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**Pastors Invitation
October 12th**



Be sure to encourage

Dear ACMin Family & Friends,

It always give us great joy to share with you the many ways that God is working in and through His college. We're glad to be on this journey together with you! See the links to the left to navigate *Inside This Issue* or the *Quick Links* for more ACMin information.

With abundant blessings-
The ACMin Leadership Team

Faithful God

Merriam-Webster provides layers of definitions for the word "faithful." Faithful means steadfast in allegiance, loyal, firm in adherence to promises, conscientious, given with strong assurance, and true to the facts, a standard, or to an original.



The Scriptures are replete with references to how abundantly faithful our God is. So when He promises to supply all our needs (Philippians 4:19), to work all things for the good of those who love Him (Romans 8:28), to stand by us and give us strength (1 Timothy 4:17), or to never leave or forsake us (Deuteronomy 31:8; Hebrews 13:5) we can trust that the One who promises is truly faithful. If we learn to weigh God's faithfulness against any trial that would threaten to overtake us, we begin to understand how it is possible to "consider it pure joy" when we face trials of many kinds. Each and every trial presents a fresh opportunity for us to see the Lord glorify Himself, provides us with a new testimony about our faithful God to share with others, and builds our enduring faith for the next day and the next.

His faithfulness is our shield (Psalm 91:4). Knowing that

your pastor to attend this year's **Pastors Appreciation Workshop & Lunch** where your pastor and education leader will have an opportunity to enhance their teaching as we consider **"Highly Effective Teaching!"** It's on **Thursday, October 12th** and catered by Dawg Gone Good BBQ. It's food for their bodies and souls (and your church). Go to [ACMin Pastors Appreciation Event](#) for more information & registration.

Mark Your Calendar!

God is on the move in and through ACMin! Hope you will mark your calendar, spread the word, and plan to join us as often as you can!

[Pastors Appreciation Event](#)
Thurs, 10/12, 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM

[New Year - New Heart Prayer Conference](#)
Sat, 1/20, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Calling Monthly Supporters

ACMin is able to operate because of God's faithful who have supported His work along this journey. In 2017, our prayer is that the LORD would raise up dozens of individuals who would commit to

the Father's faithfulness is absolutely perfect, how can we possibly make room for fear, doubt, lack, or despair in our lives? Whoever trusts in the Lord is safe (Proverbs 29:25)! As His beloved, our response to His unfailing faithfulness must be saturated with incredible joy, deep peace, unwavering hope, tremendous thanksgiving, and confident trust that we are well protected from all harm by His faithfulness. Let nothing hold you back from hiding your every care in His heart and stepping back to see what He will do in response if you will allow Him to. How great is His faithfulness!

WANTED: Spring Semester Students!

Not only is the Athens College of Ministry affordable, nearby, personal and interactive, its course schedule is specifically designed for busy lives of working professionals



who want to earn a degree in order to be more effective for the LORD in this life. We are unique among colleges in Northeast Georgia! If you want to be used to change the world (no matter what career path you follow), then break the mold and come and join us in the spring semester for what promises to be a life-changing adventure!

ACMin offers accredited undergraduate and graduate programs in ministry and Christian leadership. Consider [Why enroll in ACMin?](#) Then, if you need additional [Admissions Information](#) or information for [Dual Enrollment Students](#), call our office at 706-769-1472, or contact Paul Cooke, ACMin's Director of Student Affairs, at pcooke.acmin@gmail.com.

Full Scholarships Available for Master's Students

Would you like to answer your ministry calling by earning a Master of Arts in Christian Ministry at no cost?! ACMin is offering two full work-study scholarship opportunities for individuals interested in being part of the ACMin Leadership Team while they study as:



- An Event Planner; or
- An Administrative Assistant

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.

Bringing ACMin Training to Local Churches

ACMin was blessed to lead two Mobile Lifelong Ministry

becoming monthly supporters. Colleges typically rely on gifts and grants to make up at least 50% of their operational budgets—student tuition alone is insufficient for normal operations plus accreditation costs. Would you prayerfully consider becoming a monthly supporter so that we can continue the good work that God started here? [Set up your monthly pledge today!](#)

Connect



Remember to visit the [ACMin Connect Page](#) for info about local opportunities for prayer and Christian growth like:

- Oct. 18th training for raising ministry support
- Oct. 20th Missions Night of Worship
- Nov. 2nd Night of Healing Prayer
- Athens Prayer Network opportunities

And remember to see the [Community Jobs Board](#) for local ministry positions:

- Full-time Worship Pastor
- Children's Pastor

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



workshops in September on *Effective Leadership Teams*. One was hosted at Covenant Life Cathedral in Macon and another for Living Hope Church in Athens (left). Workshop participants

indicated that the training exceeded their expectations! Consider hosting a [Mobile Lifelong Ministry Workshop](#) at your church! We love to help you grow!

Wholeness Care Project

Gregg Braden says beyond anything else that we may actually do in our lives, the beliefs that precede our actions are the foundation of all that we cherish, dream,



become and accomplish. This axiom is just one of the many insights into the integration of mind, body and spirit Braden discusses in his book, *The Spontaneous Healing of Belief*. In it, Braden tells a story about his grandfather who as a young man he worked in a grocery store during the Great Depression. And although he did everything humanly possible to bring food home to his new wife and extended family, in his mind he believed that he had failed and in his heart, he felt guilty for his failure. [Click here](#) for complete details about ACMin's Wholeness Care Project and an in-depth [definition of wholeness care](#).

Faculty Spotlight - Dee Pesaresi



Dee Pesaresi has been serving at ACMin almost since its inception—as a founding member of our Prayer Ministry Advisory Board, as an instructor, and a Prayer

Minister. [Click here](#) to read why Dee loves to teach and minister at ACMin!

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