

# Access ACS Release Notes — April 2011

April showers bring May flowers, and also a bevy of enhancements and corrections to Access ACS. We hope you enjoy the first release of 2011, and know that this just the beginning of better things to come. Thank you for your continued support.

ACS Technologies is pleased to announce the April 2011, release of Access ACS! This release contains many great updates and additions to Access ACS functionality.

## Highlights

- ✓ Along with all the enhancements and corrections this release, an update to the Contributions portion of the program was made. What does this mean for you? Well, after the release, no data will display the first time you view your Giving History and Pledge History pages. You must perform an upload from ACS People to replenish the data.
- ✓ We have spent quite some time in this release reworking the Event Registration Setup process. We have updated the look and feel of these pages. We think these updates will help streamline the event registration setup process.
- ✓ With the April 2011 release you can now add recurring events to your calendar. This new process lets you select to have an event recur at different intervals depending on your organization's needs and the type of event. Examples of events that may need to be recurring are:
  - Weekly bible study or choir practice
  - Monthly session or committee meeting
  - Yearly autumnal festival planning meeting

Event Setup Expert	Campuses	Departments	Reports	Export	Transactions
<b>Add/Edit Event</b>					
What's the name of your event?		<input type="text" value="Crafting with Cathy"/>			
What calendar do you want the event to show on?		Children		<a href="#">Add the event to other calendars</a>	
Is this a recurring event?		<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No			
What time does the event start?		<input type="text" value="5:00 PM"/>		<input type="checkbox"/> All Day	
What time does the event end?		<input type="text" value="6:00 PM"/>			
Which recurrence pattern do you prefer?		<input type="radio"/> Daily    Recur every <input type="text" value="1"/> week(s) on: <input checked="" type="radio"/> Weekly <input type="checkbox"/> Sun <input type="checkbox"/> Mon <input type="checkbox"/> Tue <input type="checkbox"/> Wed <input type="radio"/> Monthly <input type="checkbox"/> Thu <input type="checkbox"/> Fri <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sat <input type="radio"/> Yearly			
When does the event start?		<input type="text" value="5/7/2011"/>			
When does the event end?		<input type="radio"/> End after <input type="text" value="1"/> occurrence(s) <input checked="" type="radio"/> End by <input type="text" value="12/31/2011"/>			
<a href="#">Preview and make exceptions for recurring dates</a>					

**Figure 1 The new Recurrence selections for Event Registration Setup**

✓ Have a group that meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays, but the men meet every other Wednesday and the women every other Monday? Finding it a little hard to set this kind of schedule up with the current recurrence options? With the April 2011 release you can now set up what we call exclusions to any event. When you set up an event or edit an event, you now have the option to manually select or remove dates independent to the current schedule.

For example, the Adult Bible Study meets on Wednesday nights, but the men want to meet on Tuesdays and the women on Thursday for further discussions. Now when you set up the Adult Bible Study you can click Preview and make exceptions for recurring dates on the Event Registration Setup page and select the specific dates you need.

## Enhancements

With the April 2011, release of Access ACS we have enhanced Events, Security, and Small Groups.

### Events

The character limit for Event Names has been increased from 30 to 50. Now you can finally create the "Thursday Night Book Club for People Who Like the Color Blue!" event you have always wanted.

### Security

We have added the ability to change how many records display on the User Security page. You now have the option to display 100, 500, or All of the records you have.



**Figure 2 Select how many records you want to display**

With this release we have added the ability to change both the username and password for a user on the Add/Edit User page.

### Small Groups

When a user sends a group e-mail from the Small Group Roster page, a copy of the e-mail is automatically sent to the sender.

### Corrections

The following program corrections are included in this release.:

Article Number	Summary	Solution
24699	Changes Are Not Applied To ACSW When Updating An Element In An Individual's Record	Resolved
24681	When Viewing Groups, the Wrong E-mail Address Displays for an Individual	Resolved
24691	Error 'Object Cannot be Cast from BDNnull to Other Types' Displays When Editing a New Individual	Resolved
24725	Contributions not Uploading to Access ACS	Resolved
24714	Picture Directory Images Display in Different Sizes and Overlap Existing Text	Resolved

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24736	Include Incomplete Connections Option Not Functioning	Resolved
24783	Warning Message Displays when Attempting to Delete Phone Numbers that are not Preferred	Resolved
24808	The View Individual Tab Defaults to the Locate Individual Page	Resolved
23740	Event Names with Special Characters Not Saving	Resolved
24382	Option to Print Labels for Organizations without E-mail Addresses Not Displaying When Sending a Group E-mail	Resolved
23985	Fields From Other Events Display When Switching Between Events on the Same Calendar	Resolved
24586	E-mail Reminders Are Sent Out for 5th Sunday Services Event If There Is No 5th Sunday	Resolved
24640	Cannot Use Dashes in Event Names if Linked to Facility Scheduler	Resolved
24740	Error Displays When Editing a Custom Question in Event Registration Setup	Resolved
	Supplies Sold Are Not Reset When Copying an Event In Access ACS	Resolved