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New Year - New Heart

Dear ACMin Family & Friends,

Our college exists to help equip the saints for the work of the Kingdom! We hope that you will take advantage of so many opportunities to be involved in God's work at ACMin as you become a part of our growing family! With abundant blessings-
The ACMin Leadership Team

Command Central

"The Spirit is the first power we practically experience, but the last power we come to understand." –Oswald Chambers

Without our realizing it, it is only by the Holy Spirit's revelation of Jesus to us that we can enter into His

saving power, and the moment we do, we also receive all of the holiness of Christ in us because of the Holy Spirit's indwelling presence. What an incredible reality! At the most basic level, the Holy Spirit is a reflection of our Heavenly Father's great generosity! God gives us the Holy Spirit as a gift when we ask for it, and in turn, the Holy Spirit gives us all wisdom and understanding! He teaches us all things and reminds us of everything Jesus has said.

The Holy Spirit fills us (Acts 2:4), reveals knowledge (Luke 2:26; Ephesians 3:5), encourages us (Acts 9:31), gives us His power (Acts 1:8), emboldens us to speak (Acts 4:31), leads us out into the wilderness (Matthew 4:1), carries us to unknown places (Revelation 21:10) or prevents us from going places we should not (Acts 16:6). Further, it is the power of the Holy Spirit that sanctifies us (Romans 15:16) and helps us guard the good gift of Christ in us (2 Timothy 2:14). The Holy Spirit



January 20th



What a tremendous day we had with the LORD at this year's ***New Year-New Heart*** conference, learning how to run our race in Christ with endurance! Many thanks to Cornerstone Church, to every presenter and the worship team, as well as to the ministry teams from A Call to Salvation and Living Hope Church who co-labored the entire day in our efforts to bless the attendees. In the words of one participant, "*I cannot go back to the way 'life' was this morning, before the day here!*" All glory to the LORD!



Campus Work Days



gives us spiritual gifts (Hebrews 2:4) and in Him we are seated in Heavenly places (Ephesians 2:6).

A life hidden in Christ is a life that is both surrendered to and empowered by the Holy Spirit's leading in all matters. Are all of your life's choices submitted to the One who knows you best and has your best at heart? Do you walk boldly in the direction that the Holy Spirit reveals or brashly in the direction of your own choosing, asking God to be your safety net if things go badly? Who is in charge of your "command central?" May today be the day that you surrender all control of every one of your life circumstances to the Lord, trusting that God will direct your steps through the power of the Holy Spirit as guarded by His Word and the counsel of mature believers.

Isaiah 30:21 says, *Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, 'This is the way; walk in it.'* God is eager for you to hear His voice and follow His leading. He longs for you to give up your control in exchange for His, and He always makes a better way! But remember that even if you make your best effort of surrendered obedience to Him and still you turn left when you should have turned right, have no fear, for the LORD is in both places. He will teach you great and mighty things all along your journey as you set your greatest heart's desire to remain hidden in Christ and allow Him to have all control.

Welcome, New Students!



WELCOME our new students for the spring semester. We are excited about (back left to right) Betty Kinney, Katie Braden, Rebekkah Byrd, Keysia Johnson, Greg

Thomas, (front left to right) Gabriel Loper and O'Neil Portillo joining our ACMin family. These are incredible students with awe-inspiring stories and faith to follow our God in this new season. We praise God for the privilege of being part of these students' lives!

Transformed! Conference April 28th

Join ACMin President, Dr. Marcia Wilbur, for a day of in-

Transformed!
CONFERENCE

depth teaching! Participants will explore their God-given identity in Christ and how to be His agents of transformation on earth. Discover how to exercise your power and authority as a believer in order to obtain Kingdom victory for yourself and others in the courts of heaven! [Register today!](#)

Come step out onto our beautiful campus property at 4080 S. Barnett Shoals Rd. on Friday and Saturday, February 23rd & 24th from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. We'll be trimming up the grounds so bring your mowers, chain saws, weed-wackers, and garden tools! There will also be times of prayer walking as follows:
Fri, 2/23 @ 11:00 AM
Sat, 2/24 @ 9:30 AM

It's Groundbreaking!



As God continues to bless our efforts to serve His Kingdom and this community, we invite you to be a significant part of our **2018 Growth & Groundbreaking Campaign!** With the support of God's faithful saints, we will reach our goal of raising \$1M for the Student Scholarship Fund over the next 3 years and \$2M in 2018 so that we may break ground on our campus property. [Click here](#) to find out how you can make a difference through ACMin! ([Naming opportunities](#) are available.)

