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**Inviting Pastors
October 12th**



Be sure to tell your pastor that ACMin is hosting an event to support pastors on

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

Covenant with God

The word "covenant" can be understood to mean an agreement, contract, commitment, guarantee, pledge, promise, pact, deal, arrangement or understanding. Throughout the Scriptures, we see Our God as both a covenant-making and covenant-keeping



Father. God has entered into agreements with Adam, Noah, Moses, David, and the people of Israel, and throughout history He reminds His beloved of that agreement. God's Word is clear that He will never forget (Deuteronomy 4:31; Psalm 105:9) or break His covenant (Psalm 89:34), and His covenant is everlasting (2 Samuel 23:5; 1 Chronicles 16:15)! He even set the rainbow as a permanent sign in the sky to remind us that He keeps His promises (Genesis 9:13).

How stunning that the LORD does *all* of the "heavy lifting" to create, fulfill, and remind us of His covenant promises? What is our part? Obedience!! For example, Abram had to be circumcised—separated from his own fleshly nature—in order to enter into God's Covenant. In exchange, the LORD added to both Abraham and Sarah the letter "h" in their names. In Hebrew, that letter stands for "*the breath of God!*" What a beautiful picture of God breathing His abundant life

Thursday, October 12th, and encourage him or her to attend!

[ACMin Pastors Appreciation Event](#)

ACMin IMPACT

Through God's blessings, 2016-17 has been a banner year for reaching significant milestones at ACMin. You can read all about the accomplishments of this year in our first annual Comprehensive Assessment Plan report.

[Click here](#) to read all about ACMin's impact in the 2016-17 ACMin Annual Report!

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!

Campus Property Work-day

Sat, 9/9, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Identity & Destiny

Weds-Fri, 9/27-9/29

Pastors

Appreciation Event

Thurs, 10/5, 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM

New Year - New

Heart Prayer

Conference

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

Calling Monthly Supporters

once again into mankind! We obey God because we love Him (John 15:10) and fear Him (Revelation 15:4). And understanding the weakness of our flesh, He gave us Jesus as the guarantor of the New Covenant (Hebrews 7:22) and the power of the Holy Spirit living on the inside (Galatians 5:22) to empower us to be able to keep our part of His Covenant with us! His Covenants from the beginning of the ages until today are like a rose, unfolding into its fullness.

The fruits of walking in Covenant with Almighty God are abundant-peace, blessing and security (Ezekiel 34:25), Covenant with our children and their children (Isaiah 59:21), and cleansing, anointing, and adorning (Ezekiel 34:25-27), just to name a few. Under the New Covenant, *all* of God's promises find their "Yes" in Christ (2 Corinthians 1:20). The Good New is SO much better than fire insurance! It's a brilliant plan for the redemption of all creation (Revelation 21:5)! Our only response must be to praise, thank, and worship Our God who loves us enough to enter into Covenant with us for our good and His Glory!

Now Accepting Applications for Spring Semester Enrollment!

Where do 100% of the students say that their college experience is uplifting, encouraging them in their faith, and they are being prepared effectively for where they are and will be serving? According to the students at Athens College of Ministry (via a recent survey) it would be here! It's affordable, nearby, personal and interactive. There is no place like this in Northeast Georgia! If you want to be used to change the world (no matter what career path you wish to follow), then break the mold and come and join us in the spring semester for what promises to be a life-changing adventure as you grow in your personal leadership skills! 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.

Celebrating God's Work



Faculty, students, and members of the ACMin family joined together to celebrate the college's 5-Year Anniversary, graduation, and musical worship lead by Worship Arts student, Karla

White (left). We praise and thank God for His goodness to us all!

[5-Year Celebration Recap](#)
[ACMin 5-Year Family Album Video](#)
[Bob Maurer's Keynote Message](#)

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 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:

-Athens Prayer Network happenings

First ACMin Annual Awards

On the occasion of ACMin's 5-Year celebration, the college unveiled its first annual awards. In honor of its founding Chair of the Board of Trustees, the ACMin award for leadership has been named the Wilson Lattimore Jr. Award for Exceptional Leadership. (Right, Natasha and Kelvin Lattimore accepted the award on behalf of Rev. Dr. Wilson



Lattimore, joined by ACMin President Dr. Marcia Wilbur.) ACMin's service award has been named the Mary S. Hammond Award for Exceptional Service.

Cindy Mackey, the Director of the Transformational Prayer Ministry Center was the first recipient of that award. Professor Josh Jones received the first President's Award for Faculty Excellence, and Mr. Tim Savelle, a graduate student, received the ACMin Award for Outstanding Scholarship. Congratulations and blessings to every award winner for your faithfulness to God's call!

Sandra Selmer-Kersten Returns to ACMin

You don't want to miss three awesome days with powerful instructor, Sandra Selmer-Kersten as you learn to overcome the bondage of shame, and as a result, step fully into your identity and destiny as one with Christ! Join us for one day or all 3 days, September 27th - 29th. [Identity & Destiny](#)



Thank you, Golfers and Sponsors!



The Celebrity \$100,000 Golf Shootout held August 28th at the Georgia Club on a glorious 79 degree day (in the midst of August?) was incredibly well received by sponsors and players alike.

The celebrities, Brad Johnson (Super Bowl winning quarterback), Chris Hammond (Atlanta Braves pitcher) and Cindy Mackey (14 year LPGA veteran and winner) were a highlight, along with great food, fun and fellowship. Mr. Weldon Wyatt (former Walmart executive and developer of Sage Valley Golf Club) spoke at the banquet afterwards encouraging us all.

There was no hole-in-one award, but there were still

plenty of prizes to go around including a 7-day and 4-day cruise-for-two. Thank you to all those who sponsored and played in the event. You made this a unique and wonderful memory for us all!

Wholeness Care Project

So, what does wholeness care mean to you? Biblical wholeness is so much more than the absence of sickness. It is completeness, well-being, peace, holiness, health and salvation. A human person is a unified whole where the body, mind, and spirit are inseparable, interdependent, and intermingled. Thus, effective care should apply to an individual's total being - mind, body and spirit.



[Click here](#) for complete details about ACMin's Wholeness Care Project and an in-depth [definition of wholeness care](#).

Student Spotlight - George Shu



The Christian life is a paradox of joy in sorrow, life in death, and power in weakness. George Shu is a testimony of that. Born of a Chinese mother and an Iranian father, they left Iran as refugees when he was 2.

[Click here](#) to read more about

George.

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