

ATHENS CHRISTIAN CHURCH

8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 AM

WORSHIP SERVICES

VERSE of the WEEK

October 11, 2026

“BECAUSE YOUR LOVE IS BETTER THAN LIFE, MY LIPS WILL GLORIFY YOU.”

Psalm 63:3

Welcome to Athens Christian Church

If this is your first visit, we're so glad you're here. To help us stay connected, please fill out a visitor card located at the back of the chair in front of you and drop it in the offering box. If you'd like to receive our monthly church newsletter by email, be sure to include your email address on the card.

We're thrilled you've joined us for worship today! During the service, the Lord's Supper is available to all believers. Please feel free to make yourself at home. On your way out, don't forget to stop by the foyer to pick up a complimentary Bible.

We look forward to seeing you again next week!

At ACC, we strive to be a loving family of Christ-followers, bringing light into a dark world.

Please call on us when we can help:

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8:00 am Traditional Service

Call to Worship: Psalm 138:1-3

Make Me a Blessing #473 (v. 1-3)

Wonderful Grace of Jesus #114 (v. 1-4)

Announcements Video

Prayer Requests & Praises: Ken Gennicks

Sweet Hour of Prayer #439 (v. 1-2)

Acts of Worship: Hank Daubs

Sermon: Shane Baker

“People of the Bible - David Gets Serious about God” (Psalm 63)

Invitation Hymn:

Jesus Calls Us O’er the Tumult #399 (v. 1 & 4)

Communion & Offering Hymn:

Are Ye Able Said the Master #470 (v. 1 & 3)

Communion & Offering Meditation: Shane Baker

Quietly move to Communion & Offering tables before exiting.

9:15 & 10:30 am Worship Services

King of Kings

Holy Forever

How Great is Our God

Announcements Video

Prayer Requests & Praises: Ken Gennicks

Acts of Worship: Stacie Klein

Sermon: Shane Baker

“People of the Bible - David Gets Serious about God” (Psalm 63)

Great Are You Lord

Revelation Song

Communion & Offering Meditation: Shane Baker

Quietly move to Communion & Offering tables before exiting.

AM Sermon Notes

“People of the Bible - David Gets Serious about God” (Psalm 63)

INTRODUCTION

Our Bible studies throughout 2026 are continuing to focus on “People of the Bible.” Lessons from their lives help us live our lives to become more like Jesus. Every Sunday we study and apply God’s Word to our own lives. Today we look at a specific season in David’s life as we study a Psalm he wrote, Psalm 63.

Bible Study

I. _____ are you? (vs. 1)

II. I’ve _____ you. (vs. 2)

III. You’re all I _____ (vs. 3-6)

IV. You’re all I _____ (vs. 7-8)

V. God is in _____ (vs. 9-11)

Apply it to my life:

1. God is _____.

2. God is _____ you _____.

3. God is _____ and I am _____.

CONCLUSION

Lord, may the words of my mouth and the desires of my heart, move me to action for you.

Veterans'Pictures Needed

WE WILL HONOR ALL VETERANS AND ACTIVE MILITARY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Any new photos need to be at the church office or emailed to ashley@athenschristian.net by Sunday, October 25.



Prayer Requests

At Memorial: Delbert Penrod (heart/Fri./9th)

At St. John’s: Jimmie McIntyre (Angie Fernandez’s dad/PT), Wells Knox (Ryan/Amy’s son/PICU), Monica “Sue” Furlong

At Hopedale Hospital: Erna Weatherby

At Mercy Hospital: Andrew Simmons (Marla/Alan Justice’s grandson)

At Peoria hospital: Tina Clifton (Angie Fritz’s aunt)

At MO hospital: Diane Meador (Karen Weidhuner’s daughter)

At Chicago: Drew Hawk (Ryan/Amy Knox’s friend)

Tests: Bonnie Russell, Karla Daubs, Bob Folkerts, Tammy Garner, Debbie Bolton, Geri Gesling, Nancy Bell, John/Jacqui McDaniel, Jeff Lopian, Sr., Linda Caldwell, Jerry Basso, Lisa Pusch’s granddaughter, Steve/Tony Snow, Tracy Kennett, Bruce/Jim Kennett, Jackie Hines’ sister/brother, June Cerar, Teresa Huston (Brian O’Neill’s sister), Alexis Lewis, Alana Eigenmann (Ashley Nevins-King’s friend), Terry/Debbie Claypool’s grandson Landin Evans (surgery 15th), Jim Bruns (kidney/Pat McNeal’s friend), Larry Wise, Patty Tobias, Bill Woolsey (chemo), Terry Wunderle, Brian Ackley, Jaelyn Foulk, Janet Wells, Pat Halberstadt (heart/12th/Memorial), Mary Roszhart’s brother, Angie Sutheard, Sheila Carter, Rachel Winning (Danielle DeVaney’s friend), Brian Lott (lyme disease), Tami Olson (16th), Jessica Kennett Parziale (knee/Barnes Dec.)

