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COLLEGE of MINISTRY

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ALL are welcome!



### Calling all students!

Want to get stronger at sharing your faith with others? Becoming a Prayer Leader in your church? Using your gifts for God's glory? Register today to audit

### 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.

### July Devotional

#### Life's Storms

Having a tough stretch? Illness, death, relational struggles, financial woes, emotional valleys? Jesus told us there would be times like this, *"In the world you will have tribulation."* (John 16:33b) The storms of life rage and sometimes we wonder if the boat's going to stay afloat!



We're not alone ... Jesus knows this kind of hardship and struggle. He spoke about tribulation just before He went to the cross. Was there ever a greater tribulation than this? He said this *"that in me you may have peace."* (John 16:33a) The "tough stretch" of fear, despair, sadness, guilt, shame and great loss at Jesus' death was quickly approaching. Jesus understood as He fought for that peace in the Garden and would go to the cross with "the peace that passes understanding"! He's been there, but it's more than someone who we can relate to—He's done something about it ... permanently!

Jesus secured our peace, because He has *"overcome the world."* (John 16:33c). So, despite "tough stretches" and tumultuous storms. As long as Jesus is in the boat with us (as a believer He is), even though we may make Him the "last resort" (like Peter did), and even though we may come with accusations of Jesus "not caring" (as Peter), Jesus is still in the boat with us inviting us to come! He IS peace, the Prince of Peace, and He is with us, never leaving or forsaking us. We just need to remember and run to Him! *"You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you."* (Isaiah 26:3)

one of these 15-week courses:

- Prayer & Spiritual Direction
- Systematic Theology
- The Book of Romans
- Talents & Spiritual Gifts
- Greek I
- Prayer Ministry
- God the Father

Courses begin August 15th!

[Fall Course Registration](#)

## Connect in Athens!

### Local Opportunities



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

\*Athens Prayer Watch

\*Global Leadership Summit August 11th & 12th

\*St. James UMC's Night of Healing Prayer Aug 25th

[Connect Page](#)

### The Vision via Video

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

[ACMin Video](#)

## A Day Of Rejoicing for Everyone

**A.D.O.R.E.  
Labor Day  
September 5th**

Mark your calendars to join with churches across the city for a day of

outdoor worship right here in Athens! And get a sneak peak at the proposed new ACMin campus. Take a campus tour! [All the details—](#)



## Got Books?



As a huge next step in our strategic growth process, we're excited about the new ACMin Library! Every volume donated by faithful friends, we welcome

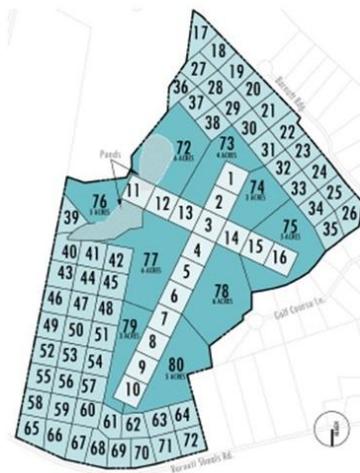
your additions to this magnificent collection. We thank God for every single book! Establishing the library is an important step to our full accreditation qualification and will be a tremendous resource for our students. [Click here](#) to learn more about ACMin's accreditation efforts.

## Become an ACMin Founder!

### Sponsor an Acre

We are truly excited that God has made 114 acres of the former Green Hills Country Club on Barnett Shoals Rd. available to ACMin for purchase by 12/30/16.

**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!



## Faculty Spotlight:



### Meet Deborah Huckaby

We welcome Deborah Huckaby to our staff as our new Chairman of the Christian Ministry Program.

Debbie has been a leader

of "new beginnings" for decades in the fields of  
healthcare, business and ministry.  
[Read Debbie's full testimony here!](#)

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