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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 this college! See the links to the left to navigate *Inside this Issue* and to see *Quick Links* for event and course webpages.

February Devotional



Have you ever noticed how faith is always challenging—especially when it's made public and you are singled out? Having the faith to do what's right against much opposing debate or standing against the majority vote takes courageous faith. Moses had the people of Israel choose one man from among each of the 12 tribes to represent them for the purpose of going into the Promised Land to spy it out. Their purpose was to get the lay of the land. Moses called them to be evaluators and not decision-makers, observers and picture-takers, not conclusion-makers. God had already told them they were to take the land; that wasn't up for debate. Only two came back with the faith to follow God. It seemed pretty impossible—giants, trained armies with chariots and horses, and impregnable cities against thousands of escaped slaves who have walked hundreds of miles with their families through the wilderness. God wanted to build a people of faith, so he presented them with a seemingly insurmountable obstacle ... and without God it was! Even still today, God singles us out as His children, asking us to follow Him in faith and "take the land" He has promised us. The land can represent that challenge He has asked us to engage with—perhaps showing kindness to an unruly neighbor or sharing faith in an increasingly hostile and intolerant world—or in the case of our college, the seemingly insurmountable challenge of raising the funding needed for our campus property—our land. We have all been chosen by God to "take our land." The Lord does not expect us to be bigger, stronger or faster. He only asks that we be strong and courageous! (Joshua 1:6, 7, 9, 18) So, child of God, chosen by God for His mission, be strong and courageous, and go take what God has promised. To God be the glory!

February 4th Prayer Conference



Are you wondering where God is, if He cares, and if He hears your prayers? Join us on **Saturday, February 4th** for ACMin's fourth annual prayer conference, **New Year - New Heart**, for a day of increasing your ability to **TRUST GOD**

Make plans now to attend **Athens' National Day of Prayer Breakfast** on Thursday, May 4th at the Classic Center where Dove award-winning singer, writer and speaker, Babbie Mason will be our featured guest. The 2017 theme is, *For Your Great Name's Sake! Hear Us... Forgive US... Heal Us!* [Click here](#) for complete information about the National Day of Prayer Breakfast and other local prayer activities. Above all, PRAY!

Accreditation Progress



We are very pleased to report that the TRACS (Transnational Association of Christian Colleges & Schools) visiting accreditation team concluded their visit on January 12th, and the Athens College of Ministry has been found to be in compliance with all of the TRACS Institutional Eligibility Requirements. Please join us in praising the LORD for this wonderful report as we cross a significant milestone in our college's history! As next steps, our Board and the ACMin Leadership Staff will complete follow-up reports for the TRACS office. Subsequently, Dr. Marcia Wilbur, ACMin President, and Dr. Ray Morris, our Chief Academic Officer, will appear before the TRACS Commission in April for the "final inquisition." Assuming all goes well, ACMin will officially be in "Accreditation Candidacy." As a Candidate, we can apply to participate in Federal Financial Aid programs, and will continue to work as swiftly as possible to

fully, and live with abundant faith as you pray. This year's prayer conference will be the best yet! [Register today!](#) **It's not too late!**

Countdown to March 10th!

Excitement is growing as the date to close on our campus property approaches! Please pray for favor with Oconee County as our proposed campus property goes before local government agencies for [Special Use Rezoning](#). And please consider how you can help us cross the financial finish line with your founding gift. **Every gift matters!** [Click here](#) to make a one-time gift towards our Capital Fund or send us your [Pledge Form](#) to make a multi-year pledge. Thank you for your participation!



Welcome New Students!

ACMin welcomes new students:

- Dalton Box
- Courtney Tolbert
- Paula Wynn
- Stacy Fleming
- Talmadge Wilson

Together, new and former students attended the spring semester kick-off for fellowship and prayer. It was exciting to hear their excitement and anticipation for what God is going to do, because of what He has done to bring them here. It's an honor to help our students become all that God intended that they be in Him!



Equipped to Answer God's Call



Is God calling you to Christian leadership? Would you like to learn how to effectively incorporate evangelism and discipleship into your workplace or the world around you? ACMin has programs of all different shapes and sizes to meet your needs to get equipped. Today is the day for you to [apply for admission](#) so that you can get started for summer or fall semester! Contact Paul Cooke, ACMin Director of Student affairs with any questions. pcooke.acmin@gmail.com or 707-769-1472.

The Power of God to Transform



accomplish the final qualifications for full accreditation. It's a lengthy and involved process, but right now we celebrate success over this HUGE leg of the journey and praise God for His goodness and favor!

The Vision via Video

Check out the video about our college, our people, and our vision!

[ACMin Video](#)

The 2017 *Transformed!* Conference theme is: **The Power of God to Transform-Your Identity, Your Family, Your Ministry, & Your World.** We invite you to spend Friday and Saturday, April 21st & 22nd as we journey together towards a deeper, life-changing understanding of God's power to transform every aspect of our lives! Mark your calendar now!

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