



COLLEGE *of* ATHENS

CoA Fall 2026 Newsletter

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



Abounding in Every Good Work

"And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work." (II Corinthians 9:8)

Happy Fall Semester from College of Athens! What a joy it has been to welcome new students into classes and to see returning students joyfully continue on their academic journey. We thank the Lord for his provision in all things - in sending us wonderful faculty and staff that selflessly give of their time and talents; in building out our student body with the next generation of men and women who will teach,

reach, lead, and minister to others out of their identity in Christ; and in guiding CoA towards [our Promised Land](#)! As we faithfully endeavor to serve the Lord in all things, we invite you to join us this fall. Whether it is lending a hand during our upcoming [Serve Athens event](#), sponsoring students as a part of our [Impact Partnership program](#), joining our new CoA Alumni Association, or growing God's Kingdom through the [Building Hope Campaign](#), we pray that together we may all *abound in every good work!*



[Building Hope Campaign](#)

College of Athens continues to make plans and strides towards establishing its permanent campus on the 114-acre property. In addition to preparations for establishing the four greenhouses as a living laboratory for teaching agricultural ministry, the Board of Trustees is also working towards building the House of Hope. A first "all-purpose" building, the House of Hope will provide additional classroom and office spaces along with some rooms for student housing.

Beyond the gifts already given, the [Building Hope Campaign](#) seeks to raise an additional \$2M in gifts and pledges so that construction can commence! Will you give? Will you pray? [Click here](#) for all of the **Building Hope** details!

Save the Date: Upcoming @ CoA!



2026 Serve Athens In Christ's Name

Mark your calendars for the 2026 ServeAthens ICN event on **Saturday, October 24th from 8:30 AM-2:00 PM!** Churches from around our city are joining together to serve others in Christ's Name! We would love for your church to be a part of this year's ServeAthens event by hosting a project near to your hearts or serving on a project team in the local area! Centrally located at 660 W. Broad St., Encounter Church will be serving as the host site for our morning kick-off. Please contact **Alex Fields** at a.fields@collegeofathens.edu or 706-769-1472 if you are interested in hosting a project this year! [Click here](#) if you'd like to sign up to serve on a project. We look forward to serving the Lord and the community together!



New Year - New Heart 2027

During the month of January we celebrate the new year as we turn to our creator in adoration. **New Year - New Heart** is College of Athens's annual conference that takes place during this time of renewal. This day of worship, praise, prayer and healing

brings supernatural encounters with the Living God. Join us as together we explore what it means to fully embrace *living from a worthy heart!*

New Year - New Heart 2027

Saturday, January 9, 2027

9:00 AM - 4:15 PM

2150 Lexington Road, Athens, GA

Don't wait - register by November 30th to receive an Early Bird Discount!

Register Now!

Spotlight on CoA



(From left to right): Tara Barfield, Monica Parrot, Jennifer Harrington

2026 CLI Graduation

On July 25th, CoA proudly graduated three students who completed the Christian Leadership Institute—and 18-month Christian growth program that challenges participants to live from their identity in Christ as they impact the world around them with the Kingdom of God. In the words of the graduates:

"CLI brought me life-changing revelation about how to live as Jesus in this world. I have been transformed, learned how to feel pain from the past in order to heal, and broken agreements with the enemy. CLI has become a true stepping-stone from my past into the future and all that God has for me!"



2026 C4C Graduation

August 1st, College of Athens proudly certified and commissioned nine individuals who successfully completed the 18-month Coaching 4 Christlikeness program. For the final 12 months of the program, participants worked to learn the curriculum and to hone their coaching skills by coaching one another. Throughout, their testimonies sang God's praises as He revealed Himself to them in deeper ways. Participants experienced true freedom and joy from the past trials of life, and left the experience well equipped to live as Jesus in this world (1 John 4:17)!

Photo:

Back Row from left to right: Dee Pesaresi (Instructor), Tamikka Stephens, Angela Paramore, Maureen Altman, Maria Whitman, Gwen McCorkle, Marcia Wilbur (instructor),

Front Row from left to right: Rachel Perdue, Ashley Robinson, Mary Langford, JoAnn Velez

These individuals may now serve as certified C4C coaches wherever God calls them!



