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New Year - New
Heart
January 20th



The 5th annual ACMin
New Year - New Heart

Dear ACMin Family & Friends,

We thank you for allowing us to serve you during the past year and wish you every good and perfect thing throughout 2018 and beyond!

With abundant blessings-
The ACMin Leadership Team

God With Us

By God's design and desire, man was made to walk and talk and fellowship with the Creator in His garden. God delighted in His fellowship with Adam

and Eve. His desire from the beginning was for an intimate relationship with His creation. On that history-changing night in Bethlehem over 2000 years ago, an angel appeared with the Heavenly Host to announce good news and the cause of great joy amidst the darkness; that God had invaded earth with His manifest presence once again in the form of an innocent babe—our Savior.

When the Kingdom of Heaven is made manifest on the earth, the glory of God's presence overtakes every shadow, and history makes note of the event.



Today, because Jesus shed His blood on the cross to forgive our sins and then deposited the Holy Spirit in each one of His saints, His Kingdom is abundantly present on earth every place we go! So, as we remember the miracle of Jesus' birth, may our joy be inspired by the beauty of God's enduring holy presence and His brilliant plan to cause His glory to cover the earth as the waters cover the sea. May the whole earth know not only that we celebrate history (or better yet, "HIS-story") during this season, but also that we delight in the blessing of God's presence because Jesus made a way!

Prayer Conference promises to be the best yet! The 2018 theme is *Run With Endurance!* Join us to learn how to "cast off" through prayer those things that threaten to prevent us from running our race! Click on the link below for all the details. Bring a friend!

[New Year - New Heart Prayer Conference](#)

Sat, 1/20, 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM

EVERY GIFT MATTERS!



As you prayerfully consider your year-end giving, we hope that you will keep the Athens College of Ministry on your heart! We are eager to situate the ministry of the college on our permanent campus. Will you help make that a reality? We welcome recurring gifts, one-time gifts, and gifts of stock, property, or legacy pledges. Naming opportunities are also available. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for allowing the LORD to provide through you!

LIFELONG
MINISTRY
PROGRAM

ACMin is passionate

May the peace, joy, hope, promise and presence of Jesus' birth rule and reign in your heart today and always! How blessed and honored are we to be a significant part of HIS-story as it unfolds!

Spring Semester Student Enrollment!



There is still time to enroll in the Athens College of Ministry for the 2018 Spring Semester. The [Spring 2018 Course Schedule](#) is loaded with rich opportunities to go deeper in your journey with the Lord! [Auditing students](#) are always

welcome!

Start the new year out with a bang by enrolling in 15-week courses like:

- Old Testament
- Discipleship
- Hebrew
- Prayer & Spiritual Direction

Call our office at 706-769-1472, or contact Paul Cooke, ACMin's Director of Student Affairs, at pcooke.acmin@gmail.com for assistance.

[Degree students apply here.](#)

[Dual-Enrollment students apply here.](#)

Wholeness Care Project

Paul ends his first epistle to the Thessalonians with the prayer, "May the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be



preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." Although this Scripture is cited as the primary text for the components of trichotomism "a separate mind, body and spirit," biblical scholars agree that Paul's intent was not a lesson in anthropology. On the contrary, Paul is making such a strong case for the wholeness of the human being that he includes two clauses, which speak to the quantitative and qualitative aspects of wholeness. In the first clause, the word "entirely" in Greek means completeness of the whole, end or goal and speaks to a qualitative understanding. In the second clause, complete in Greek indicates something that is intact, undamaged and has integrity and lends a quantitative understanding. Although Paul's wish prayer cites different dimensions of a human, a state of wholeness, rather than fragmentation, is the ultimate intention. Thus, the biblical view of a human person, is a unified whole where the body mind and spirit are inseparable,

about making disciples empowered with the practical knowledge of who they are in Christ and how to co-labor with the Lord to usher in the Kingdom of Heaven on earth! So we've developed a suite of 7-Week seminars to help YOU be all that God says you are! Consider 2-Way Prayer or *Alive in Christ* being offered Spring Semester.

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

New *Life IN Christ* Seminars

Parades!



With heartfelt thanks to our Board members and volunteers, ACMin enjoyed ensuring a prominent place for the story of Jesus' birth in both the Oconee and Clarke Christmas parades! Our "live" nativity scene on wheels was warmly received by onlookers in Watkinsville this past Saturday. Join us at 7:00 PM on Thursday, 12/7 for the downtown Athens parade.

interdependent, and intermingled. Certainly, something to consider as you look around our world today. [Click here](#) for complete details about ACMin's Wholeness Care Project.

Welcome Katie Braden - Administrative Assistant



Welcome Katie Braden to our ACMin Leadership Team as ACMin's Administrative Assistant. Katie comes to us after 10 years in the Oconee County public school system and 2 years as an ordained Children's Pastor

in Texas. Katie holds her Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood and Elementary Education from Erskine College. Additionally, she holds a Master's degree in Early Childhood and Elementary Education and a Specialist degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Piedmont College. Katie has a heart for full-time ministry and currently volunteers with the babies at Athens Church. [Click here](#) to read Katie's story. You may contact Katie at: kbraden.acmin@gmail.com.

ACMin Impact

The following comment comes from our most recent Student Survey:

"ACM has provided me with the opportunity to further my education in a way that makes the best possible use of my time and money... Every class I have taken at ACM...has provided me with worship, insight, fellowship, new relationships with other Christians in my community and the study required has always increased my knowledge, understanding and relationship of/with God, Christ, Holy Spirit, the Word, and ministry to others. It has been a WIN-WIN in every way."



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.

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