

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



April 19, 2026

“If anyone is in Christ he is
a new creation; the old is
gone, the new has come!”

2 Corinthians 5:17

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 118:14-17

Holy Holy Holy #323 (v. 1-4)

The Banner of the Cross #SPECIAL (v. 1-4)

Announcements Video

Prayer Requests & Praises: Ken Gennicks

There Shall be Showers of Blessing #580 (v. 1-4)

Little Galilee Christian Camp Video

Sermon: Ken Gennicks

“People of the Bible:
‘Jesus’ Checkered Genealogy”
(Matthew 1:1-17)

Invitation Hymn:

Jesus, I Come #401 (v. 1 & 4)

Communion & Offering Hymn:
Abide With Me #500 (v. 1 & 2)

Communion & Offering Meditation: Ken Gennicks

Quietly move to Communion & Offering
tables before exiting.

9:15 & 10:30 am Contemporary Service

This is Amazing Grace

I've Witnessed It

Do It Again

Announcements Video

Prayer Requests & Praises: Ken Gennicks

Little Galilee Christian Camp Video

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“People of the Bible:
‘Jesus’ Checkered Genealogy”
(Matthew 1:1-17)

Jesus Paid It All

Trust in God

Communion & Offering Meditation: Ken Gennicks

Quietly move to Communion & Offering
tables before exiting.

AM Sermon Notes

“People of the Bible: ‘Jesus’ Checkered Genealogy”
(Matthew 1:1-17)

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! When the Gospel writers introduced Jesus, Matthew wrote for the _____, Mark wrote for the _____, Luke wrote for the _____, and John had the _____ in mind! But why does the King’s genealogy include unexpected people?

I. _____: Jesus _____ with all
_____ (1:3)

II. _____: Jesus _____
_____ & _____ by faith (1:5)

III. _____: Jesus _____ the _____ &
the _____ (1:5)

IV. _____: Jesus is the _____
of _____ (1:6)

V. _____: Jesus _____ the _____,
_____ (1:16)

CONCLUSION

You expect a King to have an impressive genealogy filled with fine, upstanding people, even royalty. Instead, we discover:

1. God uses the _____ to _____ the
mighty (I Cor. 1:28)

2. God uses the _____ to confound the _____
(I Cor. 1:27)

3. God uses the _____ of this world to confound
the _____ (I Cor. 1:27)

4. Through Him, _____ is possible (Lk. 1:37)

5. Through Him, even _____ and _____ can be used
(Mt. 1:1-17; Num. 22:28)

6. Through Him, our lives can be _____,
although we don’t deserve it (Jn. 3:16)

7. Through Him, our lives can have an _____
impact on many people (Mt. 1:1-7)

Prayer Requests

At Memorial: Jamie Roemer (ICU)

At St. Louis hospital: Mary Jane Hurie

At FL hospital: Kieran Ward (Sarah Rempel’s relative)

Tests: Karla Daubs, Gaye Maxson (fell/knee surgery), Tammy Garner (13th/29th), Dave/Sandy Magee, Dwayne Rudolph, Laurie Ingram’s brother, Linda Hoffman’s son, Alice Lasswell’s brother, Sue Bishop’s sister, Judy Bryant, Debbie Bolton, Bayleigh Gillum’s grandpa, Katie Calhoun, Sandy Magee’s daughter, Jim Daugherty, Jerry Judd’s niece, Raina Halford, Stephanie Fricke’s brother, Brad Ferrill’s dad, Aaron Richardson, Cole Halsey, Landin Evans (Alix/Derik’s baby), Mary Magee, Madison Wells, Bree Chandler (surgery/May 20), Angie Sutheard, Patti Squires’ b-in-law, Mike Sleight, Judy Witmer, David Primm, Donna Brown, Linda Ethell’s brother, Vincent Ehrich (Todd Snow’s friend/Pana Nursing Home/eye surgery), Geri Gesling (Bill’s wife/Angie Fritz’ mom/May 8/lung issues)

At home: Marvin Vance (comfort care), Nancy Bell, Terry Wunderle, Nancy Nale’s mom, 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, Jackie Hines’ nephew/brother, Nancy Rudolph, Shari Fletcher’s dad, Fran Curry, David Powell, Sr. (Justina Harlan’s grandpa)

