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## *Page One News... ... By Dr. Paul Collins*



Dr. Paul Collins

### **God Has A Voice ... and you can hear Him!**

If you have never heard God speak, it is likely that you have not tried, or you may never have been positioned. God can do anything, but He will not always do everything. I suggest three things you can do to increase the likelihood of receiving messages directly from God.

1. Find a quiet place, make yourself comfortable, and wait.
2. Focus your mind on Jesus, and be thankful for his love.
3. Be ready to acknowledge the presence of the Holy Spirit.

### **Wisdom, Prosperity, and Success**

- ***Wisdom*** causes one to look for, and study, differences that truly make a difference.
- ***Prosperity*** is having resources sufficient to beginning, and finishing, the projects God has assigned.
- ***Success*** is attaining the desires God has placed in your heart

### **Power Sources for Living**

1. ***Your Mind***: if you keep it renewed according to Romans 12:2
2. ***Your Body***: if you present it to God according to Romans 12:1
3. ***Your Attitude***: if you are follow the teaching in Ephesians 4:22, 23, 24

### **Suggestions for Connections**

- ***The Internet***: I recommend that everyone have access to the internet. If you are not using it, you are missing it! **Please keep us informed if your email address changes.**
- ***Cell Phones***: Cell phones have become as much a part of our lives as telephones.
- ***The Real News-Review***: This little newsletter is much more than just a monthly mailing to let you know that the Acts Ministry office is operational. It contains information as well as inspirational material. It should be read the day it arrives in the mail. **Please let us know in advance if you are going to have a change of address.**

### **Your Stewardship**

This ministry has operated for 16 years without making a charge for ministerial credentials or tax-exempt covering. Acts Ministry is not inclined to make appeals for money. Most of the support comes from the 2nd and 4th Sunday services held monthly in Springfield, our headquarters city. A few people send checks through the mail. I encourage you to have a part in this international outreach for Jesus. You can give by mail or online using PayPal. If you are in the Springfield area, join the spiritual feast at 2 pm on the 2nd or 4th Sunday in the chapel at Maranatha Village.

Stay blessed,  
Paul ☐



Nancy Collins

# Ever Forward

By Nancy Collins

Recently, I attended a funeral for a man that brought back many past memories. He sang the song 'The Blood' like no one else! When this song was sung, heaven came down and glory filled my soul as well as everyone else's. The church was filled with the overflowing presence of the Lord! How

awesome was this time in the past! Every Sunday, there was music, the Word, and the ministry of the Holy Spirit with miracles, signs, and wonders following. A three hour service was as 30 minutes.

Then there were the chapel services at the Jefferson City Correctional Facility. Again, heaven came down and glory filled the souls in this chapel. The song 'O Happy Day' was sung as only these precious men could sing it! The Word was preached with the Holy Spirit bringing His signs, wonders, and miracles.

There have been so many times in the past. Each was so special — a person might want it to last forever; to stay forever in that moment. But in this world, there is no forever. The only forever that has all the miracles, signs, and wonders is the forever with Jesus.

The Israelite people were slaves in Egypt for four hundred years. Read all of Exodus or read parts such as 14:10-12; 15:24; 16:1-3; 17: 3. You may say that these do not speak of the people not wanting to leave good times like I have written above. These scriptures tell of a people that did not like their life, but when the Lord did many signs and wonders they were led out. Yet, they wanted to return. They wanted to go back. They were willing to forgo being with the Lord to be with what they knew. Read Numbers 11:1-20; 14:1-11 and 17-35; 21:1-7.

Wanting to stay in the past? Wanting to have life stay the same may mean many things to different people. It also may mean not wanting to go forward, to follow God no matter where He leads; no matter if you have to leave the good times behind. We do not ride on the coattails of all the past miracles, signs, and wonders into eternity. Jesus has not stayed in the past. We cannot stay in the past or present either. He was and is ever leading His children into a closer relationship with Him and to the place He is preparing for us. To not follow Him is to stay in the past or in Egypt. Then how are we to ever be with Him? Like General McArthur, He shall return. Will He find you ready and willing to leave all? This is an individual experience. There are only two on this journey—you and Jesus. Every awesome moment with Him should spur us onward—not to keep us in the here and now—but to be with Him forever. ☐



LeAnn Kennedy, President

## A Note from the Editor...

LeAnn's father has been very, very ill. He was hospitalized for several days but has been moved to The Manor at Maranatha Village for hospice care. He was moved this afternoon, September 2, 2009. I know you will miss her article this month, but I am confident she will be writing for the next issue of *the Real News-Review*. Thank you for praying for her, her dad, her mother, and her brother and his family.

### On The Light Side By Audrey West September Miscellany

#### A Good Clean Funny

##### IF...

If lawyers are disbarred and clergymen defrocked, doesn't it follow that electricians can be delighted, musicians denoted, cowboys deranged, models deposed, and dry cleaners depressed?

Laundry workers could decrease, eventually becoming depressed and depleted! Even more, bed makers will be debunked, baseball players will be debased, bulldozer operators will be degraded, organ donors will be delivered, software engineers will be detested, the BVD company will be debriefed, and even musical composers will eventually decompose.

On a more positive note, though, perhaps we can hope politicians will be **devoted**.

*Article from the  
Maranatha Messenger*

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

#### There are ways you can help us serve you better:

Keep us informed of your address changes and e-mail changes. You may do this by e-mailing the editor ... margaretc6@aol.com, or Acts Ministry at [www.actsministry.org](http://www.actsministry.org) or send a note by US Postal Service to Acts Ministry, P.O. Box 11084, Springfield, Missouri 65808 Also, current and back issues of *the Real News Review* are available on the Acts website for your enjoyment.

