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COLLEGE of MINISTRY

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**Enroll Now for Spring!**



### 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.

### October Devotional



What does it mean to trust God? The definition of trust is "a firm belief in the reliability, truth, ability, or strength of someone or something." With our human relationships, trust is a negotiation--something that is earned and reinforced over time as friends and family members demonstrate that they can be trusted. Our Heavenly Father, however, has no need to

prove His trustworthiness. Our confidence in Him begins with His supreme demonstration of His love for us (John 3:16). His Word reminds us, "He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; **his faithfulness** will be your shield and rampart." (Psalm 91:4) God's faithfulness is absolutely perfect, and yet, we cling to life's control panel with a death grip, terrified to surrender it because we haven't yet fully trusted Him.

The antidote is faith. The apostles asked the Lord, "Increase our faith." (Luke 17:5) If these men who witnessed the power of God firsthand recognized their need for greater faith, how much more do we? Faith is far more than mere belief in God. It is a daily walk of surrendered obedience to the heart of the ONE who can always be trusted (James 2:14-26). In *The Power of Prayer*, E. M. Bounds writes, "The whole purpose of Christ's ministry and work was dependent on absolute trust in His Father. The center of trust is God. Mountains of difficulties are moved out of the way by trust and its strong follower, faith." Will you agree to trust Him more today and ask Him to give you the faith to do so? What is the current challenge that you can confidently leave in His hands and rest in His peace? You never know if your faith works until you use it!

### Auditing Classes

We all want to be better equipped, but maybe you don't desire a degree. *Auditing* a class is a great option! Take a look at a few of the choices for this

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](mailto:pcooke.acmin@gmail.com)  
[Admissions Information](#)

## Kroger Rewards



Each month, Kroger donates a percentage of its charitable giving to non-profits. It's easy support ACMin every time you shop! Go to [Kroger Community Rewards](#), create an account, and then select the Athens College of Ministry (#34105) as your charity of choice! It's time to reenroll if you have supported ACMin via Kroger in the past. Thank you!

## Estate Planning Gifts



Legacy gifts bolster the college's future ability to make a difference in God's Kingdom by ensuring its financial strength for years to come. Our 2016 goal is pledges totaling \$2M in estimated estate giving. Will you consider including

spring:

- The Book of Genesis
- The Practice of Prayer
- God's Design for Sexual Wholeness



For more information or to register for any of ACMin's upcoming courses, go to: [Spring Classes](#).

## We Come to Your Church

We have a slate of relevant equipping workshops that we would be delighted to bring right to your church to help further prepare you to be the church God has called you to be. Consider hosting a workshop like:



- Two-way Prayer
- Effective Ministry Leadership Teams
- Spiritual Gifts
- And MORE

For information go to: [Mobile Lifelong Ministry Workshops](#)

## Pastors Appreciation Workshop and Lunch



**Encourage your senior or lead pastor** by inviting them to ACMin's **Pastors Appreciation**

**Workshop & Lunch** on October 6th from 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM here at the college. Catered by Brett's Casual American with teaching by renowned pastor and pastor's coach, Matt Adair, on "*Developing EVERY Leader*," as well as gifts and fellowship ... and it's free! Pastors may contact [Rev. Paul Cooke](#) to reserve their spot! Share this [Invitation](#) with your pastor today!

## New Year - New Heart Coming January 21st!

**Mark your calendars and tell your friends!**

Saturday, January 21st will be the 2017 New Year - New Heart Prayer Conference! This year's theme is from

James 1:6, *Believe & Do Not Doubt*. Join us for a



the Athens College of Ministry in your estate planning? It can be as simple as creating a codicil. Naming opportunities are available. [Click here](#) for additional information.

## Connect in Athens!

### Local Opportunities



Use ACMin's Connect Page to keep up with special prayer and ministry training opportunities like:

- \*Athens Prayer Watch
- \*Prayer Vigil for the national election Nov. 4th

[Connect Page](#)

### The Vision via Video

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

day that is sure to encourage a unshakable trust in God and the confidence to stand in faith no matter what! Registration opens soon!

## A.D.O.R.E. Worship Event a Hit!

What a grand day we had on Labor Day at A.D.O.R.E., ACMin's yearly outdoor worship event! This year, participants from at least 22 different churches and 3



states gathered on ACMin's future campus property to worship our LORD! Many thanks go out to the five worship teams, the A.D.O.R.E. Steering Committee, and all our volunteers for their offering of service unto God and others! [2016 A.D.O.R.E. Photo Gallery](#)

## Students Serving

Our students continue to serve in humility and excellence inside and outside our college. One example is at our recent A.D.O.R.E. event, doing everything from set-up to clean-up, greeting to information, singing to sharing their testimonies ... well done!

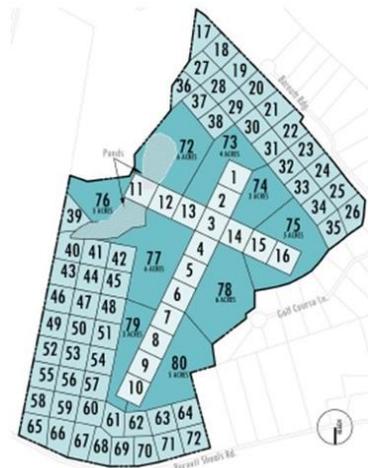


Another sacrificial service opportunity which could go unnoticed was for Board Member, longtime supporter, and stellar encourager of the college, Dr. Mary Hammond. Students and staff assisted her in moving belongings out of a second home so that the home could be sold to support ACMin's mission and vision. Dr. Hammond's benevolence has provided some much needed funding towards the tremendous costs of becoming fully accredited.

Thank you Dr. Hammond and thank you students!

## Our Campus Vision

Read all about ACMin's plans to purchase 114 acres of the former Green Hills Country Club on Barnett Shoals Rd. in the [Oconee Enterprise News](#). 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!

## Staff Spotlight



Dr. Raymond Morris  
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**Dr. Morris serves as the Chief Academic Officer for Athens College of Ministry. In his C.A.O. role, Dr. Morris is responsible for the overall quality and integrity of the academic programs in keeping with the mission, vision,**

**institutional goals, and belief statement. He also helps ensure the highest possible level of excellence in our academic activities by leading ACMin's state and national accreditation efforts, and directing the institution's yearly Comprehensive Assessment Plan.**

[Read Dr. Morris' full story here](#)

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