

ACTS MINISTRY

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NEWSLETTER

Kidney Fund Beneficiary Receives Transplant

Editor's Note: James Randal Phillips is the first of what we hope to be many to benefit from the Acts Ministry Kidney Fund.

Randal Phillips underwent a kidney transplant on June 16. We discovered that this is a journey, not a sprint. While some kidneys begin to work immediately, Randal's did not. It is beginning to function better and shows no signs of rejection. He is still on dialysis. We are hopeful that will end soon. He has made progress. His clinical visits are now once every two weeks, which has enabled him to return home to Springfield. He is able to use his cane rather than the walker and the open blisters which were caused by the access water build-up leaching through his skin has healed.

He also has fewer dietary restrictions and was able to eat his first banana in 12 years recently. He also enjoyed some black beans in a Mexican dish. He is beginning to feel stronger. He was even able to help with the design of this newsletter. He is dusting off his design skills and hopes to reteach himself to use Indesign and have a marketable skill to reenter the workforce once he has completely recovered.

We had a scare with Randal's spend down this month. Thanks to our contacts at the governor's office, it was taken care of. It was a tremendous comfort to know that the Acts Ministry Kidney Fund is there to cover that vital \$354 expense when needed. We deeply appreciate everyone who donates to the fund and especially those that continue to build the fund with a month gift.

The Acts Kidney Fund helps kidney transplant patients with all the extra expenses not covered by the patient's insurance. For example, the fund is available to assist Randal and other future patients purchase in-home medical supplies and equipment that will allow them to come home much earlier than otherwise would be the case. We are hopeful that the fund will always be there to help other patients in the future.

Kidney Fund gifts may be made by contacting Acts Ministry at 4321acts@gmail.com, noting that the gift is for the Kidney Fund, or mail checks to Acts Ministry, 1736 E. Sunshine, Suite 216, Springfield, MO 65804. Note on the check that it is for the Kidney Fund.



**James
Randal
Phillips
recuperates
after
transplant**



Program Helps Missouri Seniors with Fresh Fruits and Vegetables

With the assistance of Rep. Lynn Morris, low-income Missouri seniors have access for the first time to \$50 worth of fresh Missouri-grown fruits and vegetables, herbs and honey.

Senior Missourians living on a low, fixed, income have difficulty obtaining fresh produce. Grocery stores often sell such items at a premium and seniors are forced to make do with the cheaper, but less-nutritious, canned versions. The Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program, introduced this year based on legislation sponsored by Rep. Morris, is a godsend to elders contending with that situation.

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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.

The Gold Standard

With Host, Tony Hammock

Wednesdays, 9 am

This program is for anyone wanting to get out of debt, save money, growing their wealth, or just learning to be a good financial steward and being able to give back and open up opportunities to sow into worthwhile ministries. You will also learn about cryptocurrency.



Crosswalk of Hope

With Hosts, Dennis and Becky Coad

Mondays, 9 am

Dennis and Becky update their viewers and listeners on what is happening in their ministry to the homeless, veterans and those who are just coming out of prison. You will be inspired by their work and occasionally have an opportunity to help with various needs they have for their recovery home.

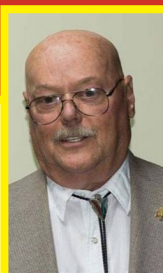


Veterans Church

With Hosts,
Rev. Bruce Pearson
and Rev. Leo Frohman

Thursdays, 6:30 pm

Rev. Bruce Pearson and Rev. Leo Frohman lead Bible teaching and music each Thursday from 6:30-8 pm and second and fourth Sundays at 2 pm in the Acts Ministry offices, Suite 216, Plaza Towers in Springfield. They invite everyone, you don't have to be a veteran or family of a veteran to attend. Special guest Dr. James R. Wining, president of Acts Ministry spoke on the recent mass shootings and the need for steps to keep guns away from the mentally ill and those seeking to harm innocent people.



Basics of Faith

With Host, Dr. Marty Hamilton

Fridays, 9 am

The show is a basic Bible teaching program. Dr. Hamilton and retired educator Pam Wining are working on a curriculum for Acts University. Watch for more information about Acts University in upcoming issues of this newsletter.



Power Hour

With Host, Schuyler Carter

Thursdays, 9 am

The show encourages men to step up, put God first in their lives and take their God-given leadership role in their families, communities, and churches. The program discusses issues men deal with in today's society and how they can overcome temptations and problems to become all created them to be.



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

Happy Hour

With Hosts,
Dr. Paul Collins and Rev. Nancy Collins

New Time beginning Sept. 6, 9:30 am

September guests will include: A solar energy expert, a surplus grocery dealer, representative for home security, and a representative for Kare Heath Center. August guests included: Dr. John Marshall, a retired Southern Baptist Minister, Green County Presiding Commissioner, Bob Dixon, Mike Kremper and Craig Beeson, representatives for Optividea weigh loss management, Beeson also is a representative for Voxx Life and Dr. Lindsey Hobbes a doctor of audiology.

