



# ATHENS COLLEGE of MINISTRY

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**Mark Your Calendars for 2017!**

### 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.

### November Devotional



These are days when it's easy to become fearful about the future, as a nation and as individuals. There are many ways to release the power of God's peace into your heart and mind and over the landscape around us. First, avoid the practice of predicting negative outcomes followed by patting yourself on the back for being correct. God gets no glory in that scenario! Instead, take your doomsday thinking to the LORD, ask Him what He wants you to know about it, and intercede, asking God to make the critical difference that only He can. (Exodus 32:11-14) Next, practice thanksgiving! (Phil. 4:6) If you wake up tomorrow with everything you thanked God for today, what will you have? Cultivating a mindset of perpetual thanksgiving serves to remind us that Our God is 100% sovereign, that all things come from His mighty hand, and that He has already won the victory over every circumstance. He surrounds the righteous with His favor as a shield (Psalm 5:12). And His (perfect) faithfulness will be your shield and rampart. (Psalm 91:4b) So thank the LORD for His constant presence in the midst of any perfecting storm. And finally, tune your eyes, ears, and heart to the LORD. Spend more time reading His promises in His Word than watching the news or reading the latest polls. Remember that you are seated with Christ in the Heavenly places. (Ephesians 2:6) In Him, nothing will harm you. (Luke 10:19) Look to the Lord and His strength; seek His Face always. (Psalm 105:4) Our peace that passes all understanding comes from knowing who our God is, from counting on His promises to His faithful, and from keeping our gaze upon the One, True, Living God--not on the waves!

### Prayers for Our Nation

The most important thing we can do for our nation is PRAY. Consider the following community prayer opportunities open to the public:

-*Election Prayer Vigil @ Cornerstone Church, Friday, November 4th, 8:00 PM - 3:00 AM*



We are SO excited to share with you the dates for ACMin's signature community events in 2017! Mark your calendars and make plans now to gather together in Christ's name!

**New Year - New Heart Prayer Conference:**

Saturday, February 4th  
**Transformed!**

**Conference:** Friday & Saturday, April 21st & 22nd

**Serve Athens ICN**

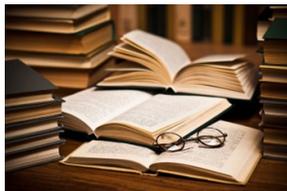
Saturday, September 9th

**Pastors Appreciation:**

Thursday, October 4th

**A.D.O.R.E.**, Saturday, October 21st

**Enroll Now for Spring!**



Ready to get equipped for more effective ministry by earning a ministry certificate or degree? Contact Rev. Paul Cooke to learn more about our undergraduate and graduate programs: pcooke.acmin@gmail.com [Admissions Information](#)

**Accreditation Progress**



In our journey towards becoming accredited, we

**-Election Prayer Vigil @ Watkinsville First UMC**

Sanctuary,  
Thursday, November 8th, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM



And don't miss the *Night of Healing*

*Prayer* at St. James. UMC, Thursday, November 3rd, 7:00 - 8:30 PM.

**Master of Arts in Christian Leadership**



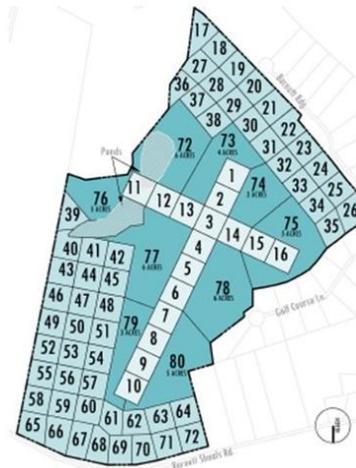
**Are you positioned to influence others for Christ?**

The Athens College of Ministry offers a Master's degree in

Christian Leadership. Through this 30-credit hour program, you will learn how to help others develop into their God-given talents and gifts while you grow in your own witness for Christ. The Master's in Christian Leadership Program is designed to equip men and women for effective leadership God's way in any career area. Want to learn how to become a difference-maker in the work place? [Click here](#) to learn more about this master's program. Interested students should contact Rev. Paul Cooke, pcooke.acmin@gmail.com, or call 706-296-0665 for advisement.

**Building the ACMin Vision Together**

We hope that you will join with us in our efforts to raise the \$1.1M needed to purchase ACMin's permanent home in early 2017. *Every gift matters!* [Click here](#) to read why others have supported this vision. **Now is the time to**



**pledge your support of acreage for our campus** at \$10k per acre. Provide your pledge all at once or over a period of two, three, or four years. See the [2016 Campaign for Growth](#) for complete details!

**Auditing Spring Semester Classes**

We've added one more amazing class for Spring Semester,

- Spiritual Warfare and Victory in Christ

are one step closer to our destination. ACMin has met all of the Institutional Eligibility Requirements to move forward in the accreditation process. Our next step will be the submission of our "Self-Study Proposal." We can gladly report that this proposal has already been submitted and we are waiting for the approval to move on to the next step. Our thanks to all who are faithfully praying for us as we continue to move through this process.

### **The Vision via Video**

Check out the video about our college, our people, and our vision! [ACMin Video](#)

New 15-week spring semester classes begin January 4th. Go to: [Spring Classes](#) for complete information!



### **Pastors Appreciation Workshop and Lunch**



**Wow!** What an incredible time of teaching, eating, blessing and fellowship. ACMin welcomed some 26

pastors and ministry leaders representing over 16 different denominations/affiliations and ministries at our October Pastors Appreciation event. A follow-up Consortium for pastors will take place at ACMin on Monday, November 7th at noon. All pastors are welcome! Contact Paul Cooke, [pcooke.acmin@gmail.com](mailto:pcooke.acmin@gmail.com) to attend.

### **Student Spotlight**



**Cindy Schulman, an ACMin graduate student** and her husband, Berny, loaded up their trucks and

moved to Athens ... Georgia that is. Fishing ponds, City Church! Nope, they didn't strike "black gold" but they did arrive at a faith that changed their lives forever!

[Read Cindy's full story here](#)

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