

ATHENS CHRISTIAN CHURCH
8:00, 9:15 + 10:30 AM
WORSHIP SERVICES
MARCH 15, 2026



“AND WE KNOW THAT IN ALL THINGS GOD WORKS FOR THE GOOD OF THOSE WHO LOVE HIM, WHO HAVE BEEN CALLED ACCORDING TO HIS PURPOSE.”

ROMANS 8:28 **ACC+ OUTDOORS**

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 108:1-5
Heaven Came Down and Glory Filled My Soul #657 (v. 1-3)
I Will Sing the Wondrous Story #618 (v. 1-4)
 Announcements Video
 Prayer Requests & Praises: Ken Gennicks
What a Friend We Have in Jesus #466 (v. 1-3)
 Acts of Worship: ACC Outdoors Men
 Sermon: Carl Parks, Guest Speaker
 “People of the Bible - Paul”
 (Acts 9:1-5; 20-22)
 Invitation Hymn:
Precious Lord, Take My Hand #611 (v. 1 & 2)
 Communion & Offering Hymn:
Just a Closer Walk With Thee #591 (v. 1 & 2)
 Communion & Offering Meditation: Shane Baker
 Quietly move to Communion & Offering tables before exiting.

9:15 & 10:30 am Contemporary Service

Welcome
This Is Amazing Grace
Is He Worthy
Who Else
 Announcements Video
 Prayer Requests & Praises: Ken Gennicks
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 (Acts 9:1-5; 20-22)
Come As You Are
Battle Belongs
 Communion & Offering Meditation: Shane Baker
 Quietly move to Communion & Offering tables before exiting.

AM Sermon Notes
 Guest Speaker, Carl Parks
 “People of the Bible - Paul”
 (Acts 9:1-5; 20-22)

INTRODUCTION

We continue to focus in 2026 on *People of the Bible*. Today we are going to look at three areas of Paul's life.

Bible Study

- I. _____ Paul met Jesus (vs 1-2)
- II. _____ Paul met Jesus (vs 3-5)
- III. _____ Paul met Jesus (vs 17-22)

Application

1. _____ I met Jesus
2. _____ I met Jesus
3. _____ I met Jesus
 1. The _____
 2. The _____

CONCLUSION

Romans 8:28 - “And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.”



Before you leave today, please take a moment to stop by the lobby and sign the greeting cards for friends and family of ACC.

Prayer Requests

At St. John's: MiKayla (Mark) Thomas (childbirth)
At FL hospital: Kieran Ward (Sarah Rempel's relative)
Tests: Dave/Sandy Magee, Dwayne Rudolph, Rhonda Leinberger, Laurie Ingram's brother, Linda Hoffman's son, Alice Lasswell's brother, Tammy Garner, Sue Bishop's sister, Judy Bryant, Debbie Bolton, Pat McNeal's friend, Bayleigh Gillum's grandpa, Katie Calhoun, Sandy Magee's daughter, Jim Daugherty, Jerry Judd's niece, Raina Halford, Steven Reed (Stephanie Fricke's brother), Audra Howard
At home: Marvin Vance, Nancy Bell, Terry Wunderle, Nancy Nale's mom, Deb Claypool's friend, Tom/Ruth Novy, Jill Cleer (Arcadia), Kevin/Carrie Lee/Colton Ingham, Jack/Betty Ethell's daughter, Jo Ellen Croft's mom, Dawn Medley, Dalton Worthington, Linda Caldwell, Ernie Gentry's friend, Ken/Sarah's nephew, Corbitt Griffith, Joshua Schaalma (Jackie Hines' nephew), Gwen Griffiths' friend, Mary Magee, Emily Bennett (eye infection), Nancy Rudolph
Touched by death: Mary Lou McClelland family (Forrest's mom), David Beckner family (Dave's dad), Don Meints family
Transitions: Allan Abbott (hospice/Bev Nolting's brother), Sally Vespa's folks (Carriage Crossing), Sharon Reichling, Fred Mason (Bruce Kennett's nephew/hospice), Louie Murray/Dick & Elaine Bachman/Steve Gutierrez/Charles “Butch” Mester/Al Betz/Joann Kirchgesner (hospice)/Rosalie Ingram (Villa), Mary Prior (Mason City), Roberta Clark/Marlene Wegner/Mary Jane Hurie (Sunny Acres), Erna Weatherby/Jan Schoenhard/Bob Moore (Countryside), Carolyn Cole (Concordia), Marge Ray/Vivian Rankin (Vonderlieth), Chuck VanHuss (Jacksonville), Nancy Oliver, Linda Cramer, Cory Craig, Jr./Josh Harris/Nicholas McDaniel (Ozark Christian College), Cole Halsey, Kevin Kennett (Hillsboro), Diane McCormick's b-in-law, Jordan Barnes
Children's Ministry Intern: Jaelyn Lasley/until June 15
ACC Mission Trip to DR: August 5-12
Vacation Bible School: June 8-12, 6-8:00 p.m./all ages
112 to Christ In Youth Conf.: July 6-10/Lincoln, NE
Blake Canterbury: facebook.com/monroechurchplant
Capital Stewardship Campaign: EXCEL (2026-2028)
Our missionaries/military/terrorism/nation
Each other/unspoken needs



