

ACTSFEST 2023

ActsFest 2023 happened July 20 - July 23, 2023, at the Acts Ministry Headquarters in Springfield, Missouri. Though not as well attended as in previous years, there was a good turnout with a great time of fellowship and learning. The food was great too!

The theme this year was “THE TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE!” and the subject “WE ARE ALL CHILDREN OF GOD.” If you were not able to attend, you can watch most of it online at Acts Media Group’s Facebook page. On Thursday Director Pam Wining started the silent auction which ran through Saturday morning bringing in over \$370 for Acts Ministry, Inc. The auction included quilts donated by Cassie Wining, Scentsy products; Bible covers; food vouchers; pictures, art supplies, plaques and children’s items, to name a few.

Thursday was opened by a short message from Pastor Matt Pearson and prayer. Matt was followed by Bishop Dennis Eversen giving a message from the Book of Acts - Chapters 1-7. We made a dry run on doing the audio for “The Trial of Christ” based upon the book by the late Dee Wampler, then broke for lunch and some relaxing activities. Due to the rain, we never got to the corn hole game set up outside. The afternoon included a teaching on “Unity” from John 17 by Pastor Ladena Bough.

Friday started with a short presentation about using our new website by Pastor Ladena Bough, and then a conversation about the current series of shows Pastor Ladena is doing regarding the transgender efforts against our children. Bishop Dennis Eversen then provided a teaching from Acts, Chapters 8 through 12.

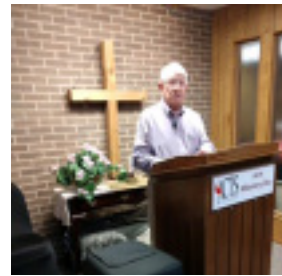
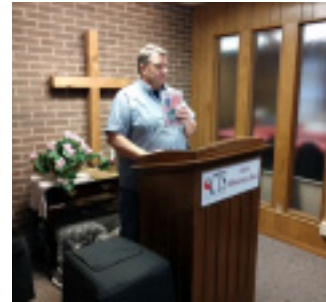
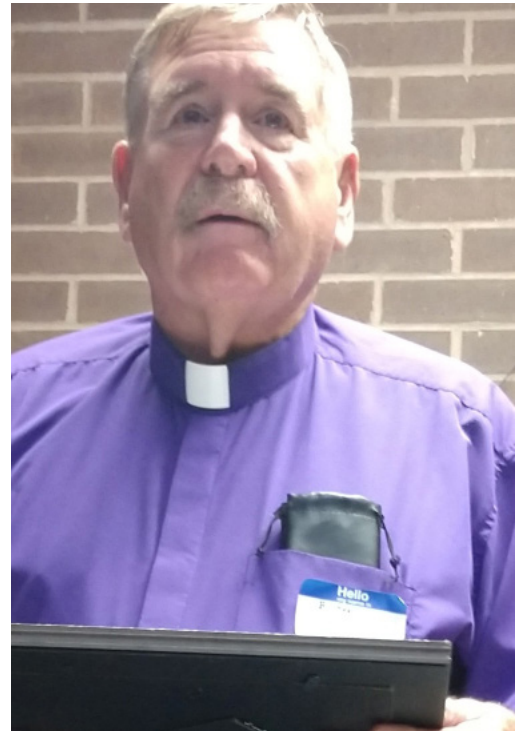
That was followed by Pastor Ladena Bough teaching about “Reaching Believers” and Larry Ballard regarding “The Plan to Revive.” Mr. Ballard has a book currently out called “Liberty Crusade” and has to other books ready to go to the publishers. Our afternoon was blessed by Dr. Paul Collins, found of Acts Ministry, Inc., speaking on Acts 1:8, the topic being “In Christ.”

Saturday was opened up by Pastor Matt Pearson, and followed by Bishop Dennis Eversen teaching through Acts 13-21. The auction closed Saturday, late morning, so that we could tally the results and get the items to the winners of the auction. We certainly can’t forget the banquet on Saturday afternoon which consisted of a taco bar. The hamburger provided for the banquet was donated by Pastor Ladena Bough.

Saturday also included the Awards Ceremony and the ordination of Pastor Kevin Kilmurray and the licensing of Pastor Jared Deeds. We were once again blessed by Dr. Paul Collins teaching from Isaiah 11:1-2, “Holy Spirit.”

Sunday was a time of fellowship with Bishop Eversen teaching through Acts 21-28, followed by Bishop James Wining teaching on “Unity, in Christ, through the Holy Spirit.”



