

Athens Christian Church  
8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 AM  
Worship Services



October 18, 2026

“Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.”

1 Thessalonians 5:11

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 135:13-14, 19-21

*How Great Thou Art* #2 (v. 1-4)

*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* #349 (v. 1-5)

Announcements Video

Prayer Requests & Praises: Ken Gennicks

*The Servant Song* #679\* (v. 1-4)

Acts of Worship: Larry Barregarye

Sermon: Ken Gennicks

“People of the Bible -

‘Barnabas, The Servant-Hearted’”

(Acts 4:32-37; 9:26-30; 11:19-26; 12:25-15:41)

Invitation Hymn:

*Have Thine Own Way, Lord* #400 (v. 1 & 4)

Communion & Offering Hymn:

*Jesus Paid It All* #273 (v. 1 & 3)

Communion & Offering Meditation: Ken Gennicks

Quietly move to Communion & Offering  
tables before exiting.

9:15 & 10:30 am Worship Services

*I Speak Jesus*

*Trust in God*

*Jesus Be the Name*

Announcements Video

Prayer Requests & Praises: Ken Gennicks

Acts of Worship:

Michael & Ashley Cantrall and Don Randle

Sermon: Ken Gennicks

“People of the Bible -

‘Barnabas, The Servant-Hearted’”

(Acts 4:32-37; 9:26-30; 11:19-26; 12:25-15:41)

*Is He Worthy?*

*The Blessing*

Communion & Offering Meditation: Ken Gennicks

Quietly move to Communion & Offering  
tables before exiting.

AM Sermon Notes

“People of the Bible:

‘Barnabas, The Servant-Hearted’”

(Acts 4:32-37; 9:26-30; 11:19-26; 12:25-15:41)

INTRODUCTION

Our Bible studies are focused on “People of the Bible.” Every Sunday we study and apply God’s Word. Today’s Bible study is a biographical sketch of a servant-hearted man who reflected the likeness of his Savior, Jesus. This man’s church changed his name from “*Joseph*” to “*Barnabas*”, which means, “*Son of Encouragement*”! Barnabas valued serving, and so do we! Barnabas was a:

I. Servant of the \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 4:32-37)

II. Servant of a \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 9:26-30)

A. \_\_\_\_\_ (9:26)

B. \_\_\_\_\_ (9:27)

C. \_\_\_\_\_ (9:28)

D. \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ (9:29-30)

III. Servant of a \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 11:19-26)

IV. Servant of a \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
(contrast 12:25 to 13:42, 46)

V. Servant of a \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 13:13; 15:36-41)

CONCLUSION

To follow in Jesus’ steps is to develop and maintain the heart of a servant, *‘for the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many’* (Mk. 10:45). The greatest way anyone was ever served was when Jesus died on the cross to reconcile us to Holy God! Ask the Lord to soften and shape your heart to be like His.

Prayer Requests

**At St. John’s:** Jimmie McIntyre (hospice/Angie Fernandez’s dad), Judy Bryant (hospice), Mary Magee

**At Lincoln Hospital:** 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 Bloomington hospital:** Ken Barba (Jack/Donna Brown’s son-in-law)

**At MO hospital:** Diane Meador, Kade Gleason

**At IN hospital:** Jack VanDyke (Diane McCormick’s b-in-law)

**At Chicago:** Hayes Johnson, 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, Teresa Huston (Brian O’Neill’s sister), Ashley Nevins-King’s friend, Landin Evans, Pat McNeal’s friend, Larry Wise (29th/Memorial), Patty Tobias, Bill Woolsey, Terry Wunderle, Jaelyn Foulk, Janet Wells, Brian Lott, Tami Olson, Jessica Kennett (knee/Dec.), Delbert Penrod, Pat Halberstadt, Rhonda Leinberger

**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, Nancy Rudolph, Shelly Roat, Mike Sleight, Donna Sandidge, Jared Richards, Jodi Peacock  
**Touched by death:** Wanda Lasswell family (Brad’s mom), Judy Brennan family (Jay Behrend’s aunt)

**Transitions:** 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)

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

**20 to 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](https://facebook.com/monroechurchplant)

**Capital Stewardship Campaign:** EXCEL (2026-2028)

**Our missionaries/military/terrorism/nation**

**Each other/unspoken needs**



**Next Sunday!**

# TRUNK or TREAT!

**OCTOBER 25**  
2:00-3:30 PM-ACC PARKING LOT

Collecting candy and small Christian trinkets in the church library today to pass out next Sunday.

