Broadcasting Do for YOU?
Tours of Broadcasting Services, Equipment Demonstrations, Discussion on Live Broadcasting Mediums, Facebook, YouTube, Daily Motion, Twitter, Linked In, and Our Website, www.actsmediagroup.com
Hosts: Matt Pearson & John Cockroft
- 2:00-2:30 p.m. Issues Facing Non-Profits & Subordinated Ministries
How to Work with State and Federal Regulators, 990EZ, Annual Filing, SRG Requirements, Working in the Secular World
Hosts: Donna Moller & Jim Wining
- 3 p.m. Live & Pre-Recorded Music Talent Award Competition
2021 ActsFest Music Champion
Maximum of 20 competitors. No more than six minutes long. Entry fee, \$10. Winner chosen based on \$1 votes via website, www.actsmediagroup.com. Show will be rebroadcast three times and on website. Voting ends July 18, 2021. Winner announced July 19, 2021, on the Morning Drive. Award: Plaque of Honor, \$50, and performance broadcast weekly during August, 2021.
Host: John Cockroft; Judge: Dennis Eversen
- 4 p.m. Live & Pre-Recorded Talent Award Competition
2021 ActsFest Talent Champion (Excludes Music)
Maximum of 20 competitors. No more than six minutes long. Entry fee, \$10. Winner chosen based on \$1 votes via website, www.actsmediagroup.com. Show will be rebroadcast three times and on website. Voting ends July 18, 2021. Winner announced July 19, 2021, on the Morning Drive. Award: Plaque of Honor, \$50, and performance broadcast weekly during August, 2021.
Host: John Cockroft; Judge: Dennis Eversen

FRIDAY, JULY 16

- 9 a.m. Fellowship with Light Breakfast, Communion Offered
Hosts: Mark James and Jodi Myer
- 10 a.m. Non-Church Ministry & Social Cause Advocacy
Explains the Role of AMG, ATN, and Ministries in the USA and Worldwide. Social Causes Including Homelessness, PTSD, Autism, Addictions, Elderly, Disabled and Disadvantaged
Hosts: Jim Wining & Paul Collins
- 11 a.m. How to Increase Your Footprint in Ministry Connection
New Definition of Evangelism, Church Relevance, Ministry Service, Education and Connection
Host Panel: SJane Campbell, Billy Burris, Ledena Bough, and Dennis Eversen
- Noon Lunch Break
- 1 p.m. ActsFest 2021 Sandwich King Championship
Live entries only. Maximum of 20 competitors. Entry fee, \$10. Winner chosen based on \$1 votes via website, www.actsmediagroup.com. Show will be rebroadcast three times and on website. Voting ends July 18, 2021. Winner announced July 19, 2021, on the Morning Drive. Award: Plaque of Honor, \$50. (The judge selection has 10 votes toward the King!)
Host: Matt Pearson, Judge: TBD
- 2 p.m. Ministry in Changing Times
A Discussion about Changes in Government, Religion, Morals and Ethics. Suggestions as to How to Prepare, Serve and Plan for the Future.)
Hosts: Dr. Paul Collins & Commissioner Lynn Morris
- 3 p.m. Acts Ministry, Inc., Board of Directors Meeting

SATURDAY, JULY 17

- 9 a.m. ActsFest 2021 Telethon for Acts Ministry Works - Veterans Church
Discussion about Veterans' Issues and Needs.
Hosts: Steve McAllister** and Randy Barr
- 10 a.m. ActsFest 2021 Telethon for Acts Ministry Works - Autism Awareness Support
Discussion about Autism Issues and Needs.
Hosts: Jim Wining & Dawn Blackard
- 11 a.m. ActsFest 2021 Telethon for Acts Ministry Works - Supporting Subordinated Ministries
What are Subordinated Ministries Doing for the Poor, Homeless, Marriages, Parolees, PTSD, Elderly and Social Economic Issues
Hosts: Jim Wining & Todd Carter**
- Noon-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
Hosts: Jim Wining & Dennis Eversen (Limited to 28 Guests)
- 2 p.m. Jackie Scott-Phillips Medical Relief & Helping Hands Fund
Raising Awareness of Financial Needs of Those with Medical Needs and Limited or No Health Insurance. Also, Supplements without Harmful Side Effects
Host: Randal Phillips*
- 3 p.m. ActsFest 2021 Acts Media Group Fundraiser
What AMG Does and Can Do for Acts Ministry, its Subordinates, Non-Profits, Ministries and Ministers
Hosts: Matt Pearson, Jason Cobb & John Cockroft

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, founder

*Confirmation pending.

Real News Review Article of the Month

God and Media

By Dr. James Wining

What does it take to reach people through social media in the 21st century with a Christian message? Are words our enemy? It seems the world attends very little to a church website, a social activity invitation, or even a giveaway event. Actually, it appears the church is a group of people who have been isolated from community activities and have become comfortable with their own education, correction and socialization behind their closed doors. This, I think, is exactly what ministry is purposely created to do.

Set apart from church organizations, Acts Ministry is nevertheless linked through a transdenominational and transdoctrinal understanding with all faiths who believe in "Unity in Christ through The Holy Spirit." Acts Ministry stepped into the world through social media with a worldly presence called Acts Media Group and Acts Television Network. The mission is "Doing the Right Thing, Wherever Needed." This set the stage for Christians to provide all kinds of media material with Christian leadership and Christian perspective.

Acts Ministry began with social issues such as autism, medical marijuana, veterans and homelessness. Its actions included increasing awareness and in many circumstances material and emotional help. This was all done as the mission while ever mindful of Acts Ministry's vision and Christian intent. This is a change for Christian evangelism and many structured

organizations in Christianly remain separate and unsupportive of these works and the "Last Prayer of Jesus."

Nearly five days a week, Acts Media Group as a service Division of Acts Ministry broadcast programing over at least six major social platform networks. Acts Media Group's broadcasting includes topics such as (but not limited to) education, health, food, travel, entertainment, music, and yes, religious faith-based. All of this goes into the world with understanding and not judgement, compassion with appreciation of differences and openness with an acceptance of change.

Whether you choose to accept this new evangelism in these final years it is your choice. However, Acts Ministry's approach is outside a church, inside the world and, to everyone, the last prayer of Jesus (John 17:20-21). Our vision being with Him, "In Unity in Christ through The Holy Spirit."



Dr. James Wining
President
Acts Ministry

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work of identity and belonging. Young people need to be socially involved to have real, tangible relationships. These real relationships are needed to overpower the superficiality of tech relationships such as texting, TikTok and gaming connections.

What can be done to help?

First, adults need to take care of themselves. They do not need to further burden those who need support.

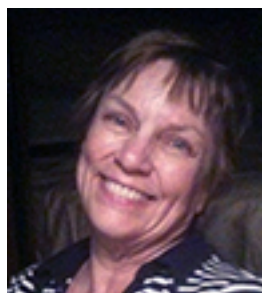
Second, be available. Being available means to be proactively intentional. The scripture comes to mind: "raise up a child...". It is our job to observe, listen and be there for them. Remember, most youth believe adults are only present out of duty or convenience.

Third, be authentic. They know fake. Maintain your role as an adult; genuinely like them; look out for any possible wounding of them. Genuinely care for them

and be gently honest with them. And *laugh with them!*

Finally, when invited into their lives, do not start with instructions or advice. Share your stories, watch their reactions and share with sensitivity. There will be plenty of time for counsel, especially if you have their trust.

Young people are God's gift to us. Let us bring joy into their lives by truly being there for them.



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Acts Television Network

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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