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ACMin Accreditation Progress



Accreditation matters at ACMin! We want our students to earn a respected degree from a trusted institution, and other area college students to receive

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.

September Devotional



Who can forget the Olympic athletes poised in their ready/set positions atop the diving board or lane blocks and crouched at the starting line? Muscles tense, eyes focused and ears straining to hear the

starter's signal. On your mark! Set! GO!!!!

Like the Olympians, people all around are once again running their races for family, school and business--and not just for precious minutes and seconds, but for days and weeks and months. Before long the routine we longed for in the summer can become the blur of fall, winter and spring.

Our wise and loving God knows us and in fact, knew our days long before even one of them came to be (Ps. 139:16). That is why God urges us to keep our focus on Him and not get distracted by the never ending list of things we need or want to do. As Rick Warren says, "Life is not a 50-yard dash; it is a marathon." The only way to make it to the finish line is to fix our eyes on Jesus, not our circumstances. Hebrews 12:2 says, "Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, on whom our faith depends from start to finish." So as the days grow cooler and your 'To Do' list grows longer, don't speed up, but instead slow down and find renewed strength and stamina in the presence of our loving God.

A Day Of Rejoicing for Everyone

**A.D.O.R.E.
Labor Day
September 5th
11:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Grab your lawn
chair and the**



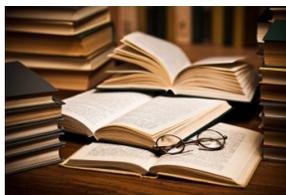
kids! Join with churches across the city for a day of outdoor worship! Come take a tour of the proposed

transfer credits for taking ACMin courses.

Accreditation provides an external accountability measure of the quality of all our programs. In mid-July, ACMin hosted its first national accreditation visit from TRACS, the Transnational Association of Christian Colleges & Schools, and has subsequently submitted its full accreditation application. TRACS meets the highest accrediting standards and is approved by both the D.O.E. and C.H.E.A.

[Learn more.](#)

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](#)

Volunteers Needed

We are blessed with countless, splendid donations to our new ACMin Library! Praise God! If you could spare a couple of hours or a couple of days to help enter book numbers into our library database, please call 706.769.1472. Thanks for your help!

Connect in Athens!

Local Opportunities

new ACMin campus! [All the details](#)— 4080 Barnett Shoals Rd.

Pastors Appreciation Workshop and Lunch



Want to encourage your pastor?

Invite your senior or lead pastor to ACMin's **Pastors Appreciation**

Workshop & Lunch on October 6th from 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM here at the college. Pastors will receive lunch from Brett's Casual American, incredible 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 Paul Cooke, pcooke.acmin@gmail.com, to reserve their seat! Share this invitation with your pastor today!

Student Community Gathering

What a great time we had at the Student Community kickoff... homemade spaghetti, salad, garlic bread and desserts galore! We experienced the



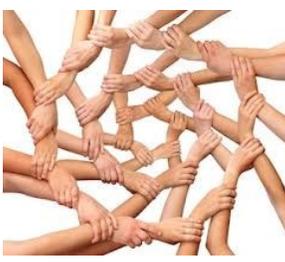
Olympics with countries unheard of and events never before seen ... and we even had a medal ceremony with the winning team's original national anthem being sung (photo above). Memories for sure. But maybe the most significant thing that took place was relationships being birthed and grown ... and ministry and care taking place! Thank you to the 35 who ventured out, who risked going someplace uncomfortable and unknown, who brought family, and who invested in what God's doing here at this college as He builds a culture of deep relationships full of grace and love.

Alex Tucker Graduates



Congratulations to Alex Tucker who completed a Bachelor of Arts in Christian Ministry. At graduation on August 6th, Alex received his diploma surrounded by Board and faculty members. Alex serves as the youth pastor at New Song

church in Monroe, GA.



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

***Athens Prayer Watch**

***Louie Giglio at Ignite**

UGA Sept. 14th

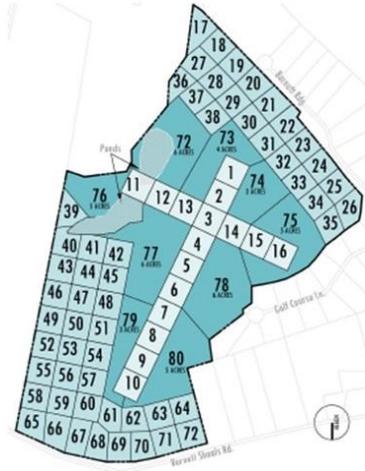
[Connect Page](#)

The Vision via Video

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

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!



Student Spotlight



Meet Steve Pierce

"Business as ministry."
"What is that," I asked?
"Wherever you are, you live out the love of

Christ!" Steve Pierce had heard this some 35 years earlier and it's guided his life ever since!

[Read Steve's full story here!](#)

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