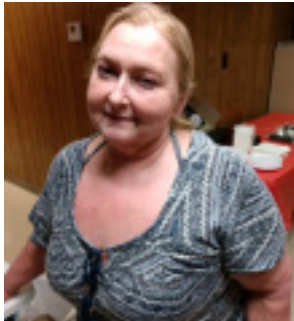




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BELIEVERS 8-19-2023



John 14:1-3 assures Believers of the return of Jesus Christ for us. The scripture also reads Believers will be with him in a place he prepared. Heaven and earth as we know it are two parallel universes. One has man in control the other has God in control. Jesus was and will be in both. For Believers to cross over to Heaven you must do as Jesus directed and explained in John 14:6-21. Believers are to be EDIFIED by his teachings of the very means of being prepared for the instant Return of Jesus Christ.

John 14:26 Jesus leaves us The Holy Ghost to bring all things Jesus taught unto our immediate remembrance. This is why places of great masses of people through edification of God's Word are receiving the faith in a Pentecostal outpouring of the Holy Ghost in China, Korea, and Indonesia. Their discovery now proves until all corners of the earth shall be reached Matthew 24:14. This is the end of Man's world. This is the passing of evangelism and the preparing of Believers for "The Return of Jesus." Time is now a priority for the Believer.



During a battle many are called to defend with knowledge and with ignorance of the cause. The battle of mankind is only for the knowledgeable and not the ignorant. The ignorant question, disrespect Jesus' teachings and focus only upon the carnal needs, wants and desires. Sadly this group for a Believer may include family members, friends, associates and neighbors. Just as those left behind from Noah's Ark were both arrogant and ignorant of God's purpose.

Given the early developments of the 21st century we clearly see the Believers have been alerted, Believer's liberties, freedoms, privacy and general rights as Christians have been challenged and in many cases thwarted by social media control or governmental control. Both are injustices both civil and criminal. Christian morals and values have been removed from public education and biological controls of our bodies are manipulated and some circumstances replaced by man's design over God's creation of man.

Sadly, the most glaring example of disrespect to the instructions of Jesus Christ In John 17 is Unity.

Church numbers decrease in the so-called advanced western nations both in people and buildings, Large mega-churches of professed Believers with huge structures, fleets of vehicles and mass media broadcasts lack obedience to the simple last prayer of Jesus Christ. Moreover, even most small churches, denominations or doctrines seek uniqueness and separation over anything like the obedience to "Unity, in Christ, through The Holy Spirit." Not one single church has changed their affiliation sign and simply stated "God's House" all may worship as they choose and be helped as needed here.

Now is the time for all Believers to be edified in the teachings of Jesus Christ, listen for/to the Holy Spirit, come in Unity and be obedient to the 10 Commandments delivered by Moses, the 2 Commandments delivered by Jesus. Work, study and resources are needed to be accountable and prepared. WHAT CAN YOU DO?

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11 Child Indoctrinating Books Parents Need to Know

Books can be anything, from a tool for learning to an escape through the imagination. Unfortunately, they can also contain propaganda designed to shape impressionable young minds who don't know how to question what they're being told just yet. Gender ideology is not only harmful to gay people, but confusing and overwhelming children across the world. These are new concepts that extremists are pushing through any form of media they can, including books, most of which are sold on Amazon. These concepts not only erase what it means to be gay, but sexually activate young children by introducing them to mature content they may not be ready for yet. As a result, children may exhibit premature addictive sexualized behavior and find themselves in dangerous situations that could damage their psyche for life (or worse). Here are 11 titles that all parents need to be aware of:

1. Gender Queer (Graphic Novel)

Marketed to 18+, Gender Queer, along with a handful of others on this list, has been exposed in several schools around the country due to its graphic illustrations of a teenage girl with penis envy who experiments with binders and strap ons. The story depicts the character experiencing severe gender dysphoria, fear of her own body, and incestual conversations about masturbating. We're sad that 'Gender Queer' distorts what it means to be a female and doesn't teach readers how to love themselves as they are. This book does NOT belong in school libraries, but unfortunately that's where it's being found.

2. The Hips on the Drag Queen Go Swish Swish Swish

Marketed to literal infants (1+), this strange children's book can be found being read by Drag Queens all over YouTube, including the author. Traditionally referred to as female impersonators, Drag Queens were once exclusively adult entertainers who made sexual jokes during provocative performances. We can't for the life of us figure out why they suddenly want to read to exclusively children. We don't see them at nursing homes or adult rec centers trying to entertain those who need it most, instead we see too many adults justifying why a man dressed as an exaggerated woman is the pinnacle of uniqueness that all children should admire. We've seen enough episodes of RuPaul's Drag Race to know most Drag Queens aren't exactly role models for anyone, much less children. Y'all are a mess. Why are you so desperate to appeal to minors?