National Day of Prayer - May 3rd

Make plans now to attend the Athens Area National Day of Prayer Breakfast on Thursday, May 3rd at the Classic Center. This year's national theme is UNITY based on Ephesians 4:3. Come hear keynote speaker, Dr. Fritz Schaefer with special music by Dr. Greg Broughton, and pray with others from across our area! Whatever you do, make plans to PRAY on May 3rd! [Athens National Day of Prayer](#)



Summer Semester Enrollment



ACMin is for more people than many realize. We are for the high school dual-enrolling student, the high school graduate who wants to earn an Associate's Degree in an environment that reinforces their Christian faith and

worldview, the high school graduate who wants to pursue ministry as a career, the college graduate pursuing a ministry graduate degree, those who want to become better equipped to lead in the workplace, those who want to return to school to earn a ministry degree, and those who simply want to grow in their faith and effectiveness in serving their God and Savior!

Summer Semester classes begin May 15th. If you are interested or curious about enrolling (maybe you see yourself in the list above), here are some important dates you need to know:

Application Deadline: April 1, 2018
Financial Aid Application Deadline: April 1, 2018

To [apply](#) or ask questions please contact Rev. Paul Cooke at 706-769-1472 or pcooke.acmin@gmail.com.

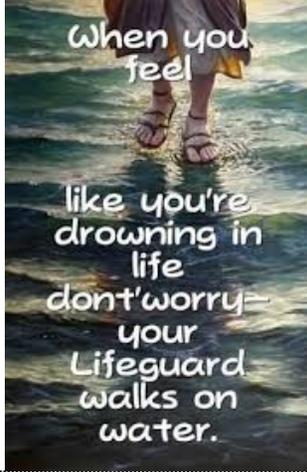
Wholeness Care Project



A human being is one entity and cannot be successfully addressed through compartmentalization. In every way a person's mind, body, and

spirit must be in harmony in order to achieve optimal health. Through the integration of faith and health, a person is restored to wholeness and ultimately to the imago Dei. Thus, issues of health in one area must be considered as affecting all three areas.

People are complex beings, and a lot can be learned about our invisible self from the visible. For example, most people suffer an injury sometime in life and can probably point to a scar and tell its story. The scar



Are you ready to live your faith in powerful, life-changing ways? Join us for the next 7-week Life-IN-Christ seminar, **Alive in Christ** on Tuesday evenings starting March 20th.

[Life IN Christ](#)
[Spring 2018 Schedule](#)

CONNECT!



[Click here](#) to CONNECT to great ministry opportunities in our area like:

- Feb. 15th Night of Healing Prayer @ SJUMC
- Praying for THE MIX Feb 23-25

Remember to see the [Community Jobs Board](#) for local ministry positions

Contact ACMIn to post your ministry's job needs and community events!

typically reveals a wound that is completely healed. It is no longer red and swollen, and it does not hurt to touch it. In fact, unless someone asks about it, we do not even think about it. However, when the wound was fresh and painful, if someone or something even got near our "wound," we reacted to protect ourselves. Our mental, emotional, and spiritual hurts are a lot like our physical wounds. When we are made to feel inadequate, incompetent, unloved, or unworthy, we can get hurt. When someone inadvertently steps on one of our hidden hurts, we strike out with sarcasm or cruel unkind words, or we withdraw in shame, rejection, and guilt. Our invisible wounds are not easily healed possibly because we do not make the effort to care for them as we do the physical ones. Sometimes they last for decades and can result in physical abnormalities. Better understanding of the unity of the mind, body, and spirit could augment wholistic healing long before the wounds became crippling. [Click here](#) for complete details about ACMIn's Wholeness Care Project.

ACMin Impact

We're excited to share the following feedback from a graduate student on the end-of-course student evaluation from fall semester 2017. In response to the question, 'If you could make one suggestion for improving this course, what would it be?'



The student replied, "**Nothing. Nothing, this was honestly the best classroom experience I have had thus far in my life.**" At ACMIn, we are always working to provide our students with the highest quality educational experience possible under the direction of our amazing faculty for the glory of God!

Full Scholarship Available for a Master's Student

Would you like to answer your ministry calling by earning a Master of Arts in Christian Ministry at no cost?!! ACMIn is offering a full work-study scholarship opportunity for an individual interested in being part of the ACMIn Leadership Team while they study as our **Event Coordinator**.



Earn a ministry degree and gain powerful leadership experience while you study! It's a win-win! Interested candidates should contact Dr. Marcia Wilbur for additional information: mwilbur@acmin.org.

