

Dr. Paul Collins: 67 Years of Service

On a cold winter's night in 1955, teenager Paul Collins met his pastor in his study. An experience on his job and led Collins to speak with his pastor and it was there that he answered a call he had heard a decade earlier to preach the gospel. The rest, as they say, is history.

A month later, Collins preached his first sermon on a Sunday night at Westpark Methodist church in Moberly, Missouri.

Between now and then, Collins has pastored a variety of churches in Northwest, Southern, and Central Missouri. He has also served as an evangelist or speaker in nearly a dozen states across the nation.

"Whether as a pastor, guest speaker, or an attendee," Collins says, "I prefer small churches to large churches. In fact, I have no interest at all in so-called 'mega-churches.'"

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Dr. Paul Collins, Acts Ministry founder.

AMG Seeking New Producer/Technician

Acts Ministry President Dr. James Wining has announced that Acts Media Group is seeking someone to work as a producer and technician to work with AMG's program lineup.

"What we are looking for," Wining said, "is an individual who is interested in producing video media for their own talent or interest, for their calling in Christ, or for public awareness issues. This person would be trained on AMG's video equipment and would have access to the offices for staging and improving their communication skills."

This new person will be allowed to produce, subject to availability and acceptable content, up to five hours per week on AMG's social platforms without cost.

AMG broadcasts over seven pages on Facebook with over 5000 likes and followers, plus on YouTube, Dailymotion, Rumble and the AMG website. It is the Christian Division of Acts Ministry, Inc. 4166 W. Kearney Street Springfield, Mo. 64070. AMG includes Acts Tele-

vision Network, Acts Radio, The Real News-Review and AMG Broadcasting. Acts Ministry is a 29-year-old trans-denominational/trans-doctrinal Christian ministry with a vision of "Unity, in Christ, through the Holy Spirit," and a mission of "Doing the right thing wherever needed."

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But Collins believes that a believer's service doesn't end behind the pulpit. In the course of his admittedly long career, he has been a classroom instructor, managed a regional Christian counseling service, sat on the public school board in two different cities, served a term as regional president of the Missouri School Boards Association, worked with mental health groups, and worked with sheltered workshops for the disabled.

But the founding of Acts Ministry came after spending many Wednesdays in his home study, learning to hear and discern the voice of the Holy Spirit. "The message to begin Acts Ministry was," he said, "very clear. From the beginning, it was to be trans-denominational and trans-doctrinal. The mission was (and still is) to fulfill the vision of 'Unity, in Christ, Through The Holy Spirit.' Acts Ministry became a legal entity in August of 1993, nearly 30 years ago, but was a reality in my mind in April of the same year."

There was tremendous interest from the beginning, Collins says, but not every interested party was willing to join. "Unity in Christ through the Holy Spirit," Collins says, "is only possible where there is both connection *and* accountability."

Acts Ministry has grown in ways that Collins did not expect at first. At the beginning, he and his wife Nancy were instrumental in starting a newspaper, The Real News Review, and Acts Internet Radio. Today, the Real News Review is completely online and the media side has grown into AMG, which produces several live internet based Christian programs that help listeners with a Christian approach to 21st century problems.

With such broad experience working in and with the church, Collins has gained valuable perspective on the changes the church has seen in his lifetime.

I believe home churches will become more and more important in the future, not just in the U.S., but world-

wide. But smaller, tighter-knit groups shouldn't lead to isolation. With modern communications, it is feasible for churches to maintain unity, connection and accountability via the internet and rapid transportation. "Some changes have not added to the cultural credibility of the church," he says. "The music, tacky dress codes, mega-churches, televangelism, and gearing everything to the youth while forgetting the elder saints have all damaged the cultural credibility of the church."

With all the cultural and technological changes in the world since Collins started preaching in 1955, what advice would he give to the current and future generation? Surprisingly, it's not different from the message he brought a generation ago:

"I am advising young Christians to be true disciples of Christ. That is, be genuine followers of Jesus with a dedication to learning what he taught, cultivate having the mind of Christ, and commit to thinking like God."

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Producer/Technician

The successful candidate maybe asked to broadcast other programs for AMG. They will be paid from \$15-\$20 per broadcast hour for such work done in house or assigned outbound.

Candidate should have a high school diploma or equivalent, computer and camera experience. a willingness to ask questions, eager to learn, be trustworthy and punctual.

For more information, or to apply for the position, contact Dr. Wining at 4321acts@gmail.com, or send a resume to Acts Ministry, Inc., 4166 W. Kearney St.,

Boundaries with a Boundary-Resistant Person

By Donna Moller, Licensed Counselor

There are the are many things to learn in the boundary process. First is marking a limit which defines personal dignity. A boundary marker gives an opportunity to honor the Lord. Second is learning assertiveness versus aggressiveness. And third is learning the process of conflict resolution.

By definition, a boundary is anything that marks a limit. When it comes to personal limits, they are defined by values. Some individuals have great

difficulty knowing their values are worthy and therefore have difficulty with boundaries. As an example, if a person grew up with childhood mental, physical, sexual, or neglect abuse, that person has had the sense of "self" taken away. Not having boundaries served the person well as a child. It does not work well as an adult.

Steps to having boundaries:

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Real News Review Article of the Month

Why Me?

By Dr. James R. Wining

“The Trial of Christ,” play is a depiction of the judgment of man upon God. Please, read its account in the Gospels of the Bible: Mark 15: 1-5, John 18:28-40 and 19:1-22, Matt. 27:1-26 and Luke 23:1-25. Then, in your time with the Lord, pray for your guidance and direction into this Godly work.

Today we are truly opening the eyes of man to injustice, forgiveness and love. Uniquely, because it is from the perspective of Jesus Christ, “the victim,” and people, not God, are the judges. How would you respond to an unrighteous judgment from two court systems and a condemning mob of accusers? This is our responsibility to explain the outcome for those who have fallen away and those who have been misguided.

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First, know you are worthy. Knowing your identity in Christ is huge here.

Second, know you must take care of yourself before you can take care of anyone else. The thought comes to mind of the flight attendant announcing that the adult puts the oxygen mask first before the child gets a mask.

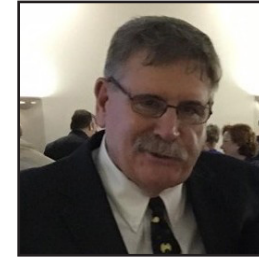
Third: healthy boundaries are born out of love and not fear.

How does the possible boundary maker (or soon-to-be boundary maker) begin to confront the Boundary Resistant Person (BRP)? By establishing a value system, growing in assertiveness, managing anger, and speaking truth in love. I can never emphasize the fact that love is not a feeling, it is an act of the will. This means you are patient, kind, gentle, etc.

The BRP may have negative reactions (I call it “push-back”), and this is why anger management must be addressed as well as assertiveness. We tend to react badly when the BRP does not respect us.

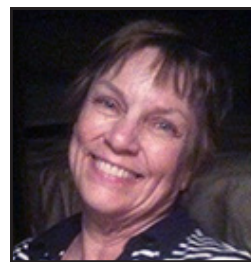
Help your people search out their values. I teach them that if they do go outside their value system, doing/saying things they disapprove of, they must go ask forgiveness of the person for those words

and actions as well. This is somewhat humbling. Next month I will address assertiveness. This is an important but slow process when possible boundary makers begin it. However, it is a joy when the boundary maker is successful. Jesus was an incredibly skilled boundary maker. He knew this inside and out. Have a blessed month!



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9 am with Steve McAllister

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• FIRST ACTS CHURCH •

2-4 pm Host: Dr. Paul Collins

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