3. This Book is Gay

Another title being found in school libraries, This Book is Gay is marketed to 14-17 year olds, and discusses gay sex in graphic details with illustrations included. Chapter 9 of the book is titled: "The Ins and Outs of Gay Sex." But even more worrying than the pornographic explanations are the instructions on how to use sex apps. Despite the safety disclaimer which is obviously present to legally cover the authors butt, teenage readers are given explicit instructions on how to use apps to find strangers for sex. We shouldn't have to explain why it's dangerous for a 15-year-old to find this book and potentially end up in a vehicle with a full-grown adult who should know better.

4. In My Daddy's Belly

Supposedly in its pre-order stage, this book claims to be “appropriate for kids of all ages” and supports the idea that men can give birth. We strongly disagree, and so has humanity for its entire existence up until very recent years. We submit that if an adult wishes to appear and exist as a man, then said adult would relinquish all female functions due to the intense dysphoria it would cause to use them. Confusing for both adults and kids alike, this book completely distorts what a female is and takes the magic out of the miracle of childbirth to claim that anyone can do it. Because women can't have anything anymore. This is lesbian erasure. This is being straight with extra steps. Just...no.

5. The Every Body Book

Claiming to be aimed at children ages 8-12, 'The Every Body Book' capitalizes on the neo-ideology to warp young minds into believing that gender and sex are different, and you can be whatever you want to be despite your innate biology. Covering a wide range of topics, the book brags about using “gender-neutral language” and quotes specialists who think it's a wonderful tool to teach kids about multiple personalities—oops, we mean identities, and incorporates racial diversities to ensure all kids know how to be nice to anyone who believes in the same pseudo-religious doctrine this book is pushing. Again, the concepts within this book are brand new to society, and there is absolutely no way the entire world will accept them because they contradict common sense and weaken already vulnerable people.

6. Flamer (Graphic Novel)

Aimed at 14-17 year olds, Flamer is another title being found in school libraries depicting gay sex and sexual abuse. In addition to explicit sexual situations depicting minors, Flamer also depicts self-harm, internalized homophobia, offensive religious commentary and has been added to many LGBT reading lists. We can appreciate the representation of the journey of being gay, but this book does not belong in schools for young children. After TPU-SA reported finding this graphic novel in a Tempe, AZ Elementary School district, the book was removed from their database. [source] Why was it there in the first place?

7. Bye Bye Binary

Another children's book supposedly for infants 1+, 'Bye Bye Binary' encourages parents to “break gender norms” by (gasp here) letting their child enjoy things. Newsflash: gay people have been breaking gender stereotypes for decades! Pink was once a color for boys in the Victorian era! Despite its intentions, this book solidifies dated gender norms from the 1950's and reassures parents that it's normal to ignore your child's gender for years so they can choose it themselves by picking up a toy truck or a doll. The cover depicts a baby with an almost vengeful expression, as if it's aware of gender theory at the fresh age of 14 months. We doubt that.

8. Beyond Magenta

Aimed at 14-17 year olds, Beyond Magenta is a concerning book about “teenage transgenders,” telling tales of gender dysphoric minors who sometimes described themselves as “sexually mature children.” These minors often talk about hiding their behavior from parents, running away from home, and sexually experimenting as young as six years old. Some teens in the book describe themselves as “non-binary,” a new concept that enforces gender binary and stereotypes while enabling a sense of victimhood under a system that no longer exists. 'Beyond Magenta' was listed in 2015 as the fourth-most banned book in the United States due to its anti-family sentiments and described sex acts of minors. Some activists say the book normalizes pedophilia. We don't think anyone under 18 should read this book, and we've seen it removed from several school libraries already.

9. It Feels Good To Be Yourself: A Book About Gender Identity

Yet another title that capitalizes on the new and confusing doctrine of gender ideology, 'It Feels Good To Be Yourself' is aimed at children 4+. The tagline says: “Some people are boys. Some people are girls. Some people are both, neither, or somewhere in between.” This book has the audacity to call this a “sweet, straightforward explanation of gender identity” while pushing the idea that children can betray their bodies and be whatever they want, even nothing at all. In the process, this book erases what it means to be gay. This is clearly propaganda designed to install a very specific vocabulary into the new generation.

10. 'Twas the Night Before Pride

An obvious ploy to solidify Pride as a religious holiday among LGBTQ+ zealots, 'Twas the Night Before Pride' is marketed to children ages 4-8 and attempts to simplify the serious hardships of gay people for kids. But do 4-8 year olds really need to know about Stonewall or AIDS? Does reducing these concepts for kids really help gay people or make kids nicer? We don't think so. This just so happens to be one of the books Drag Queens insist on reading to children. It's just not necessary.

