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## MEET THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF ACTS MINISTRY



LeAnn Kennedy

"Lack of rain has turned the grass in my lawn into patches of brown. Our lives resemble the looks of my lawn when we have a lack of the water of the Word of God. How thirsty are we for the Living Water?"

*LeAnn Kennedy, President of Acts Ministry*



Dr. Paul Collins

Actsfest 2010 demonstrated that unity, in Christ, through the Holy Spirit is possible. We experienced it August 5, 6, 7, and 8. And ... my personal congratulations to those who received awards and honors at the annual banquet.

*Paul Collins, Vice President*



Nancy Collins

This Actsfest was a weekend of individuals, representing many denominations who came from all over, with their talents and occupations working together to benefit others. Surely the Lord was pleased by the hearts and actions of His people.

*Nancy Collins, Representative of the Board of Directors*

### **ACTS MINISTRY PRAYER CIRCLES**

There are (most likely ... we don't have an accurate count at this time) hundreds of Acts Ministry Prayer Circles around the globe. Your prayer requests reach around the world. Rev. O.K. Neal is our International Prayer Pastor and can be reached by e-mail at [okneal49@gmail.com](mailto:okneal49@gmail.com).

# Before The Clock Stops In Heaven

by Dr. Paul Collins

Are we running out of time? As they say, “The clock is ticking!” Because I personally believe we are living on the edge of the end, I am offering a few of my thoughts as to what kind of lifestyle we Christians ought to pursue in an effort to honor Jesus the Christ.

1. Seek directions, search out the land, identify the markers, and walk in the experience. The circumstances of life in 21st Century America leave little choice for Christians to do other than to try to live in the kingdom of God. We can follow the pattern displayed in the history of the Israelites in their move into the Promised Land. Moses heard from God, appointed Joshua, the spies went into the land, and the Israelites followed the priests across the Jordan.

We can have clear, concise directions from the Holy Spirit. He will identify those whom he has appointed and anointed. Television, the internet, magazines, and newspapers are our references as to the wilderness of the world in which we have wandered; but the appointed and anointed men and women of God, in alignment with the Bible, become our “eyes into the Promised Land” of the Kingdom.

2. Prepare for healing, deliverance, and prosperity. In the forty years of wandering in the wilderness (a desert), the children of Israel did not need a physician. There is no report of appendectomies. There is no report of cataract surgery. In fact, I do not recall reading that the people had a regular medical checkup. Their lifestyle was simple. They never visited a desert mall to shop for clothes. The ones they had, lasted and lasted and lasted! I will admit I found in the story some evidence of them becoming bored. They had a problem with Quail when they desired a change in their diet. On more than one occasion, they fussed, they criticized, and they rebelled. Sound familiar?

The generation that left Egypt (other than for a hand-picked few) died without the experience of the Promised Land. The new generation walked in by crossing a dry river - bed just as the prior generation escaped Pharaoh by walking on a dry sea - bed.

3. There is a powerful combination of faith and believing. Which comes first, faith or believing? Does it matter? I hope you try believing until you have faith. I hope you will allow “blind faith” to become deep believing. I hope you will do both over and over again until it is more than your second nature; it will become your first nature.

# How Great is Our God

by Nancy Collins

Have you ever thought about how awesome a person would have to be to be in every home in Springfield? And in Nixa, Ozark, Republic, Strafford, Buffalo, Marshfield, and in between all at the same time? But also in every other place, town, and city of this country plus Canada, Mexico, and North, Central and South America as well as the other countries of the world. Yet also, in the Atlantic and the Pacific oceans as well as all of the other water areas of the world. How awesome would that person have to be! To be everywhere at the same time!

How awesome that person would have to be to be in every nook and cranny of every mountain and valley; in every desert place. The Holy Spirit once told me that no matter where a certain person went HE would know so do not worry. How about everywhere above and around the earth? Or out in the vastness of space in, on, and around every planet and asteroid of our solar system. But that is just the beginning of space. There are untold and unknown areas that we have no knowledge. Nothing overshadows Me.

Then consider the cellular makeup of a person. Cells make up organs and these organs form systems that make up the whole body. Who has this very intimate knowledge? How about all the animals? How about all the other parts of creation around the world and of each grain of sand or snowflake? Who is mindful of these minute details?

This person knows everyone's mind and spirit, thoughts, and feelings, and deeds done in the body. This person knew you before time was made and knows everything about you every second of the day and night. He knows your comings and goings, ups and downs, your ins and outs, your everything. This person is always with you and does not leave you nor forsake you as others might. When the problems come for whatever reason and you feel like a failure or you have failed in some way, or you give up on yourself with this mountain overshadowing you, there is an overshadowing presence that has said to me, “Nothing Overshadows Me.”

