

ACTS Community of Lubbock Newsletter

EVENTS

Women's ACTS
June 7-10, 2018
November 1-4, 2018

Teen ACTS
July 12-15, 2018
December 27-30, 2018

Men's ACTS
February 8-11, 2018
July 26-29, 2018

Reunion Mass
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TACTS #12 Retreat: A great success!

The recent TACTS retreat (Dec 28-31) was a great success. These two testimonies were submitted by two of the teens who attended:

I've always been excited to go to a TACTS retreat. My family has served on some retreats and I've always heard good things. When I first got there, I didn't know what to do; I've always been on the other side watching people's lives being changed. But now it was my turn. I only knew one person there and I wasn't sure how to make more friends. A team member came up to me and made me feel more comfortable and kind of broke me out of my shell.

At first I didn't know anyone. I don't know their names, who they were, or what to say to them. So I kind of awkwardly started a conversation with a few and eventually we started joking around and getting closer.

I was given many opportunities to meet everyone and soon I found myself getting more friends that I felt like I'd known for years.

We did many things, and at first I didn't cry. I don't know why, but I didn't want to seem vulnerable. But as we progressed by the second day, I was bawling and praising the name of my Lord and Savior.

I felt the love that he had for me and saw how he took his own life for mine. It was an experience that I can't get out of my head.

Even just thinking about that weekend, I feel a rush of love and joy run through me.

I want to continue to be a part of the TACTS family because you not only gain people who friends, you gain a family who loves you.

Before the TACTS retreat, I had a rough time. My life was turned upside down, and I lost people who I thought I could count on. I only had one friend who stuck by me the whole time, along with my family. But I still felt alone. I'd lost friends that I had my whole life. When things got difficult, it's like it wasn't their problem.

But then I went to TACTS and I still had my insecurities. I thought they'd be the same, but to my surprise, I found someone who had a similar problem to me. Everyone there cared about me and would check on me to see how I felt and if I was okay. For the first time in a while, I felt like I wasn't alone in the world.

God gives the most difficult battles to his strongest warriors. He was testing my strength, and when I felt like I was at my breaking point, he gave me this family and all these amazing people.

After the TACTS retreat I still had those people in my life. God gave me people I never thought I would've met, and I was made into a stronger person. I've allowed God into my heart more than ever. And I'm so happy, because I can just be praying and I get filled with joy.

I thank the Lord, for everything he's done for me. And I hope to keep strong in faith.

-Alyssa Martinez.



TACTS #12 was one of the best retreats I could have ever been on. When my mom told me I was going I really didn't want to go, but then day I had to pack my bags it excited me, just because I knew I needed to get closer to God and learn more about my faith, and TACTS #12 did exactly that. The day I entered the Holy Spirit patio was the best night that could've happened to me. Since then I have learned more about my faith and more about what it really means to love God. When you go to this retreat you will be changed in a way like no other, I have seen a change in my life and that change was what I needed. The love I have for God has grown since TACTS #12 and the strength I have knowing he is always with me has extremely grown and that couldn't have been possible without the TACTS retreat.

-Cearia Bryan

Reunion Mass and Potluck

On January 20th we had a Reunion Mass at St. John Neumann. Core members thought that it would be fun to have a little extra zest. In addition to the mass and potluck, we also had a DJ so that people could dance after the dinner. Our ACTS brother Matt Alvarez agreed to come and work his magic. Thanks Matt for a great job. The mass was lovely – in addition to our ACTS brothers and sisters being there, three children were baptized into the church. Afterwards we had a great meal and then the music started. There was some dancing, especially by the youngsters! Overall, everybody had a great time! We hope that for the next one, everyone will come out and enjoy!

Fundraising Efforts

In order to keep our finances solvent, we have been making an effort to do fund raising prior to the retreats. The last several Women, Men and TACTS retreats have been very successful, allowing them to provide scholarships to those who would not otherwise be able to attend a retreat. They have had fund raisers through Applebee's, Capital Pizza, a "home" cooked spaghetti luncheon and bake sales. We have been very blessed! Thank you to all that have put their time and effort into making these successful. A special thank you to all those who have come out to support them.



Men's ACTS Reception.

Lubbock ACTS Small Groups

Jesus said to his disciples: "Take care not to perform righteous deeds in order that people may see them; otherwise, you will have no recompense from your heavenly Father. When you give alms, do not blow a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets to win the praise of others. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward."

MT 6: 1-2

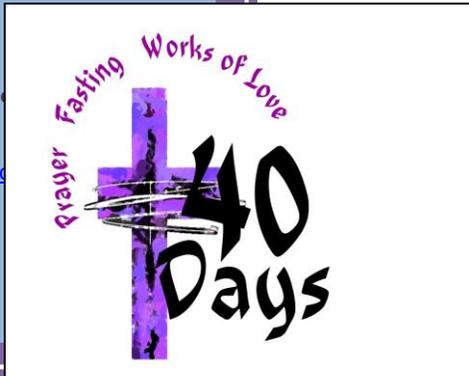
After a retreat a good way to continue on your spiritual journey is to join a small group. Roland Moreira has worked very hard to get a complete list of all the current small groups: where and when they meet and if they are accepting new members. This list can be found on the ACTS website. With the completion of the last several retreats, new small groups have formed. This is great! It is what keeps the spirit of ACTS alive. If you have formed a new group, please contact Roland at 806-778-3605. Even if you are not accepting new members, we would like to know that the groups are active.

ACTS Missions

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Have a blessed Lenten and Easter Season!

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