



ATHENS COLLEGE *of* MINISTRY

ACMin Summer 2022 Newsletter

Equipping the next generation of Christian leaders to transform the world in Jesus' Name



Finding Our Worth in Christ

Did anyone ever make fun of you—have a laugh at your expense, making you feel small? Maybe you never made the team, got picked for the lead role, or received the big promotion. Life has a way of telling us time and time again that we don't quite measure up.

Or consider a different scenario. Maybe you have been invited to a gathering of individuals who live above your personal, social or economic status. Do you feel sheepishly “less than,” as if you don't belong?

Furthermore, there are things from our past that remind us to feel ashamed. We know ourselves all too well—the things we've done wrong, the lies we've told, or the blatant misdemeanors we were quick to commit. Add to that the shame we feel from having been rejected, used, traumatized or injured. Out of painful past experiences, we determine that we must be unworthy of God's love and protection. We believe so many lies—straight from the father of lies—the devil, because his goal is to extinguish the light of Christ in us.

Considering the ways we compare ourselves to others, our past wrongdoings, or the negative ways we see life as a result of how someone else sinned against us, it's difficult to really grasp that anyone can be Christlike. He was

sinless. We are not. So, we automatically disqualify ourselves and others from the category of “Christlikeness” because the image in the mirror doesn’t resemble Jesus at all.

To set the record straight, if we are in Christ, we are “*new creations* (2 Corinthians 5:17).” The old is gone and the Lord has forever forgotten our past sins. In Him, we are already holy, righteous and blameless.

If there is any part of ourselves that we dislike, we’re essentially saying that we were not fearfully and wonderfully made by God (Psalm 139:14), and that His power to redeem all our shortcomings was imperfect or incomplete (1 John 1:7; Revelation 21:5). Because Christ is living His life through us, when we deem ourselves unworthy in comparison to others, we are deciding that *He* is unworthy—that His fullness in us doesn’t qualify us to wear His glory (Romans 8:30). By our own disqualification, we limit the Holy Spirit’s flow through us and into a world that desperately needs a loving touch from the Kingdom.

Jesus is forever worthy (Psalm 18:3; Psalm 96:4; Revelation 5:12). His Word says that we are “*as He is*” in this world (1 John 4:17). It’s time to agree with God about who we in Christ—worthy, powerful, holy and righteous—so that we can consistently act like who He created us to be.

Let’s pray 1 Thessalonians 1:11-12 over one another until our faith comes into agreement with our identity in Christ! *“We constantly pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may bring to fruition your every desire for goodness and your every deed prompted by faith. We pray this so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.”*

Dr. Marcia Wilbur, ACMin President





Academic Honors

Congratulations to the following students for their outstanding achievement during spring semester 2022. Qualifying students must have enrolled in two or more courses.

President's List (3.76-4.0 GPA)

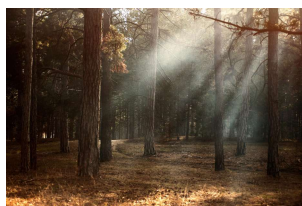
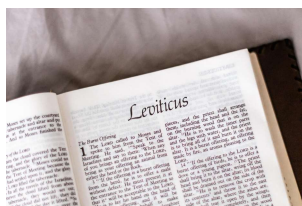
Ryan Oberhaus
 Brandon Tursi
 Brenda Washington

Dean's List (3.5-3.75 GPA)

Raymond Church
 Lisa Graham
 Gracie Harris
 Wilna Vinke

Athens National Day of Prayer Breakfast

The **Athens National Day of Prayer Breakfast** on **Thursday, May 5th** was a huge success! This year's theme was "*Exalt the Lord who has Established Us*" based on Colossians 2:6-7. It was a sweet time of fellowship, worship, and prayer together. May the Lord be exalted in Athens and in our nation! Thank you to every [Event Sponsor](#). [Click here](#) to listen to the event recording.



Upcoming Seminars

You are invited to participate in our Lifelong Ministry seminars! Each seminar provides 8 hours of teaching on a specific topic and is designed to better equip you in your walk with the Lord. See the upcoming [2022 seminars here](#). "Learning to Love Leviticus" starts this week!

Fall Semester Courses

ACMin's fall semester will begin mid-August! With virtual and in-person class options available, we invite you to consider enrolling in or auditing a 15-week course such as:

- English Composition
- Songwriting
- Old Testament Survey
- and more!

Check out our [full line-up of fall courses here](#).

Save the Date!