Touched by death: Dan Stark family (Amy Simpson’s dad), Carol Eahling family (Dick Bachman’s sister/Kansas), Bill Gesling’s family (sister passed away)

Transitions: Fred Mason (Bruce Kennett’s nephew/hospice), Louie Murray/Dick & Elaine Bachman/Steve Gutierrez (surgery?)/Charles “Butch” Mester/Al Betz/Joann Kirchgiesner (hospice)/Rosalie Ingram/Nancy Oliver (Villa), Mary Prior (Mason City), Roberta Clark (hospice)/Marlene Wegner (Sunny Acres), Erna Weatherby/Jan Schoenhard/Bob Moore (Countryside), Carolyn Cole (Concordia), Marge Ray/Vivian Rankin (Vonderlieth), Chuck VanHuss (Jacksonville), Cory Craig, Jr./Josh Harris/Nicholas McDaniel (Ozark Christian College), Kevin Kennett (Hillsboro), Jordan Barnes, Kylie Renfro, Tanner Hull (Basic/Brittanie Basso’s son)

Children’s Ministry Intern: Jaelyn Lasley/until June 15

Vacation Bible School: June 8-12, 6-8:00 p.m./all ages

112 to Christ In Youth Conf.: July 6-10/Lincoln, NE

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

ACC Mission Trip to Kenya: March 5-14, 2027

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

VBS June 8-12, 2026
SURPRISE PARTY!
 REGISTER HERE →  **VBS FOR ALL AGES!**
The Unexpected Grace of Jesus

- Help us get ready for VBS!! Here are some ways:
- Choose an item(s) to donate from the Supply Board in the lobby
 - Sunday, May 3: All Supplies Due Back to Church
 - Wednesday, May 6: 6-8:00 PM: Float Decorations Work Night
 - Friday, May 8: 5:30-7:30 PM: Finish Glory Days Parade Float
 - Saturday, May 9: 10:00 AM-2:00 PM: Athens Glory Days
 - Mon. & Thurs., May 11 & 14: 6-8 PM: Decoration Work Kids Wing
 - Thursday, May 28: 6-8:00 PM: Set Lobby and Foyer

MISSIONS OF HOPE INTERNATIONAL
 LED BY LORNA BAKER & MORGAN WELLS
KENYA MISSION TRIP DATES: MARCH 5-14, 2027
 Lunch & Learn in ACC Room 223
 Sunday, April 19, 11:30 AM-12:30 PM

MOVE 2026
KINGDOM WORKERS CHRIST IN YOUTH
 Lincoln, NE, July 6-10
 for current 8th -12th graders

99 STUDENTS REGISTERED!!
JOIN THE WAITLIST!



SENIOR TRIP
 Saturday, May 2
Train Museum & Downtown Restaurants



Monticello, Illinois


- Meet at ACC at 9:00 AM
- Train leaves museum 11:00 AM
- Cost: \$12 tour & meal
- Seniors only
- Sign up in the lobby

Mother/Child Tea
 Sunday, May 3, 11:30 am-1 pm
Bows & Blessings
 ENJOY LUNCH, DECORATING A BOW TIE OR HAIR BOW, AND SHOOTING A BOW
 SIGN UP IN THE LOBBY, ON-LINE, OR SCAN THE QR CODE
 CONTACT LORNA BAKER WITH ANY QUESTIONS



Parent-Child Dedication
SUNDAY, MAY 10
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 FRIDAY, MAY 1, WHEN YOU REGISTER ONLINE.



GRADUATE RECOGNITION
SUNDAY, MAY 17
8:00, 9:15, 10:30AM

FOR ALL 8TH GRADE, HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE, TRADE SCHOOL AND TRAINING PROGRAM GRADUATES

Register today on the church website or ACC app.
 submit a baby photo, childhood, and current photo by May 6.
 Questions: evan@athenschristian.net

SUBMIT PHOTOS HERE 

BACCALAUREATE SERVICE FOR ATHENS HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2026
WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 6:30 PM
ATHENS CHRISTIAN CHURCH

COOKIE FELLOWSHIP WILL FOLLOW
 SIGN UP IN THE LOBBY IF YOU CAN BRING COOKIES


hosted by
 Athens Ministerial Alliance



Athens Christian Church
 Room 105
 Sunday, May 17
 2-4pm

Scan the QR Code to register online
 (griefshare.org/findagroup)
 and sign up in the lobby
 Questions: contact Carla Knox at ck15501@outlook.com or call the church office at 217-636-8463

LOSS OF A SPOUSE



Join us for this encouraging seminar!

