



Athens Christian Church
8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 AM
Worship Services
March 8, 2026

**“A new command I give you:
 Love one another. As I have
 loved you, so you must love
 one another.”**

John 13:34

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 115:9-13

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee #377 (v. 1-4)

The Church's One Foundation #547 (v. 1-4)

Announcements Video

Prayer Requests & Praises: Ken Gennicks

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

Acts of Worship: Naomi Richardson & Ashley Cantrall

Sermon: Ken Gennicks

“People of the Bible:

Winners & Losers in III John”

(III John)

Invitation Hymn:

Softly and Tenderly #432 (v. 1 & 3)

Communion & Offering Hymn:

They'll Know We Are Christians

By Our Love #677 (v. 1 & 2)

Communion & Offering Meditation: Ken Gennicks

Quietly move to Communion & Offering
 tables before exiting.

9:15 & 10:30 am Contemporary Service

Welcome

Build Your Kingdom

Homecoming

The Family of God

Announcements Video

Prayer Requests & Praises: Ken Gennicks

Acts of Worship: Angie Fritz

Sermon: Ken Gennicks

“People of the Bible:

Winners & Losers in III John”

(III John)

The Heart of Worship

The Blood

Communion & Offering Meditation: Ken Gennicks

Quietly move to Communion & Offering
 tables before exiting.

AM Sermon Notes

“People of the Bible:

“Winners & Losers in III John”

(III John)

INTRODUCTION

Our Bible lessons are drawn from the lives of “People in the Bible,” timeless life lessons from real people who point us to Jesus! The Bible book of III John is only fourteen verses, but this New Testament letter surfaces the examples of five people:

I. The _____ example: _____ (v. 1a)

A. His strategy required _____ (v. 1-2)

B. His strategy required being a _____ (v. 3, 8-9, 14)

C. His strategy required _____
 (v. 13-14)

II. The _____ example: _____ (v. 1b-8)

III. The _____ example: _____ (v. 9-11)

IV. The _____ example: _____ (v. 12)

V. The _____ example: _____ (v. 7)

CONCLUSION

Today's Bible study illustrates how the church is filled with various personality-types. It's been this way from the beginning. This short New Testament letter prompts each of us to reconsider our own identity, role, and example in our local church, then to fashion our lives after the ultimate example, our Lord Jesus Himself!



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 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, Lorrie Sleight's mom/dad/sister, Bree Chandler, Ericka McCoy's family, Sue Bishop's sister, Barb Snow, Kim Purcell, Judy Bryant, Juanita Davis (eye surgery/Mar. 4/11), Debbie Bolton, Patty Chiles (Pat McNeal's friend/cancer), Anne Smith, Dan Ketcham (Bayleigh Gillum's grandpa/chemo/radiation), Katie Calhoun (health concerns), Lori Thompson (Sandy Magee's daughter), Jim Daugherty

At home: Nancy Bell, Terry Wunderle, Nancy Nale's mom, Morgan Setzer, 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 (Jamie Thomas' neighbor/surgery Wed./4th), Linda Caldwell, Nancy Rudolph, Adrienne Bell (Ernie Gentry's friend), Wallace Christy (Ken/Sarah's nephew), Corbitt Griffith, Joshua Schaalma (Jackie Hines' nephew/ALS), Susie Polistina (Peg Biggs' relative), Keith Wilson, Scotty Eller (Gwen Griffiths' toddler friend), Mary Magee

Touched by death: Dale Beadle family (Deanna Clark's cousin), Myron Mendenhall family (Pat Hinds' brother)

Transitions: Doreen Books (to TN), 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 Nursing Home), 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 (Chris' mom), Linda Cramer, Cory Craig, Jr./Josh Harris/Nicholas McDaniel (Ozark Christian College), Cole Halsey (Basic/TX), Kevin Kennett (Hillsboro), Jack Van Dyke (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](https://www.facebook.com/monroechurchplant)

Capital Stewardship Campaign: EXCEL (2026-2028)

Our missionaries/military/terrorism/nation

Each other/unspoken needs

Young at Heart

Early Fur Trading in North America

Tuesday, March 10

9:30: Free Blood Pressure checks

10:00: Presentation on Early Fur Trading in North America by Kent & Deb Weil

11:00 lunch: Chicken & noodles, mashed potatoes, fruit salad, and rolls

Devotion by Morgan Wells



Deb Weil
Morgan Wells

9TH ANNUAL SPORTSMAN'S DINNER AT ATHENS CHRISTIAN CHURCH IS THIS SATURDAY! TICKETS ARE STILL AVAILABLE!

