



The mission of the ACMin Prayer Ministry Center and the House of Hope is:

- to bring Christ-focused **heart transformation and mind renewal** to the hurting both inside and outside the Church as a reflection the Father's love;
- to promote inner peace, joy, and **wholeness** of spirit, soul, and body;
- to empower individuals, families, and churches with the biblical principles needed to adopt a lifestyle reflective of our **true identity in Christ**; and
- to support pastors and churches by **training** those called to serve as prayer leaders and prayer ministers.



In the **Transformational Prayer Ministry Center**, the public is welcome by appointment to spend 90 minutes with veteran Prayer Ministers and ACMin student apprentices to discover God's truth about any personal, emotional, relational, and physical challenges that are keeping them from their full identity in Christ. Mind renewal that leads to God's peace, freedom, and joy is the ultimate goal. While there is no cost to be served at the Prayer Ministry Center, donations are encouraged.



The **House of Hope** will one day serve as a multi-day (weekend, one week, two weeks) retreat center. With ten bedrooms and private baths, the House of Hope will be staffed by loving house parents, fully trained in restoration ministry. Designed as a place of heart renewal for pastors, missionaries, couples, singles and college-age students, guests will participate in daily activities such as:

- Teaching on biblical pathways to healing
- Individual Prayer Ministry sessions with trained Prayer Ministers
- Outdoor retreat and recreation activities (including gardening!)
- Prayer and worship
- Quiet reflection and devotional times
- Group meal times

Testimonies

"I came to Prayer Ministry to be rid of fear in my life. I feel alone, insecure, and can't trust people. God has begun to free me and do this work in my life. Thank you!" -K.J.

"I suffered from five years of debilitating depression. I lost my job and was institutionalized twice. After three Prayer Ministry sessions, God set me free!" -S.B.

"My [Prayer Ministry] session was really a miracle breakthrough for me" -A.R.



So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. -John 8:36

"Joy is the flag that flies over the castle of our hearts announcing that the King is in residence." -Charles Swindoll



The Athens College of Ministry envisions the incorporation of a small working farm into its teaching and heart restoration programs. The goals of the ACMin Farm are to:

- Provide ACMin students with a rich understanding of the Biblical references to growing things and how to incorporate that understanding in practical ways into their own teaching;
- Provide ACMin students with a set of teaching and growing skills yielded from the soil to incorporate into their future ministries;
- Teach students farming as a local and international missions tool;
- Disciple others into a closer relationship with the Lord through His creation;
- Teach believers how to steward God's creation as well how to feed themselves and others through community gardening efforts;
- Build unity and community with area churches through gardening and serving the food grown to those in need;
- Support the Prayer Ministry & Retreat Centers with hands-on opportunities to engage in horticulture for emotional healing



The desert and the parched land will be glad; the wilderness will rejoice and blossom. It will burst into bloom; it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy.
--Isaiah 35:1-2a

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat. --Matthew 25:35a



ACMin Students learn through our requisite science course, "Growing Food & Faith," where, under the direction of Dr. David Knauff, UGA Professor of Horticulture and surrendered believer in Christ, they gain a deep understanding of the many scriptural passages grounded in agricultural metaphors. Our students say, "I loved pairing the science of growing things with the scriptures and developing practical ministry ideas. The course helped me see scriptures in a new light. I now have specific teaching ideas for ministering through agriculture. I really loved this awesome class!"

The future ACMin Farm will feature a multi-acre annual garden, an orchard, an area for small animals (chickens, sheep, goats, etc.), a cold-frame and a heated greenhouse, and a food collection and processing area. ACMin undergraduate students will accomplish their science credits by learning to grow food and faith. Field Ministry students will learn effective ways to incorporate agriculture into missions efforts. The farm will also serve as a tool for building our student community as work-study students help lead the work to maintain the plants and animals. The Farm will become a wonderful springboard for teaching people how to restore their physical temples to wholeness and health in Christ. ACMin student apprentices can teach children at summer camps how to "Grow God's Way." And the gardens will provide an outdoor backdrop as well as therapeutic activity for those who come to the House of Hope for multi-day heart restoration and mind renewal.



A good man produces good fruit out of his heart.
--Luke 6:45

"God created man a mixture of dust and Deity, and when the Redemption comes to its full scope, the whole earth is going to partake in it." --Oswald Chambers



As believers gather in His Name for worship, God's desire is that this be reflective of His heavenly design—the exaltation of His Son, Jesus Christ. Through a renewed commitment to faithful prayer, biblical balance, scriptural integrity, and creative worship expression, the Lord will bring refreshment and life to all who seek Him.

An important part of the ACMin vision, in keeping with our name, is establishing a large gathering barn—our Worship Center—where;

- ACMin student apprentices will lead worship events open to the public;
- The college will host concerts of worship and concerts of prayer;
- ACMin student apprentices will lead summer camps called “Make a Joyful Noise” for children and youth wanting to use their budding musical skills for the Lord;
- Our community can unite under the Lord's banner for special events, guest speakers, and area-wide worship gatherings; and
- New church plants can meet on Sunday mornings.

The Worship Center will be a place to refresh the hearts of the faithful as they grow in their love of Christ!



*When they pray, God will answer;
they will worship God with joy;
God will set things right for
them again.-- Job 33:26*

Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.
-Ephesians 5:19



ACMin hosts a Labor Day community-wide worship celebration, **A.D.O.R.E.**—
“A Day Of Rejoicing for Everyone!”





The Athens Prayer Garden, a 20-acre retreat open to the public, will feature:

- A walk through the Gospel leading to a 70' empty cross. At the cross, visitors can pray to receive Christ, to be filled with His Holy Spirit, to be healed and whole, and for the miracles needed in their lives.
- A rock garden for placing prayer requests before the Lord
- Turn-around Lane where visitors can be confronted with lies they have believed and are invited to "turn around" and see God's Truth in a 20' stone-carved statue of Jesus
- His-Story Walk that teaches the significance of biblical events from Genesis through the Book of Revelation
- Sculptures, Scriptures, and prayers that teach about God's heart
- Benches with shade for quiet reflection
- A gathering place for outdoor group worship services
- Beautiful surroundings with water and carefully planned foliage
- A café and bookstore

The Athens Prayer Garden, when completed, is intended to serve the surrounding communities as a place where people can come to seek God in an inspirational setting. Our hope is that those who are seeking the Lord will find Him, and those seeking healing and comfort will discover answers and His peace. Guests will learn about the Lord while in His Holy Presence. The Prayer Garden will also support the college and its students as well as the Retreat and Transformational Prayer Ministry Centers. Area churches may schedule times for corporate prayer and worship.

Testimonies. In the past two years, at least 14 individuals have confirmed visiting a similar prayer garden in Texas as they were contemplating suicide. God changed their minds while they sat in His presence at the prayer garden.

"If you abide in Me and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish and it will be done for you. My father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples." --John 15:7-8

God hears the prayers of
His people.



But He (Jesus) answered and said to them, "I tell you that if these (people) should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out." --Luke 19:40