11. A Kids Book About Pronouns

Finally, this children's book written by a so-called "trauma psychologist" with they/them pronouns teaches kids 5+ about "dismantling the gender binary" with pronouns never used in human history. According to gender-confused author Dr. Courtney Wells, it's important to push these concepts on kids AND adults to make them uncomfortable until they submit to your demands. It's unfortunate that Wells and her wife Lee have taken to erasing lesbian culture and traumatizing children with confusing rhetoric that turns their sense of self into a fluid and easily manipulated state. But hey, get that money, ladies!

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JOHN 17 UNITY

The last hours that Jesus had with his disciples before he went to the cross ended in a prayer meeting. The one who prays is Jesus of Nazareth himself, unquestionably the one who understands more about the nature and the possibilities of prayer than anyone who has ever lived. The subject of the prayer is his disciples and those who should believe on him, that is, US. From this prayer of Jesus, uttered in these dangerous moments when opposition was closing in on him and the shadow of the cross was hanging heavy over him, we can learn a great deal.

We see something of the possibilities, the priorities and the perils of the Christian life reflected in this prayer. Jesus starts by praying for himself, then he prays for his disciples, but the last six verses are the most unusual of all. Here is what we can view as a great planning session between the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, to which we are privileged to listen. This is, in other words, a summit meeting, the highest possible summit. It does not focus on a single country or continent of the world, but it has in its scope the entire world. It is not to plan a campaign of a few years or a decade or two, but it encompasses the entire age in which we live, from the first coming of Christ to the second coming. It does not involve a few local churches, or a denomination or two in some kind of united campaign, but it gathers in the whole Body of Christ, every Christian who has ever lived, or ever will live, in all time. In a very real sense these verses are the key to history, the blueprints of God's program for this age. Here is a military campaign being planned which is designed to recapture this rebellious planet for God.

A lot of my family and friends have been veterans. I sat with one such gentleman for hours one evening when I was tending bar and he told me about his five tours of Vietnam, and also about military planning, which includes: an objective, a strategy, and tactics. He also explained the difference between them. The objective is the goal, the hilltop you wish to take or the city that needs to be captured; some specific target toward which all is aimed, that is the objective. The strategy is the general procedure, the overall plan by which it is proposed to take the objective, and the tactics are the specific maneuvers by which the strategy is carried out. Every military campaign must envision all three of these.

Now in this prayer of Jesus, which was not prayed in the quiet sanctuary of a cathedral or a Jewish temple but was really uttered on a battlefield, you have these three ingredients of a military campaign. You can see this in John 17:20-26, if you look closely:

Twice in these six verses, Jesus states precisely the great objective which he lived during his own life on earth, and now that he is leaving he is committing it to the disciples. Twice he outlines specifically what God intends to accomplish: The latter part of verse 21 "That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me." and again in the latter part of verse 23 "I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me." There is the great objective. God's whole redemptive plan is aimed at one target: the world.

John 3:16 says 16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." The focus of it all is the world. "God so loved the world." It is so easy for Christians to forget this. Forgetting that we were once part of this world, we become so taken up with what He is doing to us as believers that we sometimes forget that He is still aiming beyond us. We seem to feel that God's program stops with us, that his entire purpose in coming into the world and leaving by the cross and the resurrection is to get us to heaven.

If that were the case it would be much simpler if we would erect a chopping block in every church, and as soon as someone becomes a Christian chop his head off! We could be sure then that they would get to heaven without any difficulty! But, aside from the police involvement we would be put in, it is clear from the Scriptures that the Lord does not intend it this way. He leaves us here in order that we may learn how to share in the painful process of drawing a struggling, rebellious creation unto Himself. We must become part of the process of reaching the world. Nor are we Christians here essentially to improve the world. Sometimes we become so concerned about necessary social changes that we give the impression that the church exists in order to make the world a better place in which to live. But that misses the point entirely, for the whole picture of Scripture is that, no matter what the church does as God's instrument in the world, the ultimate end of the world will be anarchy and chaos. It shall end exactly as Jesus Christ describes it, despite the best efforts of the church, and it was never intended to be different. No, the church is not here to improve the world, least of all to save the world. No, we are here for one thing. Jesus says it here in John 17:21 that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

The church is left here in order that worldlings may become convinced: That Jesus Christ is the authentic voice of God; that he is the authoritative utterance of what God intends to do in human affairs; that He is the key to world history and reality, the revelation of the invisible God and therefore the only way from man to God.

