

Pastor Bruce Pearson: a Servant's Heart

When we think of Bruce Pearson, many feelings come to mind, including love, care, and compassion. These are but a drop in the ocean of life when listing words of expression to describe such a “great and humble,” servant of God. His life was about the teachings of Jesus, demonstrated through his wife, his family, his friends and his ministry. Taking this brief moment to reflect will never replace his presence and all the inspirational times he has spoken, exemplified and done “the right thing,” each and every time.

For his family, Bruce has been the rock for years and years. He was married and devoted to his wife, Beverly. Through their many years together he was the steady and loving person for their blended family. His love was always evident for his wife and children even without their presence. So many times, we would have events and Beverly would be unable to attend. Bruce would always ask if he could take a piece of the meal home with him. He wanted to share, for example, the enjoyment of a piece of cake, pizza, or chicken with his wife who was home. You

What Is The Happy Hour?

By Dr. Paul Collins

The title of this little piece of writing tells it all. It is a question. The answer is too complex to be covered in one article, so I will only deal with some of the highlights.

First of all, The Happy Hour is a broadcast done live and by replay via several diverse social media platforms and through the website, www.actsmediagroup.com. It is aptly named “The Happy Hour” because Nancy and I can take the hard news and incorporate it into interviews, editorials done by yours truly, biblical insights, and always have room to include tidbits of our combined 160 years of life on this planet (even that is a humorous way to tell our ages). At 75, Nancy has traveled the world and lived her formative years in Saudi Arabia where her dad was an American employee in a homogeneous group of nationals working for Aramco. I, on the other hand at age 85, have never been outside of the continental United States of America, but have invested my adult years in Christian ministry.

Secondly, we have had a plethora of very unique guests with great stories based on their work or profession. We have been honored to use The Happy Hour as a venue to interview politicians, lawyers, medical doctors, chiropractors, counselors, city managers, those representing a variety of ethnic groups, house flippers, clergy, doctors of audiology, songwriters, composers of musical jingles for commercials, a college chancellor, the owner of an Italian restaurant, the owner of a vegetarian café, the leader of a weight management group, and a seller of men’s socks. The most unusual interviewee may have been (hang on to this one) a lady pharmacist who hunts wild hogs in Texas with a bow and arrow! That’s right! A lady with a bow and arrow harvesting wild hogs for her deep freeze!

You can watch The Happy Hour broadcast with “Old Dr. Paul and Sweet Little Miss Nancy” every Friday morning beginning at (approximately) 10 o’clock and continuing for 55 minutes of down-home variety. See you on Acts TV.



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Dr. Wining Recalls Pastor Pearson's Ministry

could always tell from the expressions on all our faces how much we all appreciated the love and care he had for his wife and how very kind his thoughts were all the time.

When I first became associated with Acts Ministry and Pastor Bruce Pearson, we were quick to discuss the challenges of our children. We quickly lifted in prayer our sons and for Bruce at that time his prayers laid heavily upon his son, Matt. I had not met Matt but Bruce expressed some of Matt's temptation difficulties and his wonderful gift of music and serving people. We came together many times in prayer for Matt. Bruce believed if Matt was active in serving the Lord his temptations would eventually drift away. As president of Acts Ministry, I was in charge of operating Acts Radio as a ministry. There came a time when we needed a voice and spokesperson for Christian outreach on Acts Radio and we both knew it was Matt. With Bruce's wholehearted support I extended the offer to Matt and the rest can be seen daily on Acts Radio, Acts Television Network, Facebook, YouTube and around the world. What a legacy in ministry and fatherhood Bruce made that day!

Bruce was a Vietnam veteran who, like so many others, suffered physically from his service. He was an Agent Orange victim. His service time was always with him and his desire to reach his fellow veterans was ever present on his heart and soul as a Christian. He asked me if he could start a different kind of church for Acts Ministry. It would be a church without brick and mortar, but rather over the internet in the comforts of a veteran at home, at a nursing home, at his place of work or any other place which was reached through the internet. Thus, he founded The Veterans Church with his dear friends Leo Frohman and Dr. Robert Wilkie which has reached since inception thousands around the world who, in most cases, would never darken the space of a conventional church.