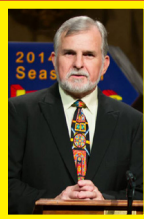


Something to Celebrate

With Hosts,
Amber Weigard-Buckley and Bishop Tom Young

Tuesdays, 9 am

Covers everything from some of the best food in Southwest Missouri to authors and musical artists. September will focus on recognizing and honoring our local pastors. Various pastors will be featured along with lively conversations, great food finds and a bit of British influence.



Morning Drive

With Hosts, **Matt Pearson and Jason Cobb**

Week Days, 8 am

From bereavement to reference books; amusing patter to Pakistani believers. Unscripted. Fascinating. And scripture in situation. What will they say next? *Tune in and see.*



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New Program Helps Seniors Eat Well

According to Morris, this year the program rolled out in 17 Southwest Missouri counties and in the Kansas City and St. Louis area. Although it was not widely publicized in the state's two largest urban areas, the program still served upwards of 100,000 older citizens. Potentially, Morris says, the statewide impact could be 275,000 seniors.

The assistance comes in the form of ten \$5.00 vouchers that may only be used at Missouri farmers' markets for fresh fruits and vegetables, for local honey, or for fresh herbs. The vouchers are issued once a year, May through August, and are valid through the end of September. At the markets, the vouchers work just like cash; participating farmers and their banks accept and handle vouchers just like real money.

For those seniors who are homebound, the program allows willing friends and relatives to take the vouchers to a farmers' market and do their shopping for them.

To qualify for the program, seniors must be at least 60 years of age, a confirmed resident of Missouri, and have an income of less than \$31,000 for a household of two. Seniors who want to participate should contact their local Seniors Center or their county's Area Agency on Aging. A list of current participating counties is available online 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.



Rep. Lynn Morris spoke on the Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program at ActsFest in July.

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Real News Review Article of the Month

The Simple Basics of Life

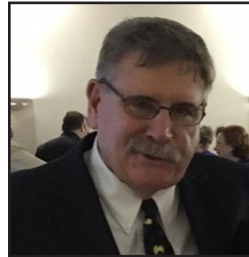
by Dr. James R. Wining
August 17, 2019

I attended the Wichita Public Schools from 1956-1969, K-12. I attended Woodland Elementary, John Marshall Junior High and Wichita North High School. While my last two years in high school were pitted with racial violence and social disharmony, the balance of the years were peaceful and informative.

In grade school, we were just two blocks from Woodland Methodist Church. It seems like two or three times a week we would walk with our teachers to the church and receive a Bible lesson on things like lying, stealing, cheating, love, gossip, truth, family, sharing and so on. The way I remember this time in my life was quite simple. School taught me reading, writing, arithmetic and history. Church taught me how to live with people. Together I would be able to work and live with people in a kind and loving way. At least I knew what was expected of a person and a Christian.

In junior high, things became more competitive in sports, classroom education, music, etc. I still attended my Woodland Methodist Church; I went to church on Sunday, Methodist Youth Fellowship (MYF) on Wednesday, and served at The Salvation Army on Thursdays. However, the stories of how to live together that I enjoyed in elementary years were gone. My memory was still there but definitely something I couldn't count on being refreshed weekly.

I remember my father explaining his K-12 education in a "One Room Classroom," with 45 children. Most of his reading, writing and history lessons came from the



Dr. James R. Wining
President, ACTS Ministry

McGuffey Reader and the Bible. Yes, he would always say that doing something wrong (temptation) would always exist, but the Bible was there to keep us doing the right thing and helping others. It was still simple all the way through my K-12 years, but as years progressed, the Words of God became less present in my daily life.

By the time I reached high school years, I had learned of the needy, had established morals and values and had a good educational foundation. My parents made certain I associated with good people who would reinforce my development. In fact, it seemed to me everyone was a Methodist or at least a Baptist and, of course, a Democrat. These were people that helped widows, disabled children, minorities, elderly and the unemployed. Wichita was a city with wide swings in employment because of the aircraft industry. Because of this I learned in high school how important it was to help your neighbor with food, clothing, jobs and moral support.

Today I look back at my years and realize how easy it is to drift from those grade school years. However, what I see now is generations without this "Grade School Footing." Signs are in grade school classrooms with "The 13 Positive Behavior Ways." None with any explanation of a "Moral Compass," based on solid Christian morals and values. Words spoken and actions taken today without this moral compass show a lack of respect, trust and love for individuals, the military, police, and even our own elected governmental leaders including the president.

The best alternative is still the family. The best source for life is still the Bible; Finally, the best country to have a good life with a solid educational foundation and social concern is the USA. We may have disagreements but to stay together as "One Nation Under God," there will be a necessity for compromise with respect and trust.

North High School
Wichita, Kansas, c. 1968

