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## *Take A Short Trip Around My World ...*

*... By Dr. Paul Collins*

## The Power of Connection Was Demonstrated



Dr. Paul Collins,  
Founder Acts Ministry

It happened! ACTSfest 2009 was held in Springfield, Missouri on August 7, 8, and 9. Many, many firsthand reports stated that the power of God was evident in every meeting. We were the recipients of benefits made possible by the power of connection.

The Friday night service was a joyous time of celebration in music, praise, and inspirational messages. The chapel at Maranatha Village was filled with people and the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Saturday morning and afternoon we were given vital information about “the world of cyber space.” The presenters (Dr. Warren Drake, Mr. Oliver Burrows, and Dr. Steve Highlander) showed us (with the visual aid of a projector and a giant screen) many of the uses of the internet for ministry. Those who attended had access to understandable technology and a hospitality room with coffee, tea, and pastries.

The awards banquet on Saturday night was the biggest and best in the history of ACTSfest. Many said they were in awe of the music, the food, the fellowship, and the seamless progression of the program.

On Sunday morning, many went to services in local churches and others gathered in a meeting room at the host hotel for “House Church In A Hotel.”

Sunday afternoon seven were licensed and three were ordained.

The next ACTSfest will be the dates prior to and including the second Sunday in August, 2010. Mark your calendar to reserve August 6, 7, and 8 for the opening service on Friday night, activities to enhance ministry during the day on Saturday, the banquet Saturday night, and ordination on Sunday afternoon.

Enjoy this issue of *the Real News-Review*.

Paul ☐



Nancy Collins

# I Will Not Leave You Comfortless

By Nancy Collins

This weekend was filled with wonderful people. The family of faith came together to share their ideas, knowledge, love, and faith. Among the topics, people shared what they knew about the times in which we find ourselves. We are not alone. I heard information gathered from many independent sources that show what may come or is to be concerning 'these last days'. Time will tell.

After we returned home last night, I heard this Word, "I WILL NOT LEAVE YOU COMFORTLESS." Instantly, the words of Jesus came to mind from Matthew 14:18: "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you." Or as the Living Bible says 'No, I will not abandon you or leave you as orphans in the storm -- I will come to you.' The Revised Standard says, "I will not leave you desolate; I will come to you." I have read these words many times in the past years; yet this time they jumped into my mind! They were living and powerful! They were heard in my heart like fireworks on the Fourth of July! I WILL NOT LEAVE YOU COMFORTLESS!!!

His Eye is on the Sparrow and I know He watches me. Our Father is no respecter of persons. He is impartial. He goes to save the one; to look for even one person. He goes out of His way for one person. Who am I that He would live and die? You are the one. I am the one. We are the one. Many years ago, there was someone that was having great problems. I had drawn the line and stepped over to give this person and their problems to God. One day the Holy Spirit told me that it did not matter where this person went even if I never knew. HE knew for He sees behind every blade of grass and under every small leaf. In that instant, peace like a river came over me and oil flowed from above down to the ground, so much so, that I expected to see literal oil flowing over me and the ground. His peace has NEVER left me regarding this situation. The person prayed for has been set free and will one day be on His platform.

As His Word is for everyone, so I pass this Word given to me to you. I WILL NOT LEAVE YOU COMFORTLESS. □

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LeAnn Kennedy, President

## Winding Down and Gearing Up

By LeAnn Kennedy

Well, summer is quickly coming to a close. Another ACTSfest has come and gone and it is time for many of us to develop a different routine as the end of August and

the beginning of September marks "Back to School."

If you are thinking, "Not, me; I've been out of school for years and I'm not a teacher," think again. We are not static beings; we are constantly in a state of change as we are hard pressed on all sides. We are changing whether we realize it or not. You may not be returning to a classroom, per se, in the next few weeks, but you are still in school, right along with me; for we all have so very much to learn and so much changing to do in order to reflect the glory of the Lord more and more.

Many new school clothes are being purchased right about now. You may have even taken your own children or grandchildren shopping for theirs. But what about us? What about our school clothes? Don't forget that Jesus has already purchased all the "new clothes" we will ever need because we will never outgrow them! Actually it will take us a lifetime to fully grow into them! Recall with me what we, as Christians, are to clothe ourselves with: compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience, and putting on over all these virtues love, which binds them all together in perfect unity (see Colossians 3:12-14). I have some growing to do for these clothes to be attractive on me. What about you?