He overshadows. He upholds. He is ever-present. He was. He is. He is to come. He is I AM. HE is God of all and over all as well as creator and sustainer of His own. In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth... and the rest of Genesis 1:1-31 and 2:1-3 about creation.

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the

heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult (Psalms 46:1-3). Know therefore this day, and consider it in your heart, that the Lord He is God in heaven above, and upon the earth beneath: there is none else (Deuteronomy 4:39). I keep the Lord always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved (Psalms 16:8). Be strong and of good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the Lord thy God, He it is that does go with thee; He will not fail thee, nor forsake you (Deuteronomy 31:6). Trust in the Lord with all your heart; and lean not unto your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths (Proverbs 3:5-6). ...lo, I am with you always, to the end of the age (Matthew 28:20b). Cast your burden on the Lord, And He shall sustain you; He shall never permit the righteous to be moved (Psalms 55:22). For the Word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of the soul and spirit, of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart (Hebrews 4:12). We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose (Romans 8:28). Nothing overshadows Him. Praise God!

## An Awakening

by LeAnn Kennedy

How much do we have to see with our natural eyes and hear with our natural ears to finally heed the warnings—take very seriously—that which those in the body of Christ who have been gifted by the Holy Spirit to discern the times have been telling us (Amos 3:7)? How “real” do things have to become for us to fall on our knees?

Persecution is coming to the American church—not the institutions—but to authentic Christian believers—authentic Christians who are seeking the Lord daily and those authentic Christians that are worldly and carnal. Are we ready for persecution? Have our “feel-good” messages and motivational speeches prepared us for the spiritual war that has already crossed our threshold from our doorstep?

We’ve talked a lot about 2 Chronicles 7:14, but has it really been a heart-felt cry from the depths of our souls? Christian brothers and sisters, if we do not allow God to change US, there is no hope for our country. Are we praying for our own personal spiritual renewal? Are we allowing God full access to our daily lives to use us? Are we positioning ourselves to be sensitive and listening for that still small voice in the midst of such a busy chaotic world?

If unbelievers do not see God in us—they will never see Him until it is too late, that is—when every eye will behold Him and every knee will bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father.

God is the only one who can save our nation. We need more of God in America—more God in more people—more God in more Christians. It’s not enough to have God on our money and God in our pledge of allegiance; if God is not allowed FULL ACCESS into the hearts of those He has redeemed—our nation runs the risk of being a “different America” than most of us reading this article have ever known.

For too long, we Christians have isolated ourselves from the rest of our family, those who belong or affiliate with other mainline denominations or independent churches. God has authentic adopted children all over the place! He finds us lost sheep everywhere—in all kinds of Christian churches and even in no church at all. We must learn to appreciate God’s gifts to us that He has placed in other believers—even if they “camp” at a “site” that is not where we camp.

Persecution is coming to the American church. Without the mercy of Almighty God, the intensity and frequency MAY be determined by how we exercise our rights both CIVIC and SPIRITUAL. We should have already been prepared for war. Besides “yesterday”, the next best time to prepare is TODAY... TODAY if you hear his VOICE...do not harden your hearts... TODAY is the day of salvation.

We MUST reach out to our extended Christian family—again, I refer to those who “camp” at a “site” other than where we do. We must network. We must pray for each other. We must visit and get to know each other—in each other’s homes. WE HAVE NEEDED EACH OTHER ALL ALONG BY GOD’S DESIGN, but in arrogance and pride we have thought of our other Christian brothers and sisters as less than ourselves, which means GOD’S LOVE IS NOT YET PERFECTED IN US. And if His love is not perfected in us, we will be fearful in the days ahead, for perfect love casts out all fear.

Our eyes are being opened to a rude awakening in this country, but we must PRAY for a GREAT AWAKENING!

To: Dr. and Nancy Collins, LeAnn Kennedy, Margaret Comer, and all of the people of Acts Ministry.



I would like to humbly thank all of you for the honor you bestowed upon me by presenting me with the Margaret Comer Lighthouse Award. It has been my pleasure to work and consult with Dr. Collins on some of the many projects in which Acts Ministry is involved.

The Holy Spirit moves through Acts Ministry as He fosters and promotes God's will for His people, and it's a blessing to be part of that plan.