Saturday, March 14, 5-8 pm (doors open at 4pm)

Tickets available for \$25 at www.athenschristian.net (includes entry into drawings for giveaways)



GUEST SPEAKER: CARL PARKS, TROPHIES OF GRACE

REGISTER NOW!

Springfield, Illinois

SENIOR TRIP

Saturday, March 21

Old State Capitol & Lunch

- Meet at ACC 9 AM
- Cost: your meal
- Seniors only
- Sign up in lobby



Easter SEASON AT ACC!

JH/SR HIGH EASTER PARTY

Junior & Senior High Students

Sunday, March 29

6:00 - 8:00 PM

Worship, Games, Snacks

Family Easter Event Eggapalooza Party

SUNDAY, MARCH 29 2:00 - 3:30 PM

ATHENS CHRISTIAN CHURCH

COLLECT EGGS & TREATS AT OUR FUN ACTIVITY STATION!!

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

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

WE WILL BEGIN A WAITLIST WHEN WE REACH 99!!

Applying Today's Sermon to Your Life

- Our 2026 Bible studies focus on *People of the Bible* and inspiring life lessons about following Jesus today. Our *Verse-of-the-Week* is John 13:34, "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." Read the fourteen verses of III John. Of the five people mentioned in III John, which ones would be easy for you to love in your church? Why? Which ones would be difficult to love? Why? How does III John and John 13:34 apply to relational life in the church today?
- Today's Bible study of III John surfaces five Bible people and highlights the example and testimony of each one. Look at them again and write out your own character sketch of each:
 - The Apostle John (v. 1a, 'The elder');
 - Gaius (v. 1b-8);
 - Diotrephes (v. 9-11);
 - Demetrius (v. 12);
 - Jesus (v. 7, 'for the sake of the Name');
 Do you see any similarities in the first-century church to today's church? Explain.
- In relation to III John and today's Bible study, answer True or False:
 - John was a persistent team-player within the church.
 - John valued relationships and face-to-face contact.
 - Gaius rejected John's leadership within the church.
 - Diotrephes had a servant's heart and hands.
 - Demetrius was disrespectful and unreliable.
 - There's only one perfect example, and we worship Him.
 - God may put difficult people in our lives to stretch us.
 - If God puts difficult people in our lives, we should thank Him.
- In light of the people of III John, how does the church of the first century look like the church today? And what does this tell you about the timeless relevance and value of Scripture? Of the five people we studied today in III John, who are you most like? Who would your church family say you are most like? Risk asking them.
- In light of today's Bible study, I'd grade my example for Christ with an (circle one): A B C D F
- Try to think of a modern-day counterpart to the five people surfaced in today's Bible study. Write down specific names of people from your observation or experience who are similar to the following people from today's Bible study (keep your list between you and the Lord alone, thanking God for everyone He has put into your life):
 - John: _____
 - Gaius: _____
 - Diotrephes: _____
 - Demetrius: _____
 - Jesus: _____
- In light of today's Bible study, I will:

Today & This Week

TODAY, SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2026 - Time Change Sunday

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)

4:00 pm Elders' Meeting (Rm. 105)

4:30 pm Missions Meeting (Rm. 106)

5:30 pm Prayer Gathering led by Ken Gennicks (WC)

MONDAY, MARCH 9 LUKE 2

9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)

6:00 pm Indoor Archery (ACC building)

TUESDAY, MARCH 10 LUKE 3

8:00 am Men's Bible Study (Rm. 223)

10:00 am Young at Heart (FLC)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11 LUKE 4

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 (hamburger beef stew, buttermilk biscuit, mashed potatoes, 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 12 LUKE 5

6:00 pm Pickleball (FLC)

FRIDAY, MARCH 13 LUKE 6

(Church Office Closed)

Set up for Sportsman's Dinner

9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

8:00 am-1:00 pm LSCA Service Day (Springfield)

4:00 pm Doors Open for ACC 9th Annual Sportsman's Dinner

5:00 pm ACC 9th Annual Sportsman's Dinner & Program

SUNDAY, MARCH 15 - 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/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 High School-Adult (FLC)