

ActFest 2021 Contest, Award Winners Named

The books are closed on ActsFest 2021 and winners have been named for the contests and service award winners have been recognized.

Service award winners are:

- Pastor Becky Coad, Light House Award.
- Pastor Ladena Bough, Jackie Scott-Phillips Service Award.
- Matthew Pearson, Acts Media Award.
- Pastor Billy Burris, Dennis Coad Minister of The Year.
- Marchia Holland, Jimmy Dunn Lay Leader Award.

In the Talent Contests, the winners are:

- Matthew Pearson, ActsFest Music Champion.
- Donna Kilmurray, ActsFest Talent Champion
- Jason Cobb, ActsFest Sandwich King.

WAMH Foundation Offers Hope and Help

Walk into With All My Heart thrift store in Ozark, Missouri, and you may think you've wandered into the home of a dear old aunt. In contrast to typical resale shops, WAMH has beautiful furnishings, wall art, and accent pieces arranged much as they would appear in someone's home. Other sections of the store carry kitchen equipment, clothing and books.

"We keep prices as low as possible," Andrea Carter, the manager of WAMH explains. "We are here, to help people, not to profit." Everything in the store is donated and proceeds go to help projects such as Harmony House, a family violence shelter, Big Brother and Big Sisters, Acts Ministry, and the Resource Center in Warsaw, Missouri. "Really," Carter says, "we help meet any need in the community that we can." She has had people come in who were trying to restart their lives and has assisted them in setting up housekeeping. Carter keeps an eye out for those who are struggling and often strikes up conversations with such customers to see how she can help them. WAMH is open Wednesdays through Saturdays. A few volunteers help with the store, but Andrea and her mother, Donna, both sing with The Blackwoods at the



Marchia Holland receives the Jimmy Dunn Lay Leader Award at ActsFest 2021.

Americana Theatre in Branson. Sometimes that leads to scheduling conflicts. "I would like to keep the store open more hours and more days," Andrea says, "but we would need more volunteers to do that." At present, she says, it's best to check WAMH's Facebook page for changing hours and unavoidable store closures.

Beyond more volunteers, WAMH can always use donations of furniture, clothing and household goods. Nothing donated is ever lost, she says, If she can't use an item in the store, she will find someone who can use it. She often helps women through Harmony House with clothing, furnishings and, she says, even suitcases to help them get out of an abusive situation. WAMH does accept monetary donations as well. Such gifts are passed on to other charities as well.

Carter started WAMH a year ago. What motivated Carter to open WAMH? Luke 10:27, she says, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself."

WAMH is located at 205 E. South St. in Ozark. If you would like to help or donate, call 417-422-0402.

Matt Pearson Seriously Yucks it Up on Morning Drive

Matt Pearson, co-host of Acts Media Group's Morning Drive, is a very busy guy.

If you are a regular follower of Morning Drive, you are already familiar with his zany humor mixed with a serious message about the love of Christ and how He can change lives. If you haven't encountered Morning Drive yet, it broadcasts over Acts Media Group's website, (actsmediagroup.com) and on Facebook weekday mornings at 8 a.m. The show is a mixture of wholesome morning-drive humor and more serious discussions of faith. But that isn't all there is of Matt Pearson.

Matt works a regular, full-time job, putting in 10-hour shifts every night as a supervisor at a Springfield trucking company. As if that weren't enough, he is also the worship pastor at Northwest Church.

Matt started Morning Drive six years ago when Acts Ministry president Jim Wining asked to take over the Acts Radio ministry. "With a lot of trial and error," he says, "we've grown Acts Media Group into what you see today." Currently, AMG rotates eleven different show through weekday mornings on topics as diverse as Christian humor, financial planning, and politics and contemporary culture.

Matt is not alone in his endeavors. His co-host, Jay Cobb, appears daily on Morning Drive with him. While the two are good friends both on and off the set, they also happen to be cousins — and roommates. They've also shared the same lane in the road of life. "We used to party and drink together all the time, so, when I had quit doing all that stuff, I found out that Jay had quit as well. We started hanging out again, only this time it wasn't drinking and stuff: it was sharing the Gospel. We help hold each other accountable."

Where does Matt get his trademark since of humor?

From Anxiety to Trust

By Donna Moller, Licensed Counselor

Anxiety is a feeling of fear and apprehension of the unknown, of what is about to happen. Examples would be a test or speaking in front of strangers.

I am counseling a woman (I will call her "Mary"). Her father was an alcoholic, her mother was in constant fear. Her father tried to kill her older brother. When I met her, she could not know what she was feeling. She was numb to all feelings. Today? She identifies her feelings and is courageous about sharing them with me.

Mary's father committed suicide when she was young. Everyone in the family blamed her because she did not want to see her father that particular day. If she had,



Matt Pearson, the clown prince of Acts Media Group

He's quick to attribute that to his dad, Bruce Pearson. He couldn't have grown up, he says, living with his dad and not had a sense of humor. Also, he says, he has always loved comedy and improv and that has influenced him as well.

Under Matt's leadership, AMG will continue to grow and change. "We are going to try new things and new concepts. We want to get out there and be more and more effective."

