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

VERSE of the WEEK

November 8, 2026

"For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins."

Matthew 6:14-15

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: Joe Effinger

Blessed Assurance

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Announcements Video

Prayer Requests & Praises: Ken Gennicks

It Is Well With My Soul

Veterans' Tribute Video
Joe Effinger

Sermon: Shane Baker
"People of the Bible -
The Unmerciful Servant"
(Matthew 18:21-35)

Invitation Hymn:
Rock of Ages

Communion & Offering Hymn:
This is My Father's World

Communion & Offering Meditation: Shane Baker
Quietly move to Communion & Offering tables before exiting.

9:15 & 10:30 am Worship Services

This is Amazing Grace

Battle Belongs

The Lord Will Provide

Announcements Video

Prayer Requests & Praises: Ken Gennicks

Veterans' Tribute Video
Joe Effinger

Sermon: Shane Baker
"People of the Bible -
The Unmerciful Servant"
(Matthew 18:21-35)

Holy Forever

Living Hope

Communion & Offering Meditation: Shane Baker
Quietly move to Communion & Offering tables before exiting.

AM Sermon Notes

"People of the Bible - The Unmerciful Servant"
(Matthew 18:21-35)

INTRODUCTION

Our Bible studies throughout 2026 are continuing to focus on *"People of the Bible"* and lessons from their lives that help us live more like Jesus. Every Sunday we study and apply God's Word to our own lives. Today we look at a parable of the unmerciful servant and what it means for us today.

Bible Study

I.Peter's _____ (vs. 21)

II. Jesus' _____ (vs. 22)

III. The _____ to the _____ (vs 23-27)

IV. The _____ to the _____ (vs. 28-31)

V. The _____ to the _____ (vs. 32-34)

VI. Jesus' _____ (vs. 35)

Apply it to my life:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

CONCLUSION

It's not the way of the world, and it's not easy. But it is the way of Jesus and we would do well to follow His teaching.

Prayer Requests

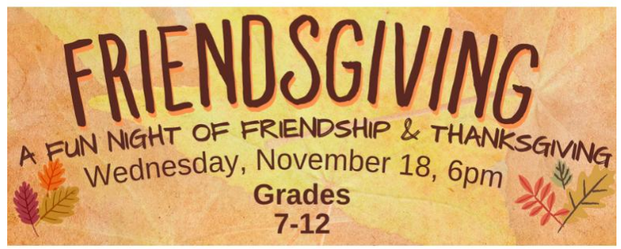
At Chicago: Drew Hawk (Ryan Knox's friend)
At TN hospital: Carol Council's cousin (ICU)
At FL hospital: Bill White (Mary Minikin's b-in-law)
Tests: Bonnie Russell, Karla Daubs (surgery/10th), Bob Folkerts, Tammy Garner, Debbie Bolton, Geri Gesling, Nancy Bell, John/Jacqui McDaniel, Jeff Lopian, Sr., Linda Caldwell, Jerry Basso, Brian O'Neill's sister, Patty Tobias, Bill Woolsey, Terry Wunderle, Jaelyn Foulk, Jessica Kennett-Parziale (18th), Rhonda Leinberger, Mary Magee, Joel Bell's folks, Kade Gleason, David Gessaman (Jae Russell's dad), Ricky Thomas (biopsy 10th/St. John's), Joyce Barregarye, Lori Haggard (knee/Dec. 1), Melissa Davidson
At home: John Dee (Geri Bell's dad/hospice), Rena Hiatt, Dave Primm, Marvin Vance, Nancy Nale's mom, Tom/Ruth Novy, Kevin/Carrie Lee/Colton Ingham, Dawn Medley, Charlie Ford, Jerry Purcell, Jill Cleer (Arcadia), Joyce Cary, Chris McIntyre, Nancy Rudolph, Shelly Roat, Jared Richards, Hayes Johnson, Sue Furlong, Deb Selby, Brenda Schnapp (Dawna Raikes' mother)
Transitions: Erna Weatherby (Hopedale), 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/Andrew Briggs, Marsha Tibbs (Randall Residence), Paul Harris (job interview)
International Conf. on Missions: Nov. 12-14/St. Louis
20 to Passion Conference: Dec. 29-31/TX/Ages 18-25
13 to ACC Kenya Mission: March 4-14, 2027
Vacation Bible School: June 7-11, 2027/all ages
91 to Christ In Youth Conf.: 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



Before you leave today, be sure to stop by the lobby to sign the greeting cards for friends who are in our prayers.





















Applying Today's Sermon to Your Life

1. 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 Matthew 6:14-15: " *For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins."* What do you need to do this week in light of this verse?

2. Do you think Jesus meant we should literally forgive a person 490 times?

3. How would you feel if you were the first servant in the parable being forgiven your debt? How is that like what Jesus has done for you?

4. Have you ever been forgiven, but find it hard to forgive others?

5. Do you think the king's punishment of the 1st servant was fair?

6. Who are you holding forgiveness from and bitterness towards?

7. What steps can you take towards forgiving that person today?

8. I will apply today's Bible study by:





Today & This Week

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8 - VETERANS DAY SUNDAY
Joe Effinger & Team Guest Worship Leaders, All Services
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
11:30 am Kenya Mission Trip Planning (Rm. 112)
1:00 pm Pick-Up Basketball Ages 13+ (FLC)
2:00 pm Kids' Musical Practice (Kids Wing/WC)
4:00 pm Missions Team Meeting (Rm. 203)
4:00 pm Elders' Meeting (Rm. 105)
5:30 pm Prayer Gathering Led by Shane Baker (WC)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9 JAMES 4
5:30 am ACC Workout (FLC & Rm. 208)
9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10 JAMES 5
5:30 am ACC Workout (FLC & Rm. 208)
8:00 am Men's Bible Study (Rm. 223)
10:00 am Young at Heart Luncheon Fellowship (FLC)
6:00 pm Trail Life Meeting (FLC/outdoors area)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11 - VETERAN'S DAY 1 PETER 1
5:30 am ACC Workout (FLC & Rm. 208)
9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)
5:00 pm Help set up for Wednesday Night Connection
5:40-6:15 pm Dinner (pork loin sandwiches, cheesy hash browns, fruit)
6:30-7:30 pm Classes for all ages (Jr. High & GriefShare til 8)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12 1 PETER 2
Thurs.-Sat. International Conference on Missions (St. Louis)
10:00 am Prophecy Watch Study (Rm. 106)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13 1 PETER 3
Church Office Closed
9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)
Fri.-Sat. AWSOM Conference for Girls 6th-12th Grade (Decatur)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14
1:00 pm Judy Bryant Graveside Service and Dessert Celebration

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15 - Operation Christmas Child Due
7:30 am Prayer with the Pastors (WC)
7:30-10:30 am Kenya Mission Trip Coffee Meet & Greet (FLC)
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 for ages 13+ (FLC)
2:00 pm GriefShare's Surviving the Holidays (Rm. 105)
2:00 pm Kids' Musical Practice (Kids Wing/WC)