

The Back Story

The vision of Act Now is to see the church break down walls, get outside of the congregational bubble and serve the community like Jesus did. While many needs can be met with money, the goal was not to “throw dollars” at the needy but to roll up sleeves and work alongside them or for them, building relationships that allow us to share the gospel both in words and in our actions.

By expanding Act Now to a citywide effort and beyond, we can also break down the walls between Bible-based churches and serve without any agenda or territorialism and simply share the love of Christ.

Act Now is a HUB of area ministry resources for volunteers.

*Act Now:
Somebody Needs the
Light You Have*

“You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden.” ~
Matthew 5:14

Bringing Act Now to your congregation

Bringing Act Now to your church is as easy as 1, 2, 3:

1. Join the network. Can you embrace something that inspires your congregation to serve? Can you get excited about your church being part of a citywide effort to “be the church”? Join the partnering churches who use Act Now as a ministry HUB for Kingdom impact by completing the simple application.

2. Promote the opportunities to do more hands-on ministry in the area through the Act Now website to your congregation. No need to change the ministry you’re currently doing; just promote Act Now to your folks. When your people go to the website, they will see ministries and specific volunteer opportunities. We’ve even got a handy bulletin insert you can print and distribute with little effort.

3. Pass along any other ministries your church is working alongside to be added to the Act Now network. This opens doors for even more volunteers to help them! Someone from your church who is already working with the ministry or agency should serve as the liaison.



Want to go even further to Act Now with your congregation? Here are some ideas:

- Have the pastor preach on service and encourage participation. Members tend to follow their leader.
- Plan a church-wide effort to engage as many people as possible and get everyone excited. This could be a service day with all the ministries or a large in-house ingathering effort touching all ministries. Things like Angel Tree, Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes or thanksgiving food baskets are great options. We can help with other ideas.
- Engage the Sunday school/LIFE groups, introducing them individually to the program and asking them to choose one ministry to adopt as a class and serve. Have them choose a contact person for each class to report on service.

Resources can help you start strong

■ Pens, Cups, Magnets, Bags

If your church is interested in obtaining items like these for your own promotion, we can facilitate a group order or help with your singular order, pricing, etc. Please contact Teresa Young at (806) 239-8979 for help.

■ T-Shirts

California T’s is our official supplier for ActNow t-shirts. You can choose any colors and styles for shirts. Please call Renee at California T’s at (806) 763-1071 for information.

■ ActNow Tracts

We have designed a standard Act Now tract that can be used in projects. A PDF file to print is online, or we can provide one with your own church’s contact information. Please contact Teresa Young at (806) 239-8979 for assistance.

■ ActNow Bulletin Inserts

This 5.5” by 8.5” bulletin insert can help promote Act Now in your church and introduce each of the ministries. This is available online to download and print.



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Partnering Church Application

Partnering churches should be in full agreement with the ActNow Missional Mandate: "ActNow is a tool to enable believers to unify and engage in serving the Lubbock area and share the Gospel." The GOSPEL is the main thing.

We desire to partner with biblically based congregations who share the desire to minister to the needy in our community and collaborate with like-minded churches.

Partnering churches will be invited to participate in a yearly area-wide, "out of the pew, into the streets," emphasis and a joint celebration service.

PARTNERING CHURCH INFORMATION

Name of Church _____

Pastor's Name _____

Pastor's Phone Number _____

Pastor's Email Address _____

Contact Person (If Not Pastor) _____

Contact Person's Phone Number _____

Contact Person's Email Address _____

Church Website _____

Pastor's Signature _____ Date _____

Check any Act Now Ministries you currently work with:

- A21
- Heartland House
- New Light Lunch Project
- The Baby Closet
- High Point Village
- One Heart Orphan Care
- Buckner Family Services
- Hope Shalom
- Parent Life Lubbock
- Cal Farley's women's center
- Hope Lodge
- Parkridge Pregnancy
- Carpenter's Kitchen
- Lubbock Dream Center
- Ronald McDonald House
- CEF's Good News Club
- Lubbock Impact
- Southcrest Christian School
- Come by Faith Youth Ministries
- Meals on Wheels
- Mission Lubbock
- Texas Boys Ranch

Additional ministries you participate with, to be listed on the Act Now site:

Ministry	Contact Person	Phone	Email
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Statement of Faith

ActNow stands on:

The Inspiration of the Bible:

We believe the Bible is the inspired Word of God. (Jer. 30:2; II Timothy 3:16; II Peter 1:20,21)

The Person of God:

We believe God is supreme in His person, eternal in His being, absolute in His attributes, glorious in His perfection. We believe in the Trinity.

(Gen. 1:1; Isa. 6:1; Deut. 6:4; Matt. 6:9)

The Person of Jesus Christ:

We believe in the virgin birth of Christ, His deity and sinless life, His vicarious death, His bodily resurrection, and in His personal return.

(Matt. 1:18,20; II Cor. 5:21; I Cor. 15:3-4)

The Person of the Holy Spirit:

We believe the Holy Spirit is the Third Person of the Godhead. We believe that He executes the plan of God for our conviction and salvation. From the time of conversion, the Holy Spirit resides in the body of the believer and empowers him/her for His service. (Col. 2:9; Matt. 10:16; John 14:16)

The Salvation of Sinners:

We believe that the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace, and that Jesus Christ is the only way of salvation. (Eph. 2:8,9; John 3:16; John 5:24; John 3:36)



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Partnering Ministry Requirements

1. A ministry must allow the (soft) sharing of the Gospel (the organization is NOT required to be Christian based).
2. A ministry must be a service to the physically, emotionally or psychologically needy in the Lubbock area.
3. A ministry's purpose must be in agreement with biblical truth.
4. A ministry must provide hands-on involvement and action for volunteers (not just wanting money). This means well organized entry-points of action to connect volunteers to serve.
5. A ministry will be a 501c3 or have its own governance or have its own website that is outside of a local church.
6. A ministry must be recommended by an ActNow partnering church that is already engaged in ministry there in order for it to be put on the ActNow website. The ministry may also link Act Now off their own website.

**A yearly reaffirmation of commitment to ActNow will be required.*

PARTNER MINISTRY APPLICATION

Name of Ministry _____

Director's Name _____

Director's Phone Number _____

Director's Email Address _____

Contact Person (If Not Director) _____

Contact Person's Phone Number _____

Contact Person's Email Address _____

Ministry Website _____

___ (please check) I have read and agree to ACTNOW requirements.

Volunteer Opportunities _____

Our ministry commits to participate in ACTNOW for one year.

Director's Signature _____ Date _____

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