Recently, Bruce began committing time and resources to another ministry, Clean Sweep Ministry. His daughter-in-law Marcia Holland, started this ministry to help women recover their self-worth, their independence, and their dignity. Bruce provided Acts Ministry with joyful evidence of their works and Christian education. He also, gave these

women in transition through Marcia direction for lasting morals, ethics and Christian character. Marcia has taken his helping guidance to improve many women, their families and the children who are dependent on their recovery.

It would be a tribute short of full disclosure if the service and relationship Bruce had with his longtime friend, mentor and teacher, Dr. Paul Collins, was not given. I can think of no better teacher of God's word than Dr. Paul Collins, founder of Acts Ministry and Bishop of First Acts Church. Dr. Collins is without question the best teacher of a broad-based understanding of Christianity for yesterday, for today and for tomorrow. Bruce is the example of this fruit! Bruce for years upon years stood at the right hand side of Dr. Collins during church at Maranatha as his associate pastor, at Bible study as his catalyst in Christian study, in events of evangelism, during ActsFests and wherever needed in service to the Lord. Bruce could simultaneously be the student of Dr. Collins and the teacher of the Lord to others around him. This is a true gift and special evangelistic tool.

"If he wasn't fixing your car, he was fixing your heart," my wife, Pam's words describing Bruce. He had owned an automobile repair business which repaired cars and persons. In fact, the first time we met he fixed our truck in the church parking lot at Maranatha. He was a husband, father, friend, mentor, student and pastor who will never be forgotten in the world or in Acts Ministry. His voice, his inspirational poetry and messages have been duly enshrined forever in our minds, on our website, on numerous social media platforms and in the works he started and/or supported. We will also respect his legacy by bestowing on those worthy of the standards of Pastor Bruce Pearson, with an award for their Christian service. This award will begin in 2021 and is to be known as "The Bruce Pearson Servant's Heart Award." God has blessed us all with the life of Bruce Pearson.

Amen

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Bishop/President*

Eversen Works to Improve, Update Acts' Web Presence

Acts Ministry's Dennis Eversen has been slaving over a hot keyboard.

The ministry's web presence has been, well, present for several years and it was time to clean, freshen and renew it going into the 2020s. The job fell to Eversen.

Thus far, Eversen has dressed up the appearance, streamlined article and video searches and generally made it more user-friendly.

The biggest improvement, said Eversen, is keeping the show and article listings current, as well as adding older items in their proper chronological order. Entries will be

listed by the week from newest to oldest; some Acts Media content, he said, will even be available to stream live and in real time. But that's not the end of the updates.

Going forward, Eversen hopes to have all Acts video and audio live.

Eversen admitted to limited knowledge when it comes to webslinging. "What we really need," he said, "is a real webmaster who knows the ins and outs and how to get under the hood." If you are such a webmaster or know someone who is and who would like to volunteer their time and knowledge, call Dennis at: 417-619-0879.

Real News Review Article of the Month

Voting Accountability

By Dr. James Wining

Most likely the news media has forgotten two valuable history lessons. First, the presidential election of 1960 and second, the Watergate incident in 1972. Both were about election criminality. A different kind of president exists today unlike Kennedy or Nixon. Also, a different kind of world exists today with a broader sense of justice.



The 1960 Cook County ballot question in Illinois was not pursued by then-presidential candidate Richard Nixon, which, in paraphrased words, “would be too much for the American public to endure.” Without election challenge President Kennedy was elected. The Watergate break-in occurred just one month before the Democratic Convention and eventually caused the responsible candidate and then-President Richard Nixon to resign in 1974.

While the news media may forget these two election atrocities, the general public has not. Here is what the public is expecting. First, no false voting. Second, voting occurs as prescribed by the applicable state before the election. Third, verified voters with proof of residence, citizenship and life. Fourth, and finally adherence to one vote for one person. Surprisingly, enough one or more of these public objections have occurred in “all” of the so called “Battle Ground States,” of Michigan, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, Georgia and North Carolina.