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



# GOOD NEWS GREAT JOY

Send Good News, Great Joy in Jesus' Name!

## 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](mailto:ashley@athenschristian.net) by Sunday, October 25.



## CHRIST IN YOUTH

New Dates!

# MOVE

6-DAY SUMMER CAMP FOR CURRENT 8<sup>TH</sup> THRU 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENTS

# JULY 12-16, 2027

WHEATON, IL

Limited Spots Left! Register Here!





## 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



## VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED AND WANTED AT ACC!

GOD GAVE US ALL UNIQUE GIFTS TO SERVE! LET US HELP YOU FIND YOUR PLACE TO SERVE AND BELONG!

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. -1 Peter 4:10

SIGN UP IN THE LOBBY OR SCAN THE QR CODE



## 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.

## WELCOMING...

GUEST WORSHIP LEADER

# Joe Effinger & Team



NOVEMBER 8  
8:00, 9:15 & 10:30AM  
SERMON BY PASTOR SHANE BAKER



## Comedy Magic Show

Tuesday, November 10

9:30AM : Free Blood Pressure Checks

10:00AM: Smile Maker Comedy Magic Show by Richard Landry

11:00AM Lunch: Turkey, dressing, gravy, mashed potatoes, corn casserole, and roll

Devotion by Tsoetsy Harris



Richard Landry



Tsoetsy Harris



## INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MISSIONS

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

- ### Applying Today's Sermon to Your Life
- Our 2026 Bible studies focus on *"People of the Bible."* Our Verse-of-the-Week today is the positive New Testament command in I Thessalonians 5:11, *"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."* This is a positive, New Testament command, to encourage others. How are you obeying this command today? How could you obey it better? Why is studying the life of this man, Barnabas, so helpful?
  - Today's Bible study is a biographical sketch of a man named Barnabas. His life was marked by serving. List at least 20 different ways people serve Christ in our church:

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|----|----|----|----|
| A. | F. | K. | P. |
| B. | G. | L. | Q. |
| C. | H. | M. | R. |
| D. | I. | N. | S. |
| E. | J. | O. | T. |
  - After completing Number 2 above, list three ways you serve in the church:

|    |    |    |
|----|----|----|
| A. | B. | C. |
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  - Answer the following as TRUE or FALSE:

|     |                                                                      |
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| T F | I'm not committed to serving because I don't like to feel tied down. |
| T F | I'm looking for a way to serve others through my local church.       |
| T F | I commit now to obeying the command to encourage one another.        |
  - I would grade my servant-heart with an: A B C D F (circle one).
  - How could a regular, routine place of humble service in the local church improve your:

|                                          |
|------------------------------------------|
| ...walk with Christ?                     |
| ...mental health?                        |
| ...emotional stability?                  |
| ...anxiety level?                        |
| ...witness for Christ?                   |
| ...satisfaction and gratitude with life? |
  - Imagine living today without faith, without knowing Jesus, without knowing how to pray, and without a supportive church family. Now think about your neighbors, your coworkers, your relatives, your classmates, your friends, and people in your circle of acquaintance. Who needs your faith, your Jesus, your prayers, your church family? Will you ask Jesus to make His appeal to them through you?
  - I will put today's Bible study into action now by:

### Today & This Week

#### 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:

- 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)

#### MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

5:30 am ACC Workout (FLC & Rm. 208)  
9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)  
6:00 pm Athens Area Food Pantry Monthly Distribution (Rt. 29)

#### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20

5:30 am ACC Workout (FLC & Rm. 208)  
8:00 am Men's Bible Study (Rm. 223)  
7:00 pm Community Prayer & Worship (Athens Community Park)

#### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

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  
(Walking Tacos, Mexican Street Corn, peaches, salad)  
6:30-7:30 pm Classes for all ages (Jr. High & GriefShare til 8)  
7:45 pm Worship Team Practice (WC)

#### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

5:30 am ACC Workout (FLC & Rm. 208)

#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

Church Office Closed  
9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

8:00 am Seniors to Scenic Drive to Pere Marquette State Park

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

Operation Christmas Child Kick-Off in Lobby  
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.

2:00 pm Trunk or Treat (ACC parking lot)