At home: Rena Hiatt, Dave Primm, Marvin Vance, Nancy Nale’s mom, Tom/Ruth Novy, Kevin/Carrie Lee/Colton Ingham, Dawn Medley, Charlie Ford, Jerry Purcell, Jae Russell’s dad, Jill Cleer (Arcadia), Joyce Cary, Chris McIntyre, Mary Magee, Nancy Rudolph, Shelly Roat, Mike Sleight, Edith Bowsher (shingles/pain), Jessica Tobias’ mom, Donna Sandidge (fell), Markayla Mossman

Touched by death: Nancee Glick family (Trent Knoles’ sister)

Transitions: Judy Bryant/Dick Bachman/Steve Gutierrez/Charles “Butch” Mester/Rosalie Ingram (Villa), Mary Prior (Mason City), Jan Schoenhard/Bob Moore (Countryside), Carolyn Cole (Concordia), Marge Ray (Vonderlieth), Chuck VanHuss (Jacksonville), Kevin Kennett (Hillsboro), Earl Furlong (EverVella/White Hall), Linette Hughes’ dad, Stephen Briggs (Kuwait), Andrew Briggs (addiction), Kenny Mayes (FL), Bud/Bonnie Megehe, Marsha Tibbs (Randall Residence/Decatur), Rhonda Newhouse (Shelly Curry’s friend), Jared Richards (Gateway), Hayes Johnson (therapy)

International Conference on Missions: Nov. 12-14/St. Louis

Passion Conference: Dec. 29-31/TX/Ages 18-25

ACC Mission to Kenya: March 4-14, 2027

Vacation Bible School: June 7-11, 2027/all ages

91 to Christ In Youth Conference: July 12-16/gr. 8-12/Wheaton

Love Your Neighbor Workcamp: July 19-24/Springfield-area

Blake Canterbury: facebook.com/monroechurchplant

Capital Stewardship Campaign: EXCEL (2026-2028)

Our missionaries/military/terrorism/nation

Each other/unspoken needs



Don't Wrestle, Just Nestle-PRAY
A Corrie ten Boom Presentation
Tuesday, October 13

9:30 am: Free Blood Pressure checks
10:00 am: Don't Wrestle, Just Nestle-PRAY.
A Corrie ten Boom Presentation by Gayle Haas
11:00 am Lunch: Free pulled pork, baked beans, coleslaw, & desserts
Devotion by Polly Wise



Gayle Haas



Polly Wise

5TH QUARTER BONFIRE

AT ACC AFTER THE HOME GAME ON

Friday, October 16

7th -12th grade 9:30-11:30 PM
Join us for Food, Fun, and Fellowship!

CHRIST IN YOUTH

New Dates! **MOVE**
6-DAY SUMMER CAMP FOR
CURRENT 8TH THRU 12TH GRADE STUDENTS
JULY 12-16, 2027
WHEATON, IL

Only 30 Spots Left!
Register Here!





Save the Date!
TRUNK or TREAT!
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25
2:00-3:30 PM-ACC PARKING LOT

Today & next week in the church library:
Collecting candy and small Christian trinkets to pass out

Sign up to host a trunk:
Help us fill our parking lot with Bible-themed trunks! See Lorna Baker or Morgan Wells





PACK A SHOEBOX!
October 25 - November 15

Pick up a box in the lobby Sunday, October 25, and return it by November 15

SEND GOOD NEWS GREAT JOY



Send Good News, Great Joy in Jesus' Name!

Parent-Child Dedication

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1
8:00 OR 10:30 AM SERVICES

All parents are invited to dedicate themselves to raise their child (of any age) in a Godly way - prayerfully- until he or she can make this decision on his or her own to follow God.
PLEASE SUBMIT A CHILD PHOTO AND FAMILY PHOTO BY SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25 WHEN YOU REGISTER ONLINE.





AT ACC 5:30 - 6:30 AM MONDAY-THURSDAY

WOMEN ONLY WORKOUT



FOLLOW ALONG ON THE TV TO CHRISTIAN MUSIC
ALL FITNESS LEVELS!

PICKLEBALL



BRING A WATER BOTTLE & A FRIEND!
FUN. FRIENDLY. WORKOUT & PICKLEBALL. ALL LEVELS.