Oh, do you have your other necessary school supplies? Now, just where is that textbook? (No condemnation here; just dust it off and let's get our noses back in the Book.) Where is that prayer journal and learning log? Remember, effective learning takes place in the natural when all of our senses are employed in the learning process. Read. Write. Listen. Share. Express what you are learning with gentleness and respect at the Lord's leading or another's request. Taste and see that the Lord is good! In the natural, we learn as we attempt to effectively express ourselves. Trust me, when I first had to EXPLAIN mathematics to someone else, my own knowledge was made more solid! I just "thought" I knew mathematics until I had to communicate that knowledge to someone else.

That may be why in Philemon (verse 6) we are told to be active in the sharing of our faith so that we may have a full understanding of what we have in Christ. But let us all remember to do this with gentleness and respect (see 1 Peter 3:15.) As we share our Christian experience we continue to learn more completely what

we "thought" we knew! And ironically, the more we learn, we learn how little we actually know. So don't be surprised if you find yourself having to go back to the Textbook and asking the Teacher more questions!

If your summer has been busy, let me remind you that your fall will be busier; therefore, I encourage you, as God is encouraging me, to exercise responsibility over your own calendar. Consult your Master and manage well the time that has been given to you. By God's grace, exercise control over yourself, for self-control is a fruit of the Spirit, and if the fruit of "self-control" is not as ripe as you would like it to be, sit longer at His feet, allowing it to ripen as the warmth of the Son shines brightly upon you.

I'm not sure when your first "test" is scheduled for this year, but we will all have them. I am not going to say "good luck" as some of my students at school say to each other, but as your sister in Christ, I will say that I am praying that we stand in the grace that God provides to see us through each and every one. Have a great school year! ☐

### **Always An Open Invitation**

On the fourth Sunday of every month, Acts Ministry sponsors a service of worship and the word at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon. This service is in the chapel on the beautiful campus of Maranatha Village in Springfield, MO

**NEXT 4th SUNDAY SERVICE WILL BE AUGUST 23.**

On the second Sunday of every month, Acts Ministry sponsors a service at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon. This service is in the chapel on the beautiful campus of Maranatha Village in Springfield, MO.

**NEXT 2nd SUNDAY SERVICE WILL BE SEPTEMBER 13.**

**AT ALL SERVICES, WE ALWAYS HAVE PRAYER FOR INDIVIDUAL NEEDS ... BRING YOURS.**

## On The Light Side By Audrey West

### August Miscellany

*“Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee?  
Show us thy mercy, O Lord, and grant us thy salvation”.*  
*Psalms 85: 6-7 KJV*

In the early years of our nation, the church was the hub of social life. Almost every church held a revival come summer. In the rural areas they were usually held between “laying by and gathering” time for crops. These Christians were serious about the religious aspects of being “spiritually renewed or restored”. They prayed for revival and for converting grace to abound.

Churches have all but ceased holding revivals in this age. People say “we are in the 21<sup>st</sup> century and no one wants to hear a “finger-pointing, hollering preacher”. Downcast people have lost the joy of their salvation. When people of God turn from their folly and reflect on the goodness of God toward them in the past and pray for mercy and forgiveness of sin, God will lift his people to new levels of spirituality and rejoicing.

### Revival Time

I remember through my childhood, the excitement that I felt,  
For I knew that come the summer, a big revival would be held.  
Folks would come from miles around us, seemed they hungered for the word,  
And some would say the preaching was the best they ever heard.  
I saw this event as one of visiting with my cousins and my friends,  
Getting dressed up in my sun-dress with the rick-rack at the hem.  
Making faces during preaching, nodding off right at the last,  
Then singing songs about our Jesus in our little singing class.

Oh the fun when church was over, catching fireflies in the dark,  
As our parents tried to catch us, so the trip back home could start.  
We said goodbye to those around, then climbed up on Momma’s lap,  
Never knowing when our daddies carried us sleeping into the house.  
Then one August, hot as blazes, we had meeting once again,  
The preacher told how Jesus loved us, went to Calvary for our sins.  
Inside my heart seemed soft and tender; I felt a weight upon my soul,  
Tears were welling up inside me.....they were very hard to hold!  
When they sang the invitation, my friends and I looked at our feet,  
Felt a bit concerned and troubled when we sat down in our seats.  
The night was dark, my heart was heavy, I told Momma the next day,  
I didn’t want to go to meeting; I’d rather just stay home and play.

The days of innocence had passed by us, though we knew not how or when,  
Our carefree days were gone forever; we’d never be the same again.  
Now we knew our obligation, felt the guilt inside our heart,  
Had mixed feelings about the meeting, kind of hoped it wouldn’t start.  
But August came and then third Sunday, sure enough we struggled in,  
A group of thirteen year old sinners, weighted down by guilt and sin.  
I remember a storm was breaking, thunder crashing, lightening bright,  
When we gave our hearts to Jesus....on a stormy August night.

Author: Wanda Brown Scott

**Reminder: When praises go up, blessings come down.**