



ACTheals
Working in the Healthcare Community since 1975



Monthly Newsletter

July 2026



President's Corner

In the good old summertime . . . time for family, bible camps, relaxing on the back porch enjoying nature and watching the birds. In the evening close to dusk, I can watch the deer returning from the neighborhood fields to their nests in my grove. I can see and hear my pheasants every sunrise and evening.

Liturgically, this is my favorite time of the year . . . after Pentecost, when Jesus walked the earth working miracles, and teaching the apostles (that's us now) about His way of life. We are expected to do the same now. Do I have the courage to do the same? To be bold in sharing about the way of Jesus, to lay hands on the sick and dying praying for life and comfort, to pray about those "asleep" and raise the dead? Or do I need an attitude adjustment or behavior adjustment? Summertime, the Pentecost season allows us to reflect and become more like Christ in our way of living. This reminds me of my favorite scripture and the theme of my presidency from Matthew 28:16-20 (The Great Commission). This is our call. Are we living it? Wish I could say I do this perfectly, but I, as we all are, growing in Jesus' way of life.

This reminds me of the poem, Footprints. Jesus walks alongside us each and all day. But during the hard, challenging times of each day, He carries us.

Footprints

One night a man had a dream.

He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the Lord.

Scenes from his life flashed across the sky and he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand; one belonging to him and the other to the Lord.

When the last scene of his life had flashed before him, he recalled that at the lowest and saddest times of his life there was only one set of footprints.

Dismayed, he asked, "Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way.

Why, at the troublesome times of my life; the times I needed you most, would you leave me?"

The Lord replied, "My precious, precious child, I love you and I would never, never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering when you saw only one set of footprints ...

That was when I carried you."



I believe He carries us when we lack the courage to speak up, to take action, to lay hands on another or pray outloud.

I pray for the courage to live out the words of the Great Commission, to be like the corn in my field . . . to stand tall, being like Jesus for others. It's said that if corn is knee high by July 4th, it will be a good year. Yet this corn is over 5 feet tall and it's two weeks before July 4th



To close, I bless you in Jesus' Name, to stand tall, be courageous, to live out our Gospel call each day.

Kris Sendelbach, RN
Your Servant Leader

ACTheals Announcements



ACTheals (Acts 4:8-10)

Advancing Christ Centered Healthcare – one healer at a time



Change Our Hearts

2026 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

October 22-25, 2026
Kanuga Conference Center | Hendersonville, NC

*I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you;
I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.*
Ezekiel 36:26

PLENARY SPEAKER


Dr. John McGraw, MD

WORKSHOP PRESENTERS



Rev. John Rice



Dr. Wendy Hofman



Fr. Paul Feider



Rev. Dr. Benjamin McEntire



Dr. Ben Keyes



Craig Miller

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

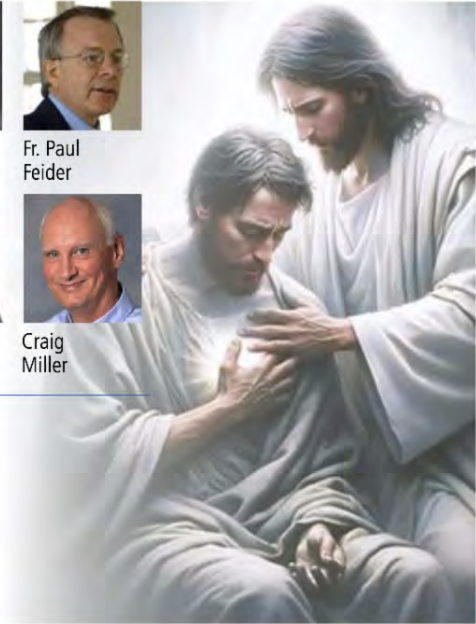

Dr. Charles Zeiders

CATHOLIC PRIEST


Fr. Foster Orlator

MUSICIAN


Christopher McLoughlin



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<https://actheals.org/2026-international-conference/>

Change Our Hearts:
2026 International Conference

Conference registration is open, and our speakers are listed above. Member registration options have been reduced through contributions. Payment plan options are available. We invite you to visit the link below to learn more and register.

Visit Conference Page



Website Building Campaign

All gifts matched dollar-for-dollar to launch a stronger digital presence

Good News!

ACTheals is increasing in activity, membership and presence on social media! To increase our visibility and engage the community, ACTheals is in great need to update its website.

The expenses needed for this important project will offer a more accessible and user-friendly website that is easy to navigate. Greater awareness of ACTheals and its mission purpose is necessary in order to continue to serve the community through Christ-centered healing provided at our many conferences, retreats, prayer groups and training programs.

ACTheals needs **YOU** to help carry out its important dynamic mission to empower healthcare professionals, clergy, religious and prayer ministers to bring Christ's healing to others.

Even Better News!

Your gift goes twice as far! ACTheals has received an anonymous matching funds challenge up to \$5000.00 for this project. Your donation will now have double the impact!

Your donation will be matched and provide the needed support to fund our website building project.

- \$100.00=\$200.00
- \$200.00=\$400.00
- \$500.00=\$1000.00

The deadline is **October 21, 2026**, before the International Conference. Donations can be made online or mailed to the ACTheals office designated for the ***Website Project*** at:

ACTheals
1700 Skyline Drive
Chattanooga, TN 37421
502.632.3036

Let's bring in the potential \$10,000 or maybe even more!

With much blessings and appreciation.

