

A Message from Acts President, Dr. Jim Wining

Dear Pastors, Friends & Supporters,

It has been brought to my attention now three times that something was dearly missing and also, that something needs to be added to our annual ActsFest. I thank everyone for their participation and for their feedback.

First, at my instruction the annual banquet meal in conjunction with the awards was served and provided for by some very special ladies including Sandy Lowrance, Gale Baar, Marchia Holland, Nancy Collins and my wife, Pam. They were affectionately referred to as “The Angels.”

Because of this there was insufficient time for the normal “Women’s Event,” which was planned for the past five years by the late Jackie Scott and my wife. Let me assure you ActsFest 2022 will have a “Women’s Event.”

Acts Ministry has a large charcoal and gas grill at our ranch which I hope to relocate to our offices. We have in our midst three great barbecue chefs: Matt Pearson, Robert Lowrance, and my son, Randy Wining.

I am hopeful to have next year an outside BBQ with all the trimmings!!!

Second, and finally, I also agree we should utilize our musical talent for not only competition but also for some good “Country & Gospel Music” entertainment. We certainly have the talent with Donna Kilmurray, 4Calvery, Matt Pearson, Jaidyn LaBorde, Peggy & Jeff Haberer and Tanner Gibbs. Just a good Old Fashioned Jamboree!

*Thanks again & God Bless,
Dr. James R. Wining, Bishop/President
Acts Ministry, Inc.*



Elizabeth Obrey will be a guest on AMG’s new autism-themed series, “Painting Outside the Lines”. Other guests will be Joyce Jones and Keith Allyn.

Acts Media Group to Film New Series on Autism this Month

Acts Media Group will begin filming a new autism-themed series Oct. 10 at Acts studios in Springfield. Entitled “Painting Outside the Lines,” the series will highlight some significant local and national recognized voices on living with autism. Here is what to look forward to:

New Discoveries in Autism. Joyce Jones, author of “The Little Boy who Could.” is the mother of a handicapped son, Darren. Her book, co-authored by her husband, Tom, describes how she and Tom nurtured Darren when doctors said he would never be able to lead a normal life. Joyce will share with us current de-

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velopments and advances in understanding and working with autistic children.

Education and Autism. Elizabeth Obrey is vice-president of STARS for Autism. She currently works as a family advocate for The ARC of the Ozarks. A parent of children with multiple disabilities, she has collaborated as a disability author on “Autism what Schools are Missing,” among other published books. While pursuing a master’s degree in Information Science and Learning Technologies, she serves on the state Special Education Advisory Panel and as a resource specialist working di-

rectly with newly-diagnosed autistic children and their families.

Living the Life with Autism. Keith Allyman has firsthand knowledge of living with autism. He himself has autism, but he hasn’t let the condition stop him. As a successful stage performer and musician, Keith headlines a music show in Branson, a tribute to famed performer Neil Diamond. With his personal experience, Keith brings an enlightening perspective on navigating the world of autism.

Staying Connected When Feeling Isolated

By Donna Moller, Licensed Counselor

I truly thought the epidemic of Covid-19 was on the wane. Then while my husband, Tom, and I were traveling this past month, I realized people were still very fearful and were isolating themselves, wearing masks, angry at those who did not have their vaccinations, and many other things. It was truly sad to hear our friends experience so much emotional havoc from Covid-19, so this column will address the isolation that has been the result of the Covid-19 outbreak.

Tom’s and my friends opened their hearts and homes wide to us for which we were grateful. As they poured their deepest feelings out to us, I began to ask myself if I could encourage them to connect with others because social contact is, to me, is so important. There are those who need less and those who need more, but we all need this! Covid-19 has created the crisis of loneliness; God has created us to be with one another and with Him.

These are some of the things our friends spoke to us:

- No one calls to see how I am.
- If I call them, they are too busy to talk to me.
- I don’t want to sound like I am complaining to my friends. This was a common statement throughout. One friend’s husband has Alzheimer’s and is in a facility. Another friend almost died. Another has a lung transplant. And they saw themselves as “complainers.”
- People think I am paranoid when I want to socially distance or wear my mask.

There were so many statements like these. When I

asked who was over to check on them, they could not let people in the house due to the high risk of contagion and their low immunity. Somehow, phone calls and texts seemed alien to the friends of my friends. I, myself, had to take a good look at my actions toward these dear friends. I found that I lacking as well. I have made a concerted effort to make these phone calls a habit with them.

