

## AMG to Present Play, *The Trial of Christ*, Based on a Book by Springfield Attorney

Who better than an attorney to examine the legal proceedings that led up to the crucifixion of Jesus Christ? And, if an attorney, who better than a prominent Christian attorney with many decades of experience both as a prosecutor and as defense attorney in numerous high-profile cases during his time before the bench? Add to that an intense fascination with the topic that led to multiple trips to Israel, to the very locations where Jesus' trials took place, and Springfield attorney Dee Wampler is the natural attorney of choice.

For several months now, Acts Media Group has been developing a script and is working to produce a screenplay based on Wampler's book, *The Trial of Christ*. The book reflects Wampler's in depth research and his own experience with the law and court systems.

The screenplay will follow the trials Jesus faced during the last several hours of his life in both Jewish court and before the Romans. Acts Media Group is currently in the midst of casting and putting finishing touches on the script.

In both the book and the play, the character of a modern lawyer acts as a narrator who explains the differences and similarities between our modern American justice system and the system in place in Israel at the time of Christ.

There *are* interesting similarities. Both we and they have a two-tiered justice system. In America, it's the state courts and the federal court system. In Jesus' Israel, it was the Hebrew courts and the Roman courts.

The story starts with the arrest of Jesus and follows him through his ordeals with the Sanhedrin,



**Dee Wampler**

his appearance before Pontius Pilate and Herod. Along the way, the narrator explains the legal systems and how both courts failed in their responsibility to mete out justice and, instead, opted to protect their own social and political interests. The play addresses both issues of human rights and of forgiveness.

"It is unfortunate," said Acts Ministry president Dr. Jim Wining, "that Dee Wampler won't be here to see the production." Wampler passed away unexpectedly in October at age 81 while serving on a trial in St. Louis. "I believe he would approve of what we are doing with his work."

Release is scheduled for March 1, 2022, and will be available on all regular Acts Media Group outlets.

# Acts Ministry University Lecture Series

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## TOPIC: Preaching & Teaching

### **301: PREACHING & TEACHING THE UNCHURCHED**

1. No understandings
2. No knowledge of the Bible
3. Lacking moral or ethic standards

### **302: PREACHING & TEACHING THE DIVERSIFIED CHURCH**

1. Different Biblical beliefs
2. Different Bibles
3. Different lifestyles

### **303: PREACHING & TEACHING ACROSS RACIAL & ETHIC BARRIERS**

1. Black Hispanic cultural framework
2. Prejudice & Injustice
3. Church separation

### **304: PREACHING & TEACHING ALL ECONOMIC LIFESTYLE LEVELS**

1. To the rich
2. To the Poor
3. To the homeless
4. To the economic developing

## TOPIC: Who & What are we doing as Christians?

### **305: WHAT IS A PASTOR?**

1. What is the role?
2. Who sets the responsibilities?
3. What are the connections?
4. Individual or corporate duties

### **306: WHAT IS A MINISTER?**

1. What is the difference between Pastor and Minister?
2. What are the planning skills?
3. What development techniques needed?

### **307: WHAT IS A MISSION?**

1. Meeting today's needs
2. Short/Long Term works
3. Changing missions
4. Event and/or service

### **308: WHAT IS A MINISTRY?**

1. A social need
2. A community service
3. Unity builder

## **ACTS MINISTRY UNIVERSITY**

Standard class/lecture questions subject to approval of Lecturer or replacement questions provided by the Lecturer per class.

1. Each course 2 hours credit with written paper minimum of 750 words.
2. Questions:
  - a. How would you teach the course?
  - b. How would you measure results for this course?
  - c. What is missing in the lecture.

## How God Overcomes Loneliness and Isolation

By Donna Moller, Licensed Counselor

In Ephesians 6, we are told to put on the whole armor of God. What many do not understand about the shield of faith is the design and purpose of it. First, the shield covered the soldier's shoulders to the knees. It had two handles on either side of the shield to either hang on to or to connect with the shield next to him. The shield would have several layers of leather and when facing a battle, the shield would be doused with water.

The Apostle Paul is talking in biblical terms, obviously. The first aspect of the shield is for protection, the second is the blessing of connecting our shield with other believers, and the third is recognizing we must wash ourselves with the water of the Word.

The Apostle Paul also wrote in 2 Corinthians that we are not to let Satan outwit us and to not be unaware of his schemes. We have a genuine enemy in Satan; Jesus and the apostles dealt with him. There is a whole demonic realm governing the world system. To not believe this is to discard basic biblical teaching.