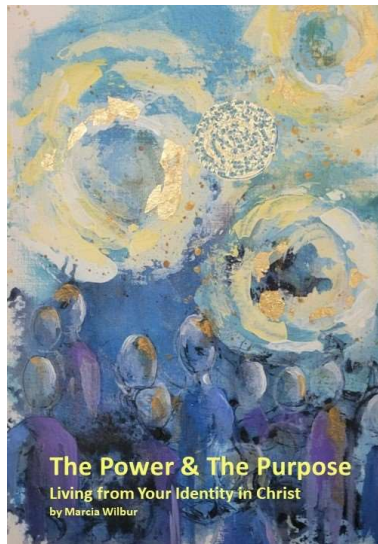
Save the date for these two annual opportunities with ACMin:

ServeAthens ICN, the annual day of service, Saturday, October 22nd, 8:00AM - 1:30PM, Nations Church

New Year - New Heart, the annual prayer conference, Saturday, January 7th, 2023 9:00AM - 4:30PM, Living Hope Church

ACMin Community Impact

ACMin is making a difference in our community serving as Jesus' hands and feet! See how your prayers and support are impacting the Athens area and beyond!



ACMin President, Dr. Marcia

Wilbur, recently published ***The Power & The Purpose: Living From Your Identity in Christ.***

[Click here](#) to enjoy 6 pre-

recorded Book Talks to give you an overview of the book's themes. [Get your own copy today!](#)



ACMin's purpose is to equip Christian leaders who build God's Kingdom in the earth. Here is one student's feedback from the most recent **Annual Student Survey**: "The dedication of the employees stands out most of all. Their love for Jesus and commitment to Christian values are evident in everything the college does! The tenacity of hope for God's vision and personal sacrifice for the betterment of future generations infuses every aspect of ACMin's culture, and leadership showcases these qualities uniquely, with unmatched humility. The atmosphere is humble yet focused, persistent yet yielding to the Holy Spirit. My experience at the college has been transformative, truly a God-given gift. I will forever cherish my time with each person there, from staff to student, and I thank God for them and pray for their protection, continued growth, and God-honoring stewardship."



Visit the Athens College of Ministry booth on **Thursday, June 16th** from **3:00-6:00PM** at the **Oconee County Civic Center** for the **Oconee Chamber's "Summerfest!"** There will be prizes, give-aways, and great food to enjoy. Come help us have a strong presence in our local community! This is a **FREE** event.

New Heart Thrift Store Grand Opening & Volunteers Needed!

New Heart Thrift Store is a boutique-style thrift store in Watkinsville that serves as a ministry arm of the College. The Oconee Chamber of Commerce sponsored its ribbon cutting and grand opening in March.! We invite you to stop by and check the store located at **1450 Greensboro Highway**, not far from downtown Watkinsville.

Regular volunteers are much needed to help serve at the thrift store! If you could serve 2 or 3 hours per week at New Heart Thrift Store, please contact **Doug** at **706-705-1702** or by emailing **thrift@acmin.org**.

Find out more about New Heart Thrift Store!



Prayer Ministry

These are anxiety-producing days. Do you know anyone who would benefit from some help from the LORD in overcoming a hurt, trauma, a relational challenge or negative behavior? **The ACMin Prayer Ministry Center** exists to help foster freedom and wholeness in Christ to all who are willing to bring their burdens to Him. [To schedule a confidential appointment, click here.](#)

Prayer sessions can be held both virtually or in-person using appropriate social distancing, as you prefer!

Interested to learn how you could serve others through Prayer Ministry? Consider enrolling in [ACMin's Prayer Leadership Certificate Program!](#)

How To Pray For Us

Would you pray for ACMin? Here are some things you can lift up to the Father on our behalf:

- for God's continued provision of funds, people, and resources for our campus development project;
- for expedient favor with our governmental applications to begin receiving international students as well as PELL Grants for students in need;
- for protection and favor over the entire ACMin community--every student, staff member, and volunteer; and
- for the right people for our open positions (see below).





We're Hiring!

We're hiring! Are you interested in working as an administrative assistant, recruiter, marketing and social media manager, or event coordinator in a part-time or full-time role? To find out more about available positions, please visit [our open positions page](#)! You can submit the necessary application materials to Dr. Marcia Wilbur by [emailing her here](#).

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ACMin Mission Statement

Athens College of Ministry is a biblically-grounded, Holy Spirit-empowered, accredited Christian college that prepares and restores men and women who will teach, reach, lead, and minister to others out of their identity in Christ through relational, hands-on training for life and leadership in the church, in the marketplace, and across the globe.

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