- Applying Today's Sermon to Your Life**
1. Our 2026 Bible studies focus on *People of the Bible* and inspiring life lessons about following Jesus today. Our Verse-of-the-Week is 2 Corinthians 5:17, "If anyone is in Christ he is a new creation; the old is gone, the new has come!" Why is this verse meaningful, when we think about God choosing and using unexpected and imperfect people like those in Jesus' genealogy today in Matthew 1:1-17?
 2. Did you ever read genealogies in the Bible and wonder about their value? Jesus' genealogy in Matthew 1:1-17 surfaces several lessons in today's Bible study. How much do you value each of the following and why (10 being greatly; 1 being no personal value)?

A. Jesus' friendship of sinners	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
B. God's nature of loving kindness	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
C. God's use of broken people	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
D. God's inclusion of society's rejects	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
E. A daily second chance	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
F. Serving alongside sinners	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
G. Reaching others with His grace	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
H. Loving difficult people	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
I. Advocating for the down & out	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

3. True or False from the Bible:

T F Genealogies did not traditionally include women.
T F God elevated the status of women by including them.
T F All four Gospels included a genealogy.
T F Tamar's story is told in Genesis 38.
T F Rahab's story is told in Joshua 2 and Heb. 11:31.
T F Ruth's story is told in the 4-chapter Book of Ruth.
T F Uriah's wife was an admired Old Testament woman.
T F Uriah's wife's story is told in 2 Samuel 11.
T F Mary was a lowly, unknown girl from a poor family.
T F God chose the five woman of Mt. 1 to reveal His nature.
T F God has a way of using the lowly to confound the mighty.
T F I am so glad Jesus is a Friend of sinners today.

4. In Luke 5:12, the religious elite were angry at Jesus because He accepted sinners.
 - A. How might we have seen this coming from His genealogy?
 - B. Is their accusation about Jesus true, 'This man welcomes sinners and eats with them?' How do we feel about their accusation today? Why?
5. Choose one of the first four women surfaced in today's study and read her Old Testament story, then retell it to someone in your own words. Explain why it might be surprising to find this person in Jesus' genealogy.
6. Find a quiet place to sit and read Matthew's 28-chapters this week. Keep a notebook handy and write down your thoughts, reflections, questions and prayers as you read. Prayerfully ask God to enter your experience in this effort as your Guide!
7. In light of today's Bible study, I will:

Today & This Week

SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2026 - VBS Supply Board in Lobby
 Representative Here from Little Galilee Christian Camp
 7:30 am Prayer with the Pastors (WC)
 8:00 am Traditional 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 (Rm. 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
 11:00 am-1:00 pm Free Lions Club Senior Citizen Dinner (ages 55+ in Athens School Dist. @ Athens Community Center)
 11:30 am Kenya Mission Trip Lunch & Learn (Rm. 223)
 1:00 pm Pick Up Basketball for ages 13+ (FLC)

MONDAY, APRIL 20 JOHN 8
 9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)
 6:00 pm Athens-Area Food Pantry Monthly Distribution (Rt. 29)

TUESDAY, APRIL 21 JOHN 9
 8:00 am Men's Bible Study (Rm. 223)
 7:00 pm Community Prayer & Worship (Athens Community Park)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22 JOHN 10
 7:15 am Wednesday Morning High School Study (Youth Rm.)
 9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)
 5:30 pm Worship Team Practice (WC)
 6:30 pm Dinner & Worship Workshop (WC, FLC, kitchen)

THURSDAY, APRIL 23 JOHN 11

FRIDAY, APRIL 24 JOHN 12
 Church Office Closed
 9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)
 6:00 pm Rough Edges Final Fridays Gathering (Virginia, IL)

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

SUNDAY, APRIL 26
 Representative Here from Lake Springfield Christian Assembly
 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 ages 13+ (FLC)