



ATHENS COLLEGE *of* MINISTRY

DEVOTIONAL & JUNE 2018 NEWSLETTER

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For Your Calendar



It is our delight to gather the Body of Believers in this area together under the Lord's banner. Hope you will mark your calendars and plan to

Dear ACMin Family & Friends,

Our college exists to equip the saints for the work of the Kingdom! We hope that you will take advantage of so many opportunities to be involved in God's work at ACMin as you become a part of our growing family!

With abundant blessings-

The ACMin Leadership Team

May They Be One

Jesus wept (John 8:32).

What if Jesus' sorrow surrounding Lazarus' death was not just about the loss of a friend, but also his

feeling the full effects of sin and death on mankind?

Given that His Father's great desire is relational oneness with us through Christ, Jesus prayed that we would be one with each other just as He and God the Father are one (John 17:11). Mary and Martha's grieving their brother's death was a poignant, personal reminder of the power of death to separate us from our loved ones, coupled with the ensuing anguish of that separation. In the background, Jesus was already experiencing rejection and separation because of the ruling religious leaders of His time. Add to all this the multitudes that pressed into Jesus to be set free from the effects of sickness, disease, demons, poverty, and political oppression in light of His heart of compassion for people. It's no wonder Jesus wept!!



Jesus is coming back for one bride and one church. As His people, how do we live as His set-apart ones, righteous and holy, and yet serve as His ambassadors of reconciliation, simultaneously building unity bridges with other men and with God so as to accomplish the oneness that Jesus prayed for?

As believers, we can proactively initiate doctrinal conversations with our brothers and sisters from different churches with the goal of learning what they believe and examining God's Word together to find His Truth. His ways are higher than our ways. The goal of

join us for:
-[A.D.O.R.E.](#), an outdoor worship event, Saturday, 10/20/2018
-[New Year-New Heart](#) prayer conference, Saturday, 1/12/2019
More info to come!

Sowing Into The Harvest



As a disciple-making institution, our students, faculty, and staff have made great sacrifices to join the Lord of the Harvest to learn and work in His field. Would you prayerfully consider becoming a regular, monthly supporter of our college so that we can continue to grow in our mission and impact?

Colleges typically rely on meeting at least 50% of their operational budgets through gifts and grants. Your monthly recurring gift will serve to help us keep pace with our growth as we meet students' needs and add strong, highly qualified faculty to our Leadership Team.

Areas of particular need include:
-Endowing a faculty position through a monthly gift of \$300 or more;
-Building our technology infrastructure with a gift of \$100 per month;

those conversations must be to get closer to the heart and mind of God as the Holy Spirit reveals Jesus through His Word, rather than to prove who's right (pride) or to create new reasons to hold one another at arm's length because we disagree. Let's seek areas of agreement about Jesus as the one true Son of God and the only Savior, pray together, and forge opportunities to serve the world in His Name. In this way, we build unity through the bonds of peace and radiate His light into the watching world.

For other men and women who have not yet fully realized who they are in Christ, may the Lord remind us of His desire that none would perish (2 Peter 3:9), but that all would come to repentance. Instead of judging and condemning those folks who seem to go out of their way to make us miserable, the Scriptures encourage us to pray for, love, and forgive our enemies (Luke 6:27-30). Per 2 Timothy 2:25-26, let's ask God to also grant these precious lost ones His amazing gift of repentance so that they might be released from the grip of the evil on who has taken them captives do to his will. May we remember that the enemy is satan and not other men and women who were created in God's image. Let's repent on their behalf before God's throne, asking Him for the same favor that He has shown us instead of speaking against them to anyone who will listen and conspiring to find agreement on earth about how evil they are. If not for God's unfathomable grace, we would be just as lost and broken. Compassion for satan's captives must cause us to cry out to Jesus on their behalf.

When we come to fully understand that we are all one in Christ (Galatians 3:28), we begin to realize that when one part of God's creation is separate from Him or us, the disunity must drive us to a compassionate longing for the restoration of God's design for oneness. A post-modern worldview says "Protect yourself first and foremost." Contemporary world culture worships self and the gratification of personal desires. God's way says die to self in order to make room for others and Jesus in our hearts. In all these things, the flow of God's love through us towards others must be our singular motivation. When we give up our need to be right in exchange for God's desire that we all be one in Him, we will begin to see radical transformation for the glory of God and for His harvest that lies just ahead.

Our Relentless Pursuit

The Athens College of Ministry prepares those who will teach, reach, lead, and minister in Christ because together we're on a relentless pursuit to transform the world in Jesus' name!

How do we accomplish our mission? By offering Christ-centered teaching, personal transformation, and hands-on, relational ministry training. Are you ready for deeper biblical wisdom and understanding, for knowing how to engage in authentic, relational leadership, and for true success wherever God has placed you?

and
-Supporting the Student Scholarship Fund through a monthly gift of any amount.

Would you make today the day you commit to becoming a regular supporter of God's work through ACMin? [Click here](#) to set up a monthly recurring gift.

To learn more about contributing to our campus development project, see: [ACMin Capital Fund](#).

Your gift not only helps supply the needs of the saints, but also results in many expressions of thanksgiving to God."
--2 Corinthians 9:12

Every gift matters!

CONNECT!



[Click here](#) to CONNECT to great ministry opportunities in our area like:

- Prayer for the Middle East - Wednesday, June 20th: 12 pm to 1 pm @ Living Hope (House of Prayer) - 2150 Lexington Road, Athens 30605

- ReKindle the Flame Conference - July 11th - 15th @ The Classic Center in Athens

RELENTLESS

PHILIPPIANS 3:12-14

Reach out today to enroll in fall 2018 or simply to take a course for personal enrichment. Graduate, undergraduate, and dual enrollment students will find great purpose and fulfillment here at ACMin!

- [Admissions Information](#)
- [Financial Aid](#)
- [Fall semester course schedule](#)

The fall semester application deadline is July 1st. To apply or ask questions please contact us at 706-769-1472 or acmininfo@acmin.org. We would love to meet you and walk with you on your journey!

Connecting Hearts to the Father July 16th - 20th



Are you a prayer warrior, prayer minister, or want to dive deeper into how to pray effectively for and with others? Join us for a weeklong intensive course, July 16th - 20th, [Connecting Hearts to](#)

[the Father](#).

Course participants will:

- Discern and pursue pathways for relating God's love to unbelievers;
- Minister to individuals struggling with physical pain and illness; and
- Minister wholeness--mind, body, and spirit--to prayer recipients.

The paralytic was set free because his friends lowered him to Jesus' feet. You can do the same. We'll help you learn how!

Do You Know the Answer?

Do you know a recent college grad wondering what to do next? ACMin is offering a limited number of full scholarships for master's level students interested in



- End of Summer
Prayer Vigil - Friday,
August 3rd 8 pm to
Saturday, August 4th 8
pm @ Wesley Prayer
Chapel - 1196 South
Lumpkin

Remember to see
the [Community Jobs
Board](#) for local
ministry positions

Contact ACMin to post
your ministry's job
needs and community
events!

a 20-hour per week work-study. Would you help connect
just the right persons to ACMin who would most benefit
from a scholarship opportunity?

Individuals can earn a master's degree without debt and
gain powerful leadership experience while you study! It's
a win-win! Interested candidates should contact Dr.
Marcia Wilbur for additional information:
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