Matt may put in a lot of hours, but he's not complaining. "If we can help just one person know the Lord and change their lives," he says, "then every moment spent from start to finish is worth it."

her dad would not have committed suicide. Can you imagine growing up with that condemnation in her head, especially when she absolutely adored her father?

How did she cope with her horror? She chose to drown it in alcohol. After all, that is what her mom did after the suicide and that is what her dad did. When I met her, she had achieved sobriety, but she still had the horror of her thinking and had nowhere to turn.

When we began to talk, I wanted to hear her thoughts and feelings. Never would I invalidate her feelings or thoughts. I become very skilled at asking questions to clarify, always keeping an attitude of respect and genu-

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Real News Review Article of the Month

The Higher Calling of Acts Ministry

By Dr. James Wining

Most Christians have either grown up in the safety of a specific church or denomination or have been welcomed later in life by a church or denomination. In essence these people enjoy the benefits of a group with similar outlooks and perspectives. This includes education, correction and socialization under this same framework. While touching on the Bible from different points or references the development of understandings in Jesus Christ, The Holy Spirit and God maybe quite different.

Obviously, Jesus knew this would happen when he delivered his last prayer in John 17:9-21. He prayed for all of us to come together as one as He was one with God. This is the vision of Acts Ministry in all that it does. Unity, in Christ, through The Holy Spirit. Given the differences between denominations, faiths, churches and non-denominational bodies of Christ the task and road to the vision appears nearly insurmountable. In fact, time and time again ecumenical organizations have tried to accomplish unity but have had little results.

Acts Ministry, on the other hand, is not a Methodist or Baptist or Catholic asking others of a different persuasion to join them in unity. Acts Ministry is a “higher

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ine curiosity about Mary. I listen intently to her sharing and to what the Holy Spirit is saying to me. I do not give scripture out without the Lord speaking to me to do so in these situations. It is my belief that when a person feels safe, the mind begins to release deeper and deeper thoughts, memories, and feelings. Giving scripture too quickly and without the leading of the Holy Spirit can take the safety away. In His time, the “the safety net” is felt. What a joy that is!

Mary still recycles the negative experiences, a common thing to do. They are frightening, energy sapping and demoralizing. The self-condemnation did not allow Mary to remember all the positive things within her. She is remembering more of her positive qualities today as she speaks. It is a joy to hear her be positive.

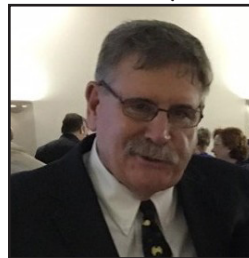
I am teaching Mary the following stress intervention tactics:

1. Relaxation techniques: e.g. deep breathing. This causes the heart rate to decrease, breathing to slow down, blood pressure to stabilize, muscles to relax and the mind clears.

calling,” from those who define themselves simply as “Christians in Unity, in Christ through The Holy Spirit.” Joining this calling is not an abandonment of your particular religious background but instead a step Jesus made when He accepted the Jew, the banker, the fisherman, the doctor or the lawyer and asked them to join him in “Doing the right thing wherever needed.” This meant unbridled spiritual and physical help.

If you are ready for this step, let us know. We are short on time and people to accomplish this last prayer of Jesus. Call us at 816-217-3307 and leave a message or email us at 4321acts@gmail.com.

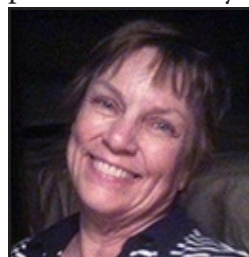
Thanks and God bless,
Dr. James R. Wining, Bishop/President
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- 2. Start a daily stress relief routine.** This means a quiet environment, being in a comfortable position. Then pick a meaningful phrase to focus upon. I let Mary choose her focus. Staying quietly in the Lord’s hands.
- 3. Build a stress packet.** Collect silly putty, a special fun picture to look at, red-hot candy, a simple, small hand puzzle, a soft material, favorite music. Put these all in a zip lock bag so it is handy. These can access the brain’s centers to turn off the stress.
- 4. Boundaries:** when to say yes and when to say no.

Mary is precious to Jesus as are all precious to Him. She will experience His healing in the name of Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit.



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Acts Television Network

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READY (Shows where one or more of the following elements are in place for broadcasting: theme, host(s), time slot & sponsor(s))

- **BBQ COOKING**
- **TRAVEL TIME**
- **SOUNDS OF JOY**

SET (Shows where all elements are in place and only date & time TBD.)

- **GROWING OUT OF AUTISM**
Host: Jim Wining
- **THE VETERANS CHURCH**
Host: Pastor Kevin Kilmurray
- **HOLY SPIRIT**
Host: Dr. Paul C. Collins

GO (Shows now broadcasting)

- **IT'S YOUR CALL**
9am Tuesdays With John Penny & Dewayne Long
- **BRIGHTER LIVING LIVE**
9am Wednesdays with Steve McAllister
- **SPIRIT OF AMERICA**
9 am Wednesdays with Randy Baar
- **CHANGING TIMES**
10am Wednesdays with Lynn Morris & Dawn Blackard
- **OPEN ENDED**
10am Fridays with Peggy Brennan & Geoffery Baberer