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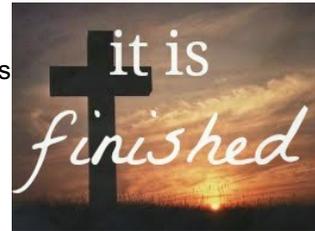
Identity & Destiny

Dear ACMin Family & Friends,

We are excited to share with you our growth and the many ways that God is working through His college! See the links to the left to navigate *Inside this Issue* and to see *Quick Links* for event and course webpages.

July Devotional

What is the source of joy? Do you find yourself thinking, "I'll be satisfied when I get that new job, when my kids act better, when I win the lottery, or when everything is going my way?" When Our Lord died on the cross some 2000 years ago, He said, "It is finished!" At that moment in time, He completed the work of defeating sin, evil, and death. The declaration was in the present tense, not "It *will be* finished at some point in time." The fact that the Lord continues to allow the devil to test us in order to strengthen our faith and trust in Christ alone does not deny the finished work of the cross. How then is a bondservant of Christ to think about the ups and downs of life on earth? Through the lens of the redemption! If we live, think, and speak out of the belief and the confidence that Our Lord has already redeemed every single circumstance on earth, how can we help but have joy? The problem is our desire for control. When a hardship comes, we immediately apply our human reason to judge the degree of good or bad in the circumstance at hand and then work to convert that circumstance into our estimation of good. How easily we forget that the Lord is already working all things for our good and His glory! The Christian mindset must be based on the certainty of the redemption and the resulting confidence that nothing is outside of God's sovereign power. May the Holy Spirit give you His gift of joy today, and may you receive it by faith with the understanding that Jesus has already redeemed *all* things, past, present, and future. Therein lies our hope, the seed of joy!



Graduation & 5-Year Celebration August 11th



It seems like just a moment ago when we opened our doors in August 2012 to the first cohort of 7 students!

The public is invited to join us on Friday, August 11th at 7:00 PM here at ACMin to celebrate God's goodness and favor over this, His

college! Highlights of the evening will include:

- Beautiful musical recital by undergraduate student, Karla White;



We rejoice that **Sandra Selmer-Kersten** is returning to ACMin from New Zealand for 3 awesome days of teaching, September 27th - 29th! [Click here](#) for all the details on her newest **Identity & Destiny** seminar!

Mark Your Calendars!



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

ACMin on WMSL's the Jules Show

Mon & Tues, 7/17 & 7/18, 8:00 - 11:00 PM

Graduation & 5-Year Celebration

Fri, 8/11, 7:00 PM

Fall Classes Begin

Mon, 8/14

Campus 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

ACMin Impact

Recent data from the ACMin Annual Student Survey show that 100% of our students agree or strongly agree that as a result of their experience

- Graduation for Faith Jennings and Pam Kovach;
- Inspirational keynote message by Bob Maurer, retired C.E.O. of Standard Coffee and Reily Foods;
- Inaugural ACMin Awards; and
- A time to honor those who have helped pave the way!

Please join us for an incredible evening of worship and inspiration! A reception will follow.

ACMin Featured on the Jules Show 7/17 & 7/18

Be sure to listen to WMSL at 88.9 on Monday and Tuesday, July 17th and 18th from 8:00 - 11:00 PM. The Jules Show will feature ACMin graduate student, Ryan Brinson, Rev. Paul Cooke, our Director of Student Affairs, and Dr. Marcia Wilbur, President. Hear about how our college came to be and the impact it is having on our students and the greater Athens community! To God be all glory!



Live too far away to tune in your radio? No problem! [Listen online!](#)

Calling ALL Students - Fall Semester



ACMin exists to help **YOU** as a wholehearted follower of Christ grow your faith in Him and equip YOU to be a Kingdom difference-maker wherever He has placed you! Are you ready to dive much deeper than ever before into your identity in Christ and emerge as one of the Lord's most trusted ambassadors?

ACMin [programs](#) are designed to:

- maximize your leadership potential in your current job;
- position you for incredible impact in your circle of influence; and
- equip you to co-labor with Christ for building His Kingdom on earth!

Consider one of the following programs:

- [Master of Arts in Christian Leadership](#);
- [Prayer Leadership Certificate](#);
- [Bachelor of Arts in Christian Ministry](#); or
- [Dual Enrollment Credit](#).

Or you might simply embark on a life-changing experience by auditing one of our 15-week [Fall Semester](#) courses that begins the week of August 14th:

- New Testament Survey
- Prayer Ministry
- The Book of Acts
- Plants of the Bible
- Hebrew I
- Prayer & Spiritual Direction
- and more!

[Register today](#) or contact Rev. Paul Cooke, Director of Student Affairs for more information on how to earn a Certificate or Degree from the Athens College of Ministry!
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at this college, they have:
–grown in their understanding of who God is and deepened their personal relationship with Him;
–grown in biblical knowledge and understanding; and
–grown in their understanding and use of Christ's power and authority working in and through them.

Our students also confirmed with 100% agreement that their ACMin courses are of excellent quality and have provided effective preparation for ministry service!

Please join us in praising the Lord for His life-changing, transformational power through ACMin!

With Your Help



As we reflect on our first five years as a college, we recognize that it is only by the grace of God pouring through our many volunteers and faithful supporters that we have accomplished such significant milestones like becoming accredited and purchasing our campus property! **We thank God** for every single person who has sown into the future of God's work here.

We ask that you would prayerfully consider a new or greater gift, or perhaps a monthly recurring pledge as we begin the next chapter of our story with ever-increasing needs.

[Click here](#) to see the many opportunities for making a difference for the LORD! **Every gift matters!**

Connect!

Celebrity \$100,000 Golf Shootout



It's unique, it's exciting AND it's golf! It's not the Masters, but rather the Celebrity \$100,000 Golf Shootout on August 28th at the beautiful Georgia Club.

[Golfers](#) and [Sponsors](#) are lining up for this event that features

nine chances to win hole-in-one prizes (\$5,000 prize each). There will be a putting contest for a 7-day cruise for two (guaranteed), golf celebrities, breakfast by Brett's Casual American, a lunch banquet, and much more. Save the date and get your team ready! [Click here](#) to register to play or sponsor the event and for all additional information!

Congratulations, Dr. Huckaby!



Rev. Dr. Deborah Huckaby accomplished an important milestone in late May—graduation from Asbury Theological Seminary with a Doctorate of Ministry! Congratulations Dr. Huckaby! Her dissertation research focused on the benefits of effective integration of faith and health.

In addition to her many responsibilities as the Chair of ACMin's Christian Ministry Program, Dr. Huckaby is also an ordained Wesleyan pastor. Since her graduation, she has been appointed to serve as the Assistant District Superintendent for the North Georgia Region of the South Coastal District of The Wesleyan Church. In that capacity she will also serve on the Wesleyan national clergy care strategic planning committee, a tremendous tie-in with ACMin's [Wholeness Care Project](#), also spearheaded by Dr. Huckaby.

How blessed we are that the LORD has provided ACMin with Dr. Huckaby's tremendous energy, expertise, and servant leadership!



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