One of the schemes is to isolate us so the full force

of the enemy tactic can be unleashed. Left in isolation, every lie from the father of lies is magnified. Lies such as, "You don't matter" or "God's not pleased with you." Satan picks at our wounds of sadness, helplessness, bitterness and the like. Oftentimes we give into sin and then self-loathing for sinning. Pretty soon, we are in real trouble!

Going back to the shield, note the two handles. The soldiers in the battle had to *intentionally* connect their shields. Together, they made a wall that was impenetrable. Then, Hebrews 10 comes to mind; do not forsake the gathering together of the believers—so that you can encourage one another. Intentionally reach out to others. If the first ignores you or evades you, go on to the second and the third until there is connection. Your shield connecting!

As Paul wrote of the armor, he also wrote of trials. He despaired of life itself, imprisonment, exposed to death, beaten, surrounded by danger and suffered greatly. (2 Cor. 1:8-9, 11:23-27) Paul suffered greatly, but he also was comforted. How was he comforted? Paul's understanding the Christ had

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# Real News Review Article of the Month

## Convergence

By Dr. Paul C. Collins

The dictionary has several definitions applicable to the word “convergence.” For my purposes in this essay, it simply means the joining together of factors on reaching a point of view.

I am very interested in Bible teachings. My interest is very intense. As elusive as truth can be when watching television news, pondering points of view on the internet, or listening to an opinion expressed by a preacher, delving into the Bible can be even more challenging.

To be fair, I acknowledge that most of the people seem to be satisfied in simply quoting a few verses of scripture found in their favorite version or translation. This is better than never quoting scripture. However, many times these same verses are taken totally out of context. When that is the case, their truth is lost to the person doing the quoting and lost to the recipient of the quote.

What does this have to do with “convergence”? If you have something not true joining with something that is true, you render it of none effect. That is, nothing of lasting value is accomplished. For instance, if you use the Bible to interpret world events, it will not produce a valid Christian view of any of the happenings.

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risen and living inside of him was a game changer. The truth was that Paul was never alone even though he felt that way. And neither are we.

Getting my clients to begin to immerse themselves in the truth that He will never leave us or forsake us is difficult at times. They will say the lies of self-condemnation against themselves. Often, I will stop them after they have said the lies and tell them what the truth is. Our way out of difficulties, despair, isolation is washing ourselves with His Word. Using His Word to comfort us to “slay the dragon” as it were. Look at what Jesus did to Satan when he was in the wilderness for forty days. Jesus used the word each time Satan spoke to Him. Finally, Satan left Him. Not for good, obviously, but he did leave.

It is my duty and challenge to encourage my peo-

I leave you with this: use due diligence when you turn to the Bible to examine or critique anything happening in the geopolitical scene. Use the same special care when applying any verse of scripture to any situation.

It is simple enough to find the truth if you are willing to look. Your computer can be a good source to determine the actual meaning of words. If you are using the Old Testament, the computer can tell you about Hebrew, Aramaic, and other ancient languages. If you are using the New Testament, the same is true, plus you will also have renderings of classical Greek, peasant Greek, and other derivations.

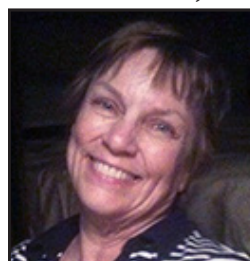
Energy expended in Bible study may be the best exercise for these days.



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ple to rejoice and again I say rejoice! Praise Him in the morning, praise Him in the noontime, praise Him at supper-time. Sometimes we do not bring the sacrifice of praise to the Lord because we would rather lick our wounds. By all means, feel free to lament and then put on the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness. Lift up your heart and sing! God loves you with an ever-lasting love. You are His child whom He adores.

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### **• SILVER LININGS •**

*8 am with Steve McAllister*

### **• CHANGING TIMES •**

*10 am with Lynn Morris & Dawn Blackard*

## **Every Third Sundays**

### **• THE VETERANS CHURCH •**

*2 pm Host: Pastor Kevin Kilmurray*

## **On Demand**

### **• PAINTING OUTSIDE THE LINES •**

#### **New Discoveries in Autism**

*With author Joyce Jones and her husband, Tom*

#### **Education and Autism**

*With Elizabeth Obrey, vice-president of STARS for Autism*

#### **Living the Life with Autism**

*With Keith Allyman, Branson performer with personal experience with autism*

#### **The Little Boy That Could**

*With author Joyce Jones and her husband, Tom*