Let me ask you these questions. If you were on the losing side of all of these “Battleground States,” would you think

Using Spiritual Warfare Weapons Brings Peace

By Donna Moller, Licensed Counsellor

II Cor. 10:3-5 tells us not to use carnal weapons but spiritual weapons. We are to cast down worldly imaginations and take captive every thought unto Jesus Christ. There are many carnal weapons that we have been led to believe would bring us victory or peace. But there are many more powerful spiritual weapons! We begin with the Word of God, our sword, which is the most powerful. Prayer is the second powerful spiritual weapon. With both those comes peace, goodness, kindness, clarity, etc. Practice using His Word and prayer.

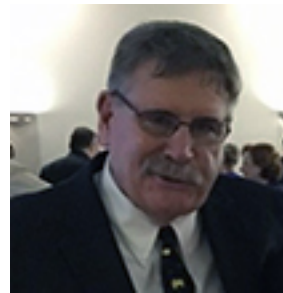
The Covid 19 virus is an example of how one can use these weapons against the enemy. I counsel several clients who have a fear of Covid 19. There is a rational basis for this fear. Many have autoimmune diseases. I do not negate their fear, since it is logical. I guide them toward His standard of truth.

I want them to take His Word and search for the truth the Lord wants to show them. For healing; scriptures for

this is a “Watergate Scam” done to you given the voting substance and timing? Do you think President Trump as the aggrieved party should act as presidential candidate Richard Nixon did in 1960? Finally, given the irregularities already reported would it be best to pursue ultimate Supreme Court oversight in order to avoid the horrific results experienced

and leading up to the resignation of President Nixon because of election fraud (directly or indirectly)?

Regardless, of the fact that I am sitting in the cheap seats in the heart of “red country,” this decision really should matter for both candidates. For candidate Biden it’s all about a legacy that is not shrouded in election fraud or deceit. For candidate Trump it’s all about what he has done for the country these past four years. Both men are in their 70s and in the twilight of their lives. I pray they are mindful of their accountability to the public and are spiritually accountable according to Proverbs 12:22.



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healing; feeling judged, scriptures to encourage them in their righteousness; feeling fear, scriptures to lift up against fear. Learning they have the armor of God is another spiritual weapon. Singing praises to Him, too.

One more weapon is breathing in the breath of God. Slowly inhaling and exhaling when our thoughts are on a negative rampage. Exercising the abdominal muscles, giving your lungs plenty of His air! Practicing breathing in the Lord’s breath at least four times a day for four minutes each session. This exercise takes every thought captive.

My clients *all* report the peace of the Lord is with them after practicing using His spiritual weapons over a period of a couple of weeks. It is His peace they are experiencing. Amazing grace.

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Hosts: Dr. Paul and Nancy Collins

New Afternoon and Evening Shows

Mondays

House of God Ministries *3-4 pm*
Host: Beth Hicks (Beginning Sept. 14)

Children's Program *4-5 pm*

Recovery *5-6 pm*

Tuesdays

Soul's Harbor *3-4 pm*
Hosts: Beverly Lee & LeAnn Martin
(Begins Sept. 8)

Children's Program *4-5 pm*

Programming TBA *5-6 pm*

Wednesdays

Stahls Ministry in Word and Song
3-4 pm Hosts: Bill and Anita French Stahl

Children's Program *4-5 pm*
Programming TBA *5-6 pm*

Thursdays

Exposing the Candy-Coated Cult
3-4 pm Host: Nemra Rhoden
(First and Third Thursday)

Journey of Truth *3-4 pm*
Hosts: Darrell and Nemra Rhoden
(Second and Fourth Thursday)

Children's Program *4-5 pm*
Programming TBA *5-6 pm*

Fridays

Beside Still Waters *3-4 pm*
Host: Joanie Buchanan

Children's Program *4-5 pm*
Recovery *5-6 pm*

Sundays

Veterans Church *2:30-4 pm*
Host: Bruce Pearson
(Second and Fourth Sunday)