“Everyone must give according to what one has inwardly decided; not sadly, not grudgingly, for God loves a cheerful giver.” (2 Corinthians 9:7)

[Click Here to Donate!](#)



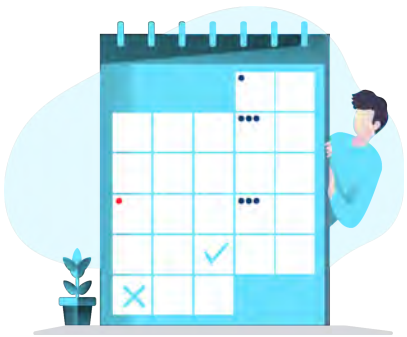
Disability Acceptance Month

This month we pause to honor the strength, dignity, and sacred worth of every person living with a disability.

As healers called to serve the whole person — body, mind, soul, and spirit — we are reminded that Christ's healing touches every dimension of human experience. Those who live with disability teach us profound lessons about resilience, trust, and the grace that works through weakness.

"My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." — 2 Corinthians 12:9

We stand with our members who work alongside and advocate for persons with disabilities, and we celebrate the beautiful diversity of the body of Christ. To those living with disability, and to those who walk alongside them: we see you, we honor your journey, and we are grateful for all you bring to our community.



Monthly Event and Social Media Content Submission Forms

Do you have an event coming up or an idea for our social media that you would like to advertise? Please fill out our recently updated Monthly Event Submission and Social Media Content Forms! **To guarantee your event will be posted, please fill out the form at least 2 weeks prior to your event.**

ACTheals Monthly Event Submission Form

Social Media Content Submission Form

Upcoming Regional Events



Pacific West - San Diego Chapter Monthly Prayer Group
Sunday, July 12 | 2:00–4:00 PM PT

We warmly invite our ACTheals members and their guests to gather in person for our Pacific West Region / San Diego Chapter Monthly Prayer Group on Sunday, July 12, from 2:00 to 4:00 PM.

This is a time set apart for healing prayer, fellowship, and spiritual refreshment among fellow Christian healthcare professionals and ministers.

This gathering is open to ACTheals members and invited guests. Attendance is free, and we ask that you RSVP by July 11 so we can prepare well.

To reserve your place and , please contact Carol at actprayer@yahoo.com

We look forward to being together in prayer and community.

[RSVP Here](#)

Pacific West - LA Chapter Retreat
Saturday, July 25 | 9:30 AM PT
@ St. Andrew Russian Greek Catholic Church

The Healing Church: Embodying the Spirit of St. Basil's Vision in the 21st Century

St. Basil the Great believed that a wounded world needs a healing Church which gathers physicians, caregivers, clergy and servants of the poor into a common mission of becoming a community of healing.

This retreat offers an opportunity to deepen one's understanding of God's call to participate in Christ's healing ministry as central to the Church's mission of bringing hope, restoration and wholeness to a wounded world.

Speakers from the community from diverse professional fields including--medicine, mental health, chaplaincy, theology and the entertainment industry--will explore the challenges and opportunities of integrating spirituality into their respective careers.

Participants will gain insight into how Christ's healing ministry can be lived within and beyond the walls of the Church and transform homes, workplaces and communities by becoming a healer with the heart of Jesus.

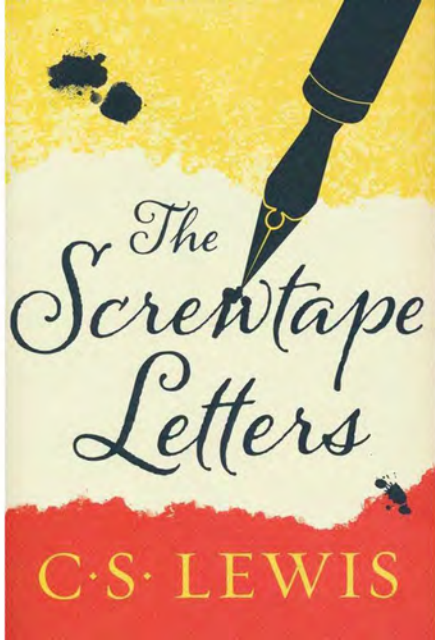
Please RSVP to Bernadette St. James, PsyD at 310-991-2256 or at nbstjames@gmail.com. Suggested donation is \$40.

"Heal the sick" -Jesus, Matthew Jesus10:8

[Get Directions](#)

Pacific West - LA Chapter Monthly Prayer Group
Sunday, July 26 | 6:00–7:30 PM PT





The Pacific West Region is offering a monthly SEW Group engaging members in a reflective discussion on C.S. Lewis's book, *The Screwtape Letters*. This month's meeting will focus on chapters 13-15 followed by prayer.

By engaging Lewis' insightful and often humorous account of the subtle manner in which one experiences spiritual battle, the goal of our discussion is to become familiar with one's interior life in the midst of daily distractions. This discussion will encourage the group to critically examine the underlying

assumptions of conventional society and consider how they influence thought, emotion, and decision-making.

The meeting will conclude with a time for praise, worship and intercessory prayer. Each member is encouraged to keep a journal for the purpose of examining the inner movement of the Holy Spirit leading one toward deeper intimacy with God.

For the Zoom link, email Bernadette St. James at nbstjames@gmail.com, the LA/Pacific Regional Coordinator by using the link below.

[Request the Link](#)

ACTheals: Where God and Healthcare Meet

Vision Statement: To remain an influential Spirit-filled organization advancing Christ's healing worldwide.

Mission Statement: To heal and empower healing professionals to bring Christ's healing to others.



*This is the official newsletter for ACTheals (Formerly known as the Association of Christian Therapists). Member **comments, suggestions** and **submissions** are appreciated. Submissions are preferred with a digital photo, or else, a prior one from our files will be used. Member names can be withheld by request. Contact Mitchell at mpetredis@actheals.org*

ACTheals is a Christ-centered association of healthcare professionals, clergy, religious and associates who seek to integrate healing prayer to give full expression of God's love in their professions, ministries and personal lives. Our members have been working in healthcare since 1975.

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