



NEWS

Acts University Relaunches Nov. 1

Acts University relaunched Nov. 1, offering seven one-hour courses.

Courses are being offered through December at \$50 per credit hour and must be finished by the end of December. The courses are accredited and will count toward an Associate Degree. For more information, contact Pam Wining at 4321actstreasurer@gmail.com

Early Notice...

ActsFest 2020

Save the date, mark your calendars for next year's Acts Fest Banquet. It will be Saturday, July 18, 2020. It will be in the same place as this year, the Executive Conference Center, 910 W. Battlefield Rd. Springfield, Missouri. We will give you more details as the date draws closer.

Light of the World Concert

This is a free concert in the Kansas City area. Becca Steiner and friends will offer a free concert, Saturday, Dec. 21, at 7 p.m., at Blue Springs Baptist Temple, 4101 SW Hwy. 7, Blue Springs, Missouri. Many will remember Becca from her performances at the ActsFest Banquets

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

December, 2019 NEWSLETTER



How to Return the Joy to Christmas

by Jackie L. Scott

The song says, "It's the most wonderful time of the year," and it paints a picture of joy and happiness. Contrary to popular belief, the suicide rate actually drops during the holiday, but there are plenty of people who do not experience a wonderful holiday season.

For some, a loved one is no longer there. Others may be haunted by memories, good or bad, from Christmases past. Still others set their expectations so high anything less than perfect is a disappointment.

Many others deal with financial stress; they think they must put perfect gifts under the tree, decorate exquisitely, and lay out a mouthwatering holiday feast. Although by world standards the poorest in the U.S. would be considered wealthy in other countries, many do struggle to make ends meet throughout the year, and Christmas only magnifies their struggles. Likewise, the lonely and isolated only feel it their solitude more keenly during the holidays.

So what is the answer? Even that first Christmas was not perfect. Millions were forced to return to their region of birth, just so they could be counted and taxed. Taxes were no more popular then than they are now. The town was overwhelmed with people; finding a room impossible. God's only son was the perfect gift, was born in a stable and lain in a manger; the circumstances were anything but perfect.

What does that mean for us?

First, set realistic expectations. If certain family members don't get along the rest days of the year, don't expect them to at Christmas. Consider inviting groups of people that do get along with one another. And don't exhaust yourself trying to do everything yourself. Ask for help.

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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

Tony has an early Christmas gift for investors. Contact him on Facebook and request the end of the year investors checklist. Watch his program for down-to-earth information on investing and Christian stewardship. It's great for the seasoned investor as well as the novice.



Crosswalk of Hope

With Hosts, Dennis and Becky Coad

Mondays, 9 am

You have watched their inspirational shows and seen how God is changing the lives of former prisoners. You have the opportunity to help these men have a Merry Christmas. (See Christmas Story on Page 1 for details.)



Veterans Church

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

Thursdays, 6:30 pm

Hosted by Rev. Bruce Pearson and Rev. Leo Frohman, both veterans. Veterans Church is open to anyone interested in Bible-based teaching. Veterans and families of veterans find a listening ear and someone who understands the many issues facing veterans and their families.



Basics of Faith

With Host, Dr. Marty Hamilton

Fridays, 9 am

If you would like to dig deeper into the word of God and the doctrine, this is the program for you. Dr. Marty Hamilton breaks it down into simple terms that are easy to understand. Dr. Hamilton has a heart to teach people who have a burning desire to become serious student of the Word.



Power Hour

With Host, Schuyler Carter

Thursdays, 9 am

Society sends many mixed messages about what a real man is. Many young boys grow up without good Godly male role models. The Power Hour takes biblical guidelines for Godly men and applies those truths to everyday situations.



Please turn in any missing SRG reports before Dec. 31

Happy Hour

**With Hosts,
Dr. Paul Collins and Rev. Nancy Collins
Fridays, 9:30 am**

This show offers a variety of guests who are experts in their fields. If you want information you can use in your daily life, this is the program for you. December's guests will include: Sam Blaine who will discuss security systems for home and business, Don Crawford a restored construction company owner, who is using his expertise to do relief work in Haiti, Dr. Bonnie MacAlman, who is a naturopathic doctor (ND).



Something to Celebrate

**With Hosts,
Amber Weigard-Buckley
and Bishop Tom Young
Tuesdays, 9 am**

Dec. 3 starts off the Christmas season with that jolly old elf himself, Santa Claus. Be sure to watch as Tom and Amber interview their special guest. See if Tom and Amber both make the good list. Tune in each week to see what other Christmas surprises are in store the rest of the month.



Morning Drive

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

Week Days, 8 am

Your ministers of joy and mirth will brighten your day and lessen your holiday stress each morning, Monday through Friday. Both these men have a heart for God and their greatest joy is to lift up and encourage their fellow man.