When the world becomes convinced of this, the rest is up to them. Our task, as believers in Jesus Christ, is not to save the world. Our job is to bring it to an awareness of who He is, and when men and women come to that awareness they will do one of two things: they will either accept him and be saved, or they will reject him and continue in the lost condition in which the whole world continually exists.

I was on a panel once with missionaries and mission leaders and one of the questions asked was, "What is the definition of World Evangelism?" The one answer that impressed me most was: "World Evangelism is the attempt to give every man an opportunity to make an intelligent choice of whether to receive or reject Jesus Christ."

That is exactly what world evangelism is. It is not an attempt to save the world except as that is involved in the acceptance of Christ, nor to condemn the world except as that is involved in the rejection of Jesus Christ. But the whole thrust of God's purpose in human history is simply to bring men to an awareness of who Jesus Christ is, John 17:21 that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. That is the objective.

Therefore, for the sake of a confused and sinful world which is facing enormously complex problems, Christians must not, dare not, isolate themselves from that world. That is the very thing we are here to reach, that is the goal, the target, that is the objective. We dare not live our Christian lives in air-tight compartments, limited only to Christian friends, in a sort of Christian hot-house, from the womb to the tomb.

Someone has pointed out that, judging from what goes on in the world today, the Christian answer to world crisis is to fill up a ship with Christians and go on a cruise in the Caribbean and listen each morning to a Bible teacher giving prophetic messages!

No, the church exists in order to reach the world. The church is here to be God's instrument by which human life in every area and at every level is penetrated by the transforming gospel of Jesus Christ, that men may see that in Jesus Christ there is the authentic voice of God to men; that in Him is the ultimate issue of human destiny, and in Him we come face to face with all that is important in human affairs.

I have already suggested that this is a complex and difficult, even painful problem, for we well know, having been on the other side of the fence as well, that every worldling lives in confusion and blindness. He is suspicious and sensitive, especially in religious matters.

He or she loves to remind us of what he or she considers a major rule of life, never to discuss politics or religion. He can retreat under a hard shell of indifference and sophistication and seemingly be unreachable, yet that man is our objective.

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8:00 a.m. (CST) Mondays AND Wednesday with Pastor Joe Inman and Stada Inman

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HIGH OCTANE

10:00 a.m. (CST) with Dr. Cyndi Flowers

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11:00 a.m. (CST) with Pastor Ladena Bough

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Podcast Schedule

All Times Are Central Standard Time - Music Plays Between Podcasts

MONDAY

The Alabaster Box @ 9:00 am
The Urban Alternative @ 11:00 am
Wall Builders @ 3:00 pm
Veterans Church 5:00 pm
Washington Watch @ 7:00 pm
Voice of Light Overcoming Darkness @ 10:00 pm
Unshackled @ 12:00 pm and 11:30 pm

TUESDAY

Cup of Sunrise @ 9:00 am
Jam Session @ 10:00 am
The Urban Alternative @ 11:00 am
Changing Times @ 1:00 pm
Trials and Triumphs @ 2:00 pm
Wall Builders @ 3:00 pm
Washington Watch @ 7:00 pm
Black Robed Patriots @ 9:00 pm
High Octave @ 10:00 pm
Unshackled @ 12:00 pm and 11:30 pm

WEDNESDAY

Voice of Light Overcoming Darkness @ 9:00 am
The Urban Alternative @ 11:00 am
Wall Builders @ 3:00 pm
Washington Watch @ 7:00 pm
Veterans Church @ 8:00 pm
The Alabaster Box @ 10:00 pm
Unshackled @ 12:00 pm and 11:30 pm

THURSDAY

High Octave @ 9:00 am
Black Robed Patriots @ 10:00 am
The Urban Alternative @ 11:00 am
Jam Session @ 2:00 pm
Wall Builders @ 3:00 pm
Changing Times @ 6:00 pm

Washington Watch @ 7:00 pm
Trials and Triumphs @ 10:00 pm
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FRIDAY

The Urban Alternative @ 11:00 am
Veterans Church @ 1:00 pm
Wall Builders @ 3:00 pm
The Alabaster Box @ 4:00 pm
Washington Watch @ 7:00 pm
Unshackled @ 12:00 pm and 11:30 pm

SATURDAY

Trials and Triumphs @ 9:00 am
Changing Times @ 10:00 am
Voice of Light Overcoming Darkness @ 2:00 pm
Black Robed Patriots 3:00 pm
High Octave @ 4:00 pm
Jam Session @ 6:00 pm

SUNDAY

Music