Then, what do I say? I do not want to be like Job’s friends! If you do not know what to say, sit with them. Pray with them. Sing with them. I find I must do the same with my clients. To pat them on the head and say, “There there” is not helpful. It can even be condescending. I search my heart for His wisdom. Sometimes I simply listen because saying something could be more hurtful than respectful silence. One thing for sure, my clients who come into my office are so happy to be out of their home. They are joyful to have contact with a human being. And the Lord always will give words of encouragement in the most delightful ways.

What should I do with the person/friend who wants to see me but is fearful to be in a closed environment like my office? Go outside. Find places conducive to socially distancing and the outdoors. It works. Take the time to Facetime or Zoom. It also can be so refreshing.

Find opportunities to laugh. My office is in our home and even over the noise machine Tom can hear our laughter. I can, even from this past week, think of so many times clients and I have laughed together. It is so healing. *“A cheerful heart is good*

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Real News Review Article of the Month

God Bless America

By Dr. James Wining

Your house, job, retirement, savings, health insurance, freedoms and relationships are at risk. The life you enjoy is in jeopardy and everything you have enjoyed and taken for granted could shortly be lost. Don't shun and ridicule those from Central American seeking refuge in America or those from Afghanistan seeking asylum in America. Countries and civilizations without God's purpose in unity have crumbled and we are looking at this very condition in America now!

For example, in the 1880's to the start of World War II nearly three million Germans fled their homeland for America. The entire body of German States and Poland lived in economic poverty with a government saddled with *debt*. Solutions of grandeur and perfection were proclaimed from extreme groups including anarchists, communists and socialists. The National Socialist Party (Nazi) offered free transportation, guaranteed work, free social assistance including medical. This latter opportunity gave rise to abortions, selective breeding and concentration camps. Moreover, one of the most outrageous Nazi platitudes was a "Volkswagen," in every home!

Who would think the weak leadership of President Paul von Hindenburg would open the door to the Nazi Party? With just 43 percent of the popular vote, Hitler and his socialist Nazi Party in 1932 took control and the rest is obvious horrific history. The undertow in German society was the separation of Catholic, Protestant and Jew. There was no check or balance as to Judo-Christian morals and values. Germany was in total free-fall It was a country without faith and absent of a moral Compass to help its people.

Today, America is growing into a secular platform or worse yet, a misguided or multi-faceted religious/secular order without a single unifying characteristic. The world still sees America as the last hope for a good life.

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medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones." Prov. 17:22. An example from my own life is when my mama and I were planning my daddy's funeral. Obviously a very sad time. But the Lord gave the two of us an opportunity to laugh so hard! It was amazing what the laughter did for both of us.

Our Father God is amazing. Be open to His leading as we traverse this sad, scary time. He is with you and with Him, we are never alone.

However, America appears to be lavishing in exceptions not rules, differences not similarities, and tolerance not accountability. This places America exactly at my first sentence stated above the last statement about Germany in 1880-1932.

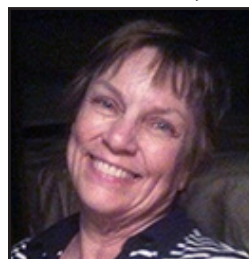
This year saw America retreat from the largest terrorism platform, Afghanistan. Numerous terrorists groups can operate freely to build arsenals to threaten and destroy America. Clearly, this creates an environment today with a higher probability to repeat and expand upon the destruction caused on Sept. 11, 2001. Armed with American technology, territory secured, populace subdued and American hostile support from China and even Russia, American is truly at risk. America is not focused on the threat because we Christians have not sounded the trumpet for "David." Keep it simple and keep it ever present in media, during events, at elections and in social causes. This is what we, the people who are *In Unity, in Christ, through The Holy Spirit* say: We believe in The Bible, we believe people should have freedom, we believe in the American Constitution, we believe in loving one another as ourselves and we believe in protecting America from enemies while giving sanctuary to all who are in peril.

Thanks and God bless,
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- **HOLY SPIRIT**
Host: Dr. Paul C. Collins

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9 am Tuesdays With John Penny & Dewayne Long
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- **SPIRIT OF AMERICA**
9 am Wednesdays with Randy Baar
- **CHANGING TIMES**
10 am Wednesdays with Lynn Morris & Dawn Blackard
- **OPEN ENDED**
10am Fridays with Peggy Brennan & Geoffery Baberer
- **THE VETERANS CHURCH**
2 pm Sunday Oct. 17 Host: Pastor Kevin Kilmurray
- **STREET NEWS** *Time, Open*
- **PAINTING OUTSIDE THE LINES** *Starts Oct.*