SENIOR TRIP
Saturday, March 21
Old State Capitol & La Piazza

- Carpool from ACC at 9 AM
- Cost: your meal
- Seniors only
- Sign up in the lobby

SURPRISE PARTY! VBS
 2026 VBS Kick Off Lunch and Learn
REGISTER HERE!
Sunday, March 22
11:30-1:00pm
 SIGN-UP IN THE LOBBY OR REGISTER ONLINE AT
WWW.ATHENSCHRISTIAN.NET

Easter SEASON AT ACC!

Family Easter Event
 Eggapalooza Party
 SUNDAY, MARCH 29
 2:00 - 3:30 PM
 ATHENS CHRISTIAN CHURCH
 COLLECT EGGS & TREATS AT OUR FUN ACTIVITY STATION!!

JH/SR HIGH EASTER PARTY
 Junior & Senior High Students
 Sunday, March 29
 6:00 - 8:00 PM
 Worship, Games, Snacks

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
 Friday, April 3, 6:00 pm
 Led by Our Youth
 JOIN US AS WE WORSHIP TOGETHER,
 REFLECT ON JESUS' CRUCIFIXION, NAIL
 LISTS OF SINS & CONFESSIONS TO THE
 CROSS, AND TAKE HOLY COMMUNION.

Easter Sunday,
Sunday, April 5
Traditional Worship
7:00 (30 min.), 8:00 am
Contemporary Worship
9:15, 10:30 am
FREE HOT BREAKFAST 7:30-11:00 AM

Easter Offering

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Amount: \$ _____



This year's Easter offering is going to help send our local teenagers to *Christ In Youth* conference in Lincoln, NE. Easter Offering donations must be in an Easter Offering envelope or designated on your check with the words "Easter Offering" on the memo line.



MOVE 2026 KINGDOM WORKERS
CHRIST IN YOUTH 2026
LINCOLN, NE, JULY 6-10
FOR CURRENT 8TH -12TH GRADERS
REGISTER TODAY!
ONLY 1 STUDENT OPENING LEFT!
 Scan for more info, to register, or to join the waitlist >>>>>>

