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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.

June Devotional

Consider the story of *Sleeping Beauty*. The Prince's beloved has fallen asleep because she was poisoned, and only a kiss from her true love could awaken her. In many ways, the Bride of Christ seems asleep, unable to respond to her Beloved because worldly cares and priorities have choked out her desire to be in fellowship with Him or have rendered her heart unable to hear His voice. And yet God's love pursues us relentlessly so that we might be awakened to our identity in Him and His blessed calling on our lives--so that we might begin today to live for the things of eternity as our most important concern. John 15:16 says, *I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide*. Christianity isn't just about having a moral code to live by. Nor did our Lord save us simply to provide fire insurance when we die. He saved us and called us with a holy calling before time began (2 Timothy 1:9). He put His desires in our hearts (Psalm 37:4) and commanded us to fully discharge all the duties of the ministry entrusted to each one (2 Timothy 4:5) according to His plans and purposes (Ephesians 2:10). God is looking for those willing to have their lives radically adjusted away from self-centered activities into His plans and purposes for reconciling the world He loves to Himself. What is your God-given purpose? Have you answered His call? Awake, beloved, awake!



Thank you,
Volunteers!



Many thanks to our hard working, faithful friends--

Restoring the Foundations @ ACMin July 17-21

We are abundantly blessed to welcome national RTF leaders, Lee and Cindi Whitman, along with Regional Directors, Harvey and Pat Winston, to lead a one-week intensive training in transformational prayer ministry. Churches and individuals interested in developing their capacity to help others overcome spiritual, relational and emotional challenges by God's power will be abundantly blessed by this unique opportunity to learn from the experts! [Register today!](#)

Dual Enrollment, Degree or Auditing Students

She's overjoyed just thinking about enrolling at ACMin! It doesn't matter

Peggy Lowery, Cheryl Jett, Blake Giles, Kurt Genteman, and Rick Wilbur—for their amazing help during our campus work day! The team cut up and moved three large fallen trees and accomplished the huge task of cleaning up all the overgrowth at our property entrance! It was a great time of fellowship as we worked together to steward the property that the Lord has entrusted to our care.

ACMin Impact

At ACMin, we work hard to ensure that we are fulfilling our calling to train up believers to live and minister in the fullness of who they are in Christ. On the end-of-course survey for *The Book of Romans* course taught by professor Josh Jones, one student commented, *"Greater immersion in the Book showed me new aspects of walking with Jesus I had not previously known. I now feel more empowered to live an emblazoned life of faith and to teach this to others!"* What a privilege we have at ACMin to co-labor with the Lord as we make disciples!

National Day of Prayer



Over 600 guests assembled at this year's Athens National Day of Prayer Breakfast hosted by ACMin to seek the Lord in prayer. Abundant thanks to our Platinum Sponsors: The Classic Center, Larkins Printing, Chick Music, Bobby & Nancy Hunt, and WMSL; and to our beloved keynote speaker, Babbie Mason. Be sure to mark



if it's for a degree, dual enrollment credits, a prayer certificate, leadership development, or equipping for local church members - and we're accredited! She already looked at our [Fall Classes](#) and our [Mobile Lifelong Ministry Workshops](#) that come right to your church—it's uncontainable joy! Register [here](#) to audit any course, or [click here](#) to make application to pursue a degree program. The fall semester application deadline for degree-seeking students is July 1st. It's time to grow into the fullness of your identity and calling in Christ! Come grow at ACMin!

Meet ACMin Student Ira Studivant

There is one aspect of Ira Studivant's story that jumps out of the book that is her life (and still being written). It is the revelation of God and His character in her—a steadfastness. It is the steadfastness of God, who never left her or forsook her, that loved her and carried her on His wings, and how He instilled that same steadfast heart and will within her as she has walked through 32 years of marriage (to Randall), as a pastor's wife, been the mother of 3 children (Sheritta, Randy and Jeremie), managed two beauty salons (some 40 miles apart) and served a clientele base of her own. Click [here](#) to read Ira's story.



Supporting the ACMin Annual Fund



Colleges typically rely on an Annual Fund to account for about 50% of their operational budgets. Student tuition alone is insufficient for normal operations. Your gift to the ACMin Annual Fund helps to provide:

- Annual Accreditation Fees
- Scholarship Funds for students in need
- Faculty & Staff Support
- Program Growth

Your help to cover the cost of nuts and bolts allows us to keep our tuition cost as reasonable as possible, making the ACMin opportunity affordable and accessible to a wide range of students. [Click here](#) to make a one-time gift or to set up a recurring monthly pledge. Gifts by check to ACMin may be mailed to PO Box 7953, Athens, GA, 30604.

\$100,000 Golf Shootout to Benefit ACMin



It's unique, it's exciting AND it's golf! It's not the Masters, but rather the \$100,000 Golf Shootout on August 28th at the beautiful Georgia Club. [Golfers](#) and [Sponsors](#) are lining up for this event that features nine

your calendars for next year's event, Thursday, May 2nd.

Connect!



Stay connected to upcoming local prayer and ministry opportunities via [ACMin Connect](#).

chances to win hole-in-one prizes (\$5,000 prize each). There will be six-player teams (all the more time for fellowship), team prizes, a putting contest for a 7-day cruise for two (guaranteed), local 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!

The Wholeness Care Project



The Athens College of Ministry is excited to announce the initiation of its Wholeness Care Project, an upcoming 3-year pilot study of the effects of intentionally incorporating biblically-based Christian faith practices with mainstream medical approaches for the purpose of building a strong understanding and practical strategies for improving whole person care. [Click here](#) to learn more about the ACMin Wholeness Care Project.

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