CHAIR AEROBICS **MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, & FRIDAYS**
9:00 - 10:00 AM
FREE FOR ALL AREA SENIORS
Join area senior citizens at ACC each Monday, Wednesday & Friday morning at 9:00 AM in the ACC Family Life Center for Chair Aerobics! Chair Aerobics is fun, free, and suitable for everyone, with gentle exercises that develop:
FLEXIBILITY, BALANCE, COORDINATION, AND FITNESS



PICK-UP BASKETBALL AT ACC

FOR AGES 13+
Sundays, 1:00 - 3:00 PM

OCTOBER: 11,18
NOVEMBER: 1,8,15,22
DECEMBER: 6,13
questions: see Russ Witmer (zoemac8808@sbcglobal.net)





Sports & Recreation INTEREST SURVEY

We're exploring current & future sports and recreation opportunities for all ages! Your feedback will help us meet the needs of our church and community.

TAKE THE SURVEY
YOUR INPUT MATTERS!

More Than a Game PEOPLE | COMMUNITY | CHRIST




- ## Applying Today's Sermon to Your Life
- Our 2026 Bible studies focus on "The People of the Bible" and what they teach us about living daily for the Lord Jesus Christ. Studying the lives of the early followers of God challenges us to examine our lives and commitment to faithfully follow God, even when life gets messy and hard. Our Verse-of-the-Week is Psalm 63:3, "Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you." Do you believe God's love is better than life? If so, what in your life shows that?
 - Do you feel God is present in your life right now? If not, what are you doing to seek Him?
 - How have you seen God at work in your life lately? In the past?
 - Is there anything you are wanting more than God right now? Be honest...
 - Why is it hard to let God be in control?
 - Do you believe the statement that God is all you need?
 - What would have to change in your life for you to be able to say God is God and I am not?
 - I will apply today's Bible study by:



November 12-14, 2026
America's Center Convention Complex
St. Louis, MO

Register at: <https://www.theicom.org/attendees>

- Adults: \$75 only \$20 with code
- College Students \$10
- Kids and Jr/Sr High students FREE

ACC Discount Codes:
Family: 2026STLFAMILY
Individual: 2026STLADULT

High School Overnight Trip to St. Louis
Friday, Nov. 13 - Sat, Nov. 14

- Only \$15 per student (+3 meals)
- Learn about Global Missions!
- Visit 300 different mission booths!
- Stay overnight at a church!
- Hear Messages and Worship!

Student ICOM Registration



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MISSIONS



Today & This Week

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11
7:30 am Prayer with the Pastors (WC)
8:00 am Traditional Worship Service (nursery birth-2 yrs/3-5 yrs.)
9:15 am Contemporary Worship Service
9:15 am Sunday School for all Ages:
•Adult Classes:
» The Bible Recap, led by various ACC members (Rm. 223)
» Deep Divers, led by Anthony Bolton (Rm. 106)
» Kingdom Seekers, led by Terry Henrikson (Rm. 202)
» Christian Living, led by Harry Schirding & Doug Wendler (Rm. 203)
» The Ambassadors, led by Dan Haynes (Rm. 105)
•Jr./Sr. High School (Rms. 112/113/114)
•Kids C.L.U.B. for 4 yrs.-kind., 1st-3rd gr., 4th-6th gr.
•Childcare for birth-3 years
10:30 am Contemporary Worship Service
•Kids C.L.U.B. K-6th gr./Childcare birth-4yrs
1:00 pm Pick Up Basketball for Ages 13+ (FLC)
4:00 pm Elders' Meeting (Rm. 105)
5:30 pm Monthly Prayer Gathering led by Harry Schirding (WC)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12 TITUS 1
5:30 am ACC Workout (FLC & Rm. 208)
9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13 TITUS 2
5:30 am ACC Workout (FLC & Rm. 208)
8:00 am Men's Bible Study (Rm. 223)
10:00 am Young at Heart (FLC)
6:00 pm Trail Life (FLC & outside area)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14 TITUS 3
5:30 am ACC Workout (FLC & Rm. 208)
7:15 am Wed. Morning High School Study (Youth Rm & Rm. 112)
9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)
5:00 pm Help set up for Wednesday Night Connection
5:40-6:15 pm Dinner (chicken & noodles, mashed potatoes, roll, salad)
6:30-7:30 pm Classes for all ages (Jr. High & GriefShare til 8)
7:45 pm Worship Team Practice (WC)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15 PHILEMON
5:30 am ACC Workout (FLC & Rm. 208)
10:00 am Prophecy Watch Study (Rm. 106)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16 HEBREWS 1
Church Office Closed
9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)
9:30 pm 5th Quarter Bonfire (Jr. High & High School/ACC outside)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17
9:00 am Athens Area Food Pantry Monthly Distribution (Rt. 29)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18
7:30 am Prayer with the Pastors (WC)
8:00 am Traditional Worship Service (nursery birth-2 yrs/3-5 yrs.)
9:15 am Contemporary Worship Service
9:15 am Sunday School for all Ages/Childcare for birth-3yrs.
10:30 am Contemporary Worship Service
•Kids C.L.U.B. for K-6th grade/Childcare for birth-4yrs.
1:00 pm Pick-up Basketball (Ages 13+/FLC)