98 Students Registered So Far!

Maddie Appledorn	Ava Gennicks	Michael Mitchell
Peyton Armitage	Michael Givan	Lane Morrow
Mylee Austin	Izabella Gladden	Fallon O'Neill
Meredith Avart	Kade Gleason	Eliza Pratt
Kenneth Baker	Wyatt Gleason	Kylie Renfro
Blakely Barber	Caleb Gorbett	Austin Roeder
Ava Bee	Harper Gorbett	Madisyn Sandidge
Jocelyn Beisner	Cody Grafton	Grace Schoenhard
Payton Bell	Hannah Groce	Brady Schrock
Rosalind Bell	Karli Halsey	Tenley Seifert
Teegan Bermel	Beau Halsey	Brayden Seman
(Name Pending)	Maddison Harlan	Colin Smith
Elijah Blackburn	Emma Harris	Paisley Snyder
Kayla Blankenship	Jarred Harris	Izzy Sokolis
Jace Bosie	Zildjian	Fayth Sokolis
Jett Caruso	Blankenship	Noah Sokolis
Drake Carver	Helmkamp	Ruby Stadsholt
Leah Clayton	Ella Hesson	James Stewart
McKenley Combs	Nathan Hesson	Mackenzie Szoke
Mollee Cook	Sawyer Hill	Sammi Trader
Max Cook	Gavin Hill	Kaylee VanPelt
Aubrey Crispen	Avery Humphres	Olivia Walter
Emma Crispen	Isabel Ingram	Evelyn Walters
Cashton Crossin	Charlotte Ingram	Audriana Walters
Avery Curry	Abbi Janssen	Amanda Wiediger
Preslie DeVaney-Barnard	Avery Jockisch	Ellen Wiker
Zachary Dick	James Jones	Alyssa Wiley
Olivia Enno	Caden Kaiser	Maddie Womble
Kaylee Ferrill	Brendan Kaiser	Teagan Woodrum
Katelynn Ferry	Quinton King	Elliott Wright
Makinlee Ford	Natalia Lazarus	Edwin Yambo Jr.
Westin Garner	Karlee Lewis	Charley Yenchko
	Leilah Link	#99!
	Emily Marcum	
	Natalia Martinez	
	Ryan McCoy	

WE WILL BEGIN A WAITLIST WHEN WE REACH 99!

DRIVE THRU FOOD GIVEAWAY
Wednesday, March 25
ACC Parking Lot
Open to all
No registration required
No financial eligibility requirements

Cars line up between 2:30 & 3 pm!
 Distribution begins when food is delivered and sorted.
 (food available while supplies last)

Register for Summer Camps!
\$100 Church Camp Credit to those who attend Athens Christian Church!
(contact Lorna Baker or Evan Noggle for codes)

Lake Springfield Christian
REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!
www.lscacamp.org

Little Galilee Christian:
REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!
www.littlegalilee.org

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 Romans 8:28, "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose." How does this verse relate to our message this week?
2. Have you surrendered your life to Jesus?
3. Have you come to Christ in faith and repentance? Are you following Him daily? Have you been baptized?
4. If you were to die today, are you 100% sure you would go to Heaven?
5. What is stopping you today from living fully for Jesus?
6. What do you need to ask Jesus to forgive you for? Is there anyone in your life who you need to forgive?
7. I will apply today's Bible study by:

Today & This Week

TODAY, SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2026 - Carl Parks preaching

7:30 am Prayer with the Pastors (WC)
 8:00 am Traditional Worship Svc. (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 (Rm. 113/114)
- Kids C.L.U.B. for 4 yrs.-kind., 1st-3rd grade, 4th-6th grade
- Childcare for birth-3 years

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 High School-Adult (FLC)

MONDAY, MARCH 16 LUKE 7

9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)
 6:00 pm Indoor Archery (ACC building)

TUESDAY, MARCH 17 - ELECTION DAY LUKE 8

8:00 am Men's Bible Study (Rm. 223)
 7:00 pm Community Prayer & Worship: because of Election Day, this month only: 405 Circle DR, Athens (east of Athens Park)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18 LUKE 9

7:15 am Wednesday Morning High School Study (Youth Rm.)
 9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)
 3:00 pm JH/HS After School Hangout (Youth Rm. & Rm. 112)
 5:00 pm Help set up for Wednesday Night Connection
 5:40-6:15 pm Dinner (Sloppy Joes, Tater Tots, Fruit, Salad, Dessert)

6:30-7:30 pm Classes for all ages (Jr./Sr. High & GriefShare til 8)
 7:45 pm Worship Team Practice (WC)

THURSDAY, MARCH 19 LUKE 10

10:00 am Prophecy Watch Study (Rm. 106)
 6:00 pm Pickleball (FLC)

FRIDAY, MARCH 20 LUKE 11

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

8:30 am Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Conference
 (First United Methodist, 2941 S Koke Mill Rd, Spfld.)
 9:00 am Seniors Carpool to Old State Capitol & LaPiazza
 9:00 am Athens Area Food Pantry Monthly Distribution (Rt. 29)

SUNDAY, MARCH 22 - Cory Craig, Jr. & Josh Harris preaching

7:30 am Prayer with the Pastors (WC)
 8:00 am Traditional Worship Svc. (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.
 11:30 am VBS Volunteer Kick-Off Lunch & Learn (Rm. 223 & FLC)