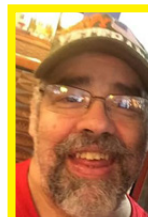


New Shows Coming to Acts Ministry Facebook Live

Spirit of America hosted by Randy Baar. Randy and his wife Gail minister to people struggling with mental illness. He is also a song writer. Date and time to be arranged.



Brighter Living Live with host Steve McAllister. The show will air Tuesdays from 10-10:30 am.



Pastor Dennis Eversen will also be starting a new program on Acts Television Network. stay tune for details.



Kidney Fund Update

In December, Randal Phillips' medical team will decide if his current kidney transplant is viable or if he will need another transplant. Recent clinicals have been promising and the team has begun to address other related medical issues. Doctors at St. Luke's Hospital in Kansas City are working to repair the urological damages of nearly 12 years of dialysis. This is a slow process and may take several more months to complete. If the procedures fail, reconstructive surgery may be necessary.

Acts Ministry's Kidney Fund has begun to assist in offsetting Phillips' \$354 per month Missouri Healthnet spend down. This assistance will continue to help cover the costs of immuno-suppressants and other medical costs unless funds are depleted. Due to Social Security regulations, it is possible that Phillips' disability benefits will end before the series of procedures and, possibly, surgeries, are completed. In that case, Acts Ministry Kidney Funds' help with spend down expenses will become even more important.

Thus far, donors are replenishing \$150 of that monthly \$354 and Acts Ministry would welcome further contributions, both one-time and ongoing. The ultimate goal is to aid as many needy transplant patients as possible. If you are interested in making a donation, contact Acts Ministry at 4321acts@gmail.com. Or call 816-217-3307.

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Real News Review Article of the Month

Debt-Free Education and Training

By Dr. James R. Wining

Who would have thought the generations after the “Baby Boomers,” would become inhabitants of “debtor’s prison”? The cost of any education beyond public high school can soar to \$100,000 a year with a full four years costing nearly half a million dollars! Higher education beyond the initial four years in medicine, science, engineering and business can be, in fact, a multiple of the first four years cost. We need to eliminate “debtor’s prison,” which, for the young graduate, is a payment sentence of 5-10 years.

For years, we have rewarded business for innovative ideas in health, energy, construction and so forth. Business was given the opportunity to go into the public and gather huge sums of money based upon tax credits of one to three times the investors actual hard dollar contribution. The results have been mixed but, more importantly, we need to remember business doesn’t think — people do!

Universal free education would be available for students to study in areas of human need and public necessities. This would include vocational training in construction, manufacturing, agriculture, etc. and it could include academic studies in environment, health, engineering, science, technology, etc. The student would have a wide

array of opportunities to choose from with scholarships based on what our society places a priority upon.

Just as there is a Federal Reserve Board to set economic standards and policy non-politically there should also be a Federal Education Board. Its responsibility would be to assign U.S. income tax credit values on the various educational and training priorities of our society. This board would establish qualifications, approve education and training institutions, set standards for scholarship compliance and determine tax credits applicable for higher education and training.

Billions of tax credit dollars are wasted on business ventures tailored for tax credits. Why not redirect these funds to develop the intellect of people and skills of people for the betterment of our future. We all realize the huge task of the Education Board but isn’t it worth it to offer again the American Dream of a brighter future in the free land of opportunity?



Dr. James R. Wining
President, Acts Ministry

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Return to Joy

Don’t overspend. Can you name three things you received for Christmas three years ago? I can’t. But I recall spending the day at my Aunt Jean’s when I was small. She let her boys and me bake Christmas cookies. What a brave woman she was to let two grade schoolers and three preschoolers in the kitchen to bake cookies. A few years ago, I followed her example and let my preschool church class bake Christmas cookies. Was I brave? Well, yes, but it was also great fun watching those little guys make a memory.

Help someone who can’t help you. I remember one year I couldn’t make it home for Christmas due to an ice storm. Friends with a four-wheel drive invited me to Christmas dinner. After dinner, we took presents to a family whose father had lost his job. The family’s home could only be described as a shack. We took presents for the family. Their little girl was gifted with a box of chocolates. She was overjoyed to have something to share. She passed the box around to her family and offered us each a piece. We left that home, humbled and blessed by what we had just witnessed, the giving spirit of Christmas.

Who can you help? Consider the men who live at Crosswalk of Hope. Dennis and Becky Coad say the guys would enjoy tools or gadgets, or Walmart gift cards. They also need donated vehicles for several who need to get to and from work. Don’t forget the people in nursing homes.

They may get visitors during the holidays only to be forgotten when the holidays pass. Schedule some time with the residents after the holidays when your schedule will be less hectic as well.

Even though some will point to excessive commercialism, this is the time of year we pause to celebrate the birth of our Savior. As we read the familiar story, take time to reflect on the greatest gift that was ever given, God’s own Son. No matter what is going on in your life, we have the very best gift and no matter what happens this holiday season, there is reason to celebrate, be grateful and stand in awe of a God who loves each of us so much. It’s a time of awe, a time of wonder and, yes, it truly is the most wonderful time of the year.

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