CoA Summer 2026 Academic Honors

Congratulations to our Summer 2026 Academic Honors recipients:

President's List (3.76 - 4.0 GPA)

Undergraduate: Raymond Church, Stacy Fleming, Abby Ham, Eve Hatlevig, Josh Phillips, Marja Thompsom

Graduate: Deon Vanstaden

Dean's List (3.76 - 4.0 GPA)

Undergraduate: Victoria Brown

Graduate: Veronica Johnson

CoA Outreach & Service Opportunities



Looking to Take Your Faith in Christ to New Depths?

As Christ-followers, we are well familiar with the Old Testament Bible stories, the Ten Commandments, and Christ's amazing gift of salvation at the cross. But it can be challenging to understand what is meant by scriptures such as Galatians 2:20--"I no longer live live, but Christ lives in me."

If you'd like to engage in one-on-one personal coaching from a certified Christian Coach who will walk with you on a deep discovery of just exactly who you are in Christ, consider **Coaching 4 Christlikeness**. C4C provides the life-in-Christ transformation that our hearts desire but that we can struggle to accomplish! You can be paired with a personal life transformation coach today!



CoA Alumni Association

Did you know College of Athens has an Alumni Association? Are you interested in joining? Please contact **Destiny Nix** or call **706-769-1472** for more information.



CoA Transformational Prayer Ministry

The objective of CoA's Transformational Prayer Ministry Center is to help restore people to wholeness and abundant life in Christ by connecting them to the heart of God and to one another so that they may live out the fullness of their identity and purpose with power, peace, and joy. **Please contact the CoA Transformational Prayer Ministry Center to learn more!**



Impact Partnership

Have you heard about the **Impact Partnership**? Your church or business could provide FREE undergraduate tuition to up to 25 individuals at College of Athens. Contact **Alex Fields** to learn more about this incredible opportunity!



2027 Utah Mission Trip

We are super excited to announce that we will be heading to **Orem, Utah for a CoA mission trip May 8th-15th, 2027!** We will be partnering with a friend of Mr. Alex Fields who works for Ratio Christi as they seek to reach Utah Valley University and the surrounding Mormon/Latter-day Saint community with the gospel. **Click here to see a flyer** for the trip and reach out to **Mr. Alex Fields** to express your interest or if you have any questions!



Support CoA Staff

Many who work at CoA work to grow their personal support teams who contribute monthly to their salaries. Because CoA promises that all students will graduate debt-free, staff work hard to raise support so that students can receive tuition discounts as needed. We invite you to establish a monthly recurring gift in honor of any hard-working CoA staff member!

Click here to give!

NEW HEART THRIFT STORE

New Heart Thrift Store

Volunteers are always needed at the New Heart Thrift Store! You can also make a donation or a purchase. Proceeds from the thrift store help fund CoA and our college's mission while also giving back to other ministries within the community. Contact Mr. Doug Schneider at dschneider@acmin.edu or 706-705-1702 if you are interested in volunteering.



Support CoA!

CoA appreciates your support as faithful ministry partners and friends! There are so many ways to invest in the mission of CoA. In addition to your prayers, please consider blessing the College with your gifts of cash, stock, real estate, crypto currency, or through estate planning. We offer many strategies that provide both tax benefits to you, the generous donor, while helping CoA grow in ways that are sure to impact God's eternal Kingdom through every future Christian leader who trains with us.

Whether your goal is to make a big impact or a modest gift, and whether you are planning for year-end or for an enduring legacy, you have many options. Visit [Support CoA](#) to learn more!

How Can You Pray for CoA?

When God's people pray, His Kingdom advances! Thank you for your continued prayers over:

- Every student and faculty member;
- God's abiding presence, favor, protection and grace in this place;
- Expedient cooperation from a variety of state and federal governmental agencies;
- The Hancock State Prison effort; and
- The funding needed to build our campus.



Let's always praise and thank Our God for the opportunity to co-labor with Him for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ! What a privilege!

Your Shopping Can Help CoA!

CoA will receive a percentage of the amount of purchases made by those who have designated their Kroger Cards to support CoA! We hope you will enroll your Kroger Card today in this rewards program on the college's behalf!

Register online at [krogercommunityrewards.com](https://www.krogercommunityrewards.com)



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CoA Mission Statement

College of Athens 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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