# **Acts Ministry**

## **(Fellowship of Ministers and Churches)**

### **Statement of Purpose (In Brief)**

Acts Ministry, a Christian organization, was incorporated in 1993. One of the purposes was to license and ordain ministers of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Ministerial credentials provided by Acts Ministry are never sold. They are given to those deemed to have a genuine call into a Christian ministry that will require viable recognition.

### **Expectations**

It is expected that every person licensed or ordained by Acts Ministry will be faithfully connected to the organization. The purpose of connection is two-fold: (1) the Acts Ministry minister will receive encouragement, guidance, and prayer support; (2) the Acts Ministry minister, through connection, will be accountable by reporting ministry activities and financial support for those activities.

### **More Specifically**

Every Acts Ministry minister will report quarterly to the home office. The report must be in written form, signed, and dated. The reports are according to the calendar year. The pastoral information sent to the office will include the number of worship services conducted and any other ministerial functions such as funerals and weddings. Specialized ministries such as prison, hospital, and hospice chaplains will report their activities. All others such as missionaries, counselors, youth ministers, evangelists, singers, and musicians will report on the same schedule as the pastors. Every report must contain evidence of financial accountability.

### **Ministerial Ethics and Etiquette**

Acts Ministry ministers are expected to maintain a biblical code of morals. If there is a moral failure, the minister must submit to correction, counseling as determined by The Clergy Council, and restoration processes. Moral behavior includes, but is not limited to, chastity in singleness, fidelity in marriage, honesty in business, truthfulness in personal relationships, and responsibility in the handling of money to show Christian stewardship.

Clergy are expected to not take advantage of other ministers. If visiting a church as a guest or as an evangelist, the Acts Ministry minister is expected to recognize that the pastor is in charge. If proper etiquette is not practiced, The Clergy Council is empowered to issue a reprimand on behalf of the offended party, and follow with any other action deemed appropriate.

### **The License**

The License to Preach is given by Acts Ministry to those who need to explore their calling and should be under the direct supervision of an ordained person. It is possible for the licensed person to seek ordination after an undetermined period of time. If there is a request to become ordained, there must be a recommendation from those in authority after reviewing the candidate's qualification. The license can be removed by The Clergy Council at any time without notice.

The ordained person is placed in a position wherein there are multiple expectations involving connection, accountability, and leadership. Ordination is done in the presence of the Acts Ministry clergy and laity. It is a public act. The candidate is anointed with oil and submits to the laying on of hands by the presiding representative of The Clergy Council. The credentials can be removed by The Clergy Council.

### **Order of Authority**

Those licensed are assigned to be mentored by someone ordained by Acts Ministry. They are to be connected and accountable to this office by first being connected and accountable to the clergy assigned to be their supervisor.

Every ordained person is expected to be connected and accountable to the office by first being connected and accountable to the Acts Ministry minister assigned by office to be the Area Representative.

The Area Representative must be connected and accountable to the Regional Representative named by the office, and through that person, be connected and accountable to Acts Ministry.

Regional Representatives must be connected and accountable to The Clergy Council.

The Clergy Council serves by appointment by the Board of Directors of Acts Ministry, Inc. The Acts Ministry Board of Directors has seven members. The board is comprised of two lay persons and five clergy. The two lay persons and five clergy are four women and three men. The Acts Ministry Advisory Board has seven members to provide additional insight to the seven members of the board of directors.

**Acts Ministry is incorporated according to the laws of the State of Missouri and is a 501 ( c ) ( 3 )**  
tax exempt organization with a group number recognized by the Internal Revenue Service.

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## **This is important ...**

The **GIVE YOUR LIFE TO CHRIST FOUNDATION** has been incorporated as a not for profit corporation. To participate in this new, Christian outreach opportunity you agree to give \$12.00 **PER YEAR** (LAST MONTH *the Real News-Review* mistakenly gave the figure as \$12.00 per month). **Just think: for \$12.00 a year, you can have a part in evangelism, missions (in the U.S. and other countries), Christian education opportunities, worship centers, and several distinctively Christian social service programs. INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE ACTS MINISTRY OFFICE**, 417-886-0223, actsministry@sbcglobal.net, PO Box 11084, Springfield, MO 65808.

According to Dr. Warren Drake, an ordained Acts Ministry minister, **VISION RESOURCES NETWORK** is a Christian ministry designed to help others in ministry with the technological challenges of the 21st century.

Most ministries and churches have little, if any, provision to equip their members with the ability to utilize today's rapidly changing technology.

**The goal of Vision Resources Network is to help fulfill the vision to reach the world through consulting, and training to use the power of the internet and technology.**

### **WORLD VISIONS INTERNET SERVICES**

World Visions Internet Services, LLC (WVIS) is a development, hosting, and management company for web sites. It is owned and operated by veteran ministers Steve Highlander and Richard Bartz.

WVIS has developed over 300 web sites and currently hosts and manages over 200 sites. They also build several new sites per month. The clientele of WVIS range from non-profit organizations and local businesses to corporate and professional companies. The company maintains 4 dedicated servers in 3 different locations around the country. Steve is an award-winning graphic artist and does the majority of the front end site development. Richard is the company programmer and server technician and writes all the custom programming for their clients.

Steve is an ordained Acts Ministry minister with a doctorate in Pastoral Theology and Richard is a veteran missionary trainer who lives in the Philippines and trains missionaries to serve in 11 S.E. Asian countries. □

**Mark your calendar!**

## ***Second Sunday Service***

**September 13, 2009 at 2 P.M.**

**Maranatha Chapel**

**233 E. Norton Road, Springfield, Missouri**