Kim Rowley

### NOTEWORTHY NOTES

- August marks the date of the official beginning of Acts Ministry seventeen years ago.
- We have been having Second Sunday Services for about 15 years.
- There have been eleven Actsfests.
- We have been having Fourth Sunday Services for almost four years.

Revivals have started in the hearts of God's children and as they are radically and quickly changed more and more into the image of their Savior—those on the outside of the family that ARE TO BE ADOPTED cannot get away from the love of God and they are saved.

Only by God's mercy will our nation be spared. If not, we Christians will be able to stand only if we are solid in the ways of God and know His Word. How balanced are you in your biblical studies? Have you equipped yourself with teachings other than the "feel-good" messages of the last 10 to 15 years or so? "Feel-good" messages won't help us during persecution and spiritual war. We must know how to arm ourselves for battle and after having done everything to stand and fight the good fight of faith in love with those around us, in the name and power of our God. We will have to come out of our "closets." Christians need each other—each fellowship of believers needs the other fellowships of believers—God made us that way. Get to know the family; you will be glad you did!

Is Christianity—personal? YES!!! We are each intimately involved with our God. Is Christianity—private? ABSOLUTELY NOT!!!! We are to go and tell the good news of Jesus Christ and what He has done for us and to shine like stars in the universe as we hold out the word of life!

I pray that the "rude awakening" that is dawning will lead to a "Great Awakening" as we fall on our knees, confess our own personal sins and the sins of our nation, repent, and seek our Great God with everything in us as never before.

### SEPTEMBER DATES

September 3, 4, 5, 6 **Bikers Bash in Granbury, Texas** (many, many thousands of bikers and others will be in attendance) ... led by Warriors For Christ, a great Christian motorcycle ministry. Warriors For Christ operates under the covering and encouragement of Acts Ministry. Dr. Paul and Nancy will visit the Bikers Bash on Saturday, September 4. On Friday, September 3, Dr. Collins will be consulting with area ministers in Stephenville, TX. Sunday, September 5, The Collinses will attend service at World Ministry Outreach Church at 10 AM, and Dr. Paul will minister at the 6 PM service.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 ... The Acts Ministry Second Sunday service will be at 2 PM in the chapel on the campus of Maranatha Village. It is always a Holy Spirit Victory Celebration and Healing Service.**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 ... The Acts Ministry Fourth Sunday Service will be at 2 PM in the chapel on the campus of Maranatha Village. It is another Holy Spirit Victory Celebration and Healing Service.**

## On The Light Side

by Audrey West

### Re-Runs

How many of us enjoy watching some of the television reruns that are truly wholesome programs with sound principals that are missing in today's T.V. programs? To find time to sit down and catch an old rerun of Highway to Heaven, Andy Griffin or Little House on the Prairie is quite entertaining. I also have to mention the most Holy of reruns...the Gospel of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We sit amazed Sunday after Sunday, week after week, month after month and year after year to hear this wonderful message as if we were hearing it for the very first time. There is another rerun that I hope will be worth rerunning to alert our minds to the importance of our national election that will be held in November 2010. In 2008, I did an article that I thought appropriate before our last election. Christians should be much in prayer and seeking spiritual guidance to prepare them in wisdom to cast their votes in this upcoming election. The rerun goes like this:

### God Give Us Leaders

God give us leaders. The time demands  
strong minds, great hearts, true faith and willing hands;  
Leaders whom the lust of office does not kill;  
Leaders whom the spoils of office cannot buy;  
Leaders who possess opinions and a will;  
Leaders who have honor; leaders who will not lie;  
Leaders who can stand before a demagogue  
and condemn his treacherous flatteries without winking;  
Tall leaders, sun-crowned, who live above the fog  
in public duty and in private thinking!

For while the rabble with their thumb-worn creeds,  
Their large professions and their little deeds  
Mingle in selfish strife; lo! Lest freedom weep!  
Wrong rule the land and waiting Justice sleep!

J.G. Holland

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

### NOTICE

There is a plan being put together by some of the Acts Ministry laity to set aside March 25, 26, 27 of 2011 for a "**Springfest.**" Friday the 25th and Saturday the 26th there will be information booths, presentations, and seminars at the Lamplighter North Hotel in Springfield. We will be utilizing the Missouri Rooms A and B. Sunday, the the 27th will feature two worship opportunities. One will be at 10 AM at the hotel and the other will be at 2 PM in the chapel at Maranatha Village, 233 Norton Road.

The Acts Ministry Executive Committee is in the process of planning a **tour of the Holy Land in June of 2011.** The tour will be open to any of the members of the Acts Ministry family (and their family and friends).