

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



April 26, 2026

“Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.”

Proverbs 3:5-6

**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 118:1-4

*Since Jesus Came Into My Heart* #639 (v. 1-3)

*Standing on the Promises* #69 (v. 1-3)

Announcements Video

Prayer Requests & Praises: Ken Gennicks

*Man of Sorrows, What a Name* #246 (v. 1-5)

Lake Springfield Christian Assembly Video

Sermon: Shane Baker

“People of the Bible:  
Deborah”  
(Judges 4:4-16)

Invitation Hymn:  
*Reach Out to Jesus* #430 (v. 1 & 2)

Communion & Offering Hymn:  
*Rock of Ages* #108 (v. 1 & 2)

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

9:15 & 10:30 am Contemporary Service

*Oceans*

*Honey in the Rock*

*Same God*

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“People of the Bible:  
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*Living Hope*

*Mighty Name of Jesus*

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

AM Sermon Notes

“People of the Bible:  
Deborah”  
(Judges 4:4-16)

INTRODUCTION

Our Bible studies throughout 2026 are continuing to focus on “People of the Bible”. Lessons from their lives help us live our lives to become more like Jesus. Every Sunday we are studying and applying God’s Word to our own lives. This morning, we’ll take a look at the life of one of the judges God used to lead His people. Her name was Deborah.

Bible Study

I. She \_\_\_\_\_ to God. (vs. 4-5)

II. She \_\_\_\_\_ on God’s \_\_\_\_\_. (vs. 6-7)

III. She \_\_\_\_\_ God. (vs. 9)

IV. She \_\_\_\_\_ on God’s \_\_\_\_\_. (vs. 14)

Application

1. \_\_\_\_\_ to God.

2. \_\_\_\_\_ God.

3. \_\_\_\_\_ on God’s \_\_\_\_\_.

CONCLUSION

Last week, Ken shared about some unlikely people who were part of Jesus’ genealogy. When it comes to judges in the Bible, Deborah was an unlikely candidate. In fact, she is the only female judge listed in the Bible. But from her life, we can learn some valuable lessons that can help us become better followers of Jesus.

Prayer Requests

**At Indy hospital:** Albert (Dena) Beard

**At Missouri hospital:** Kip Kelso (Nick’s brother)

**Tests:** Karla Daubs, Tammy Garner (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, Jerry Judd’s niece, Raina Halford, Stephanie Fricke’s brother, Brad Ferrill’s dad, Aaron Richardson, Landin Evans (Alix/Derik’s baby), Mary Magee, Madison Wells, Bree Chandler (surgery/May 20), Angie Sutheard, Patti Squires’ b-in-law, Mike Sleight, David Primm, Donna Brown, Linda Ethell’s brother, Vincent Ehrich (Todd Snow’s friend), Geri Gesling (Bill’s wife/Angie Fritz’ mom/May 8/lung issue), Bob Folkerts, Jerry Talkington (Kennetts’ friend), Ruth Ann Lawler (Connie Gummadi’s mom), Linda Meador (cancer surgery/23rd), Tracy Kennett (Kevin’s sister/cancer surgery)  
**At home:** Jamie Roemer, Gaye Maxson, Marvin Vance (comfort care), Nancy Bell (MRI), 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, Ernie Gentry’s friend, Jackie Hines’ nephew/brother, Nancy Rudolph, Shari Fletcher’s dad, Bill Woolsey, Jim Daugherty, Judy Witmer, Kieran Ward (Sarah Rempel’s relative)

**Touched by death:** Mary Jane Hurie family

**Transitions:** Dalton Worthington (praise/released to go back to work), Fred Mason (Bruce Kennett’s nephew/hospice), Louie Murray/Dick & Elaine Bachman/Steve Gutierrez (surgery?)/Charles “Butch” Mester/Al Betz/Joann Kirchgesner (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, Tanner Hull (Basic/Brittanie Basso’s son)

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

**General Ministry Intern:** Tsoetsy Harris: May 11-Aug. 14

**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/unspeakable needs**



## SENIOR TRIP Saturday, May 2 Train Museum & Downtown Restaurants

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

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

### Help us get ready for Vacation Bible School Here are some ways:

- Return all supplies to be donated by next Sunday, May 3
- 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-1:00 PM: Athens Glory Days
- Mon. & Thurs., May 11 & 14: 6-8 PM: Decorate Kids Wing
- Thursday, May 28: 6-8:00 PM: Set Lobby and Foyer
- Tuesday, June 2: 6-8:00 PM: Decorate Church Hallways

### 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 Proverbs 3:5-6, "Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight." How can you trust Jesus as you talk with others on His behalf this week?
2. What clues do we find in Judges 4:4-5 that Deborah heard from God?
3. How do we know that Deborah spoke on God's behalf?
4. Why was Deborah willing to go into battle with Barak?
5. What are some ways that we hear from God?
6. How can you be confident that you are being a follower of Jesus?
7. Who can you speak to on God's behalf this week?
8. I will apply today's Bible study by:

### Today & This Week

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2026

- Representative here from Lake Springfield Christian Assembly
- 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
  - 1:00 pm Pick Up Basketball for ages 13+ (FLC)

#### MONDAY, APRIL 27

9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC) JOHN 13

#### TUESDAY, APRIL 28

8:00 am Men's Bible Study (Rm. 223) JOHN 14

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

7:15 am Wednesday Morning High School Study (Youth Rm.) JOHN 15  
9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)  
6:00 pm Worship Team Practice (WC)

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 30

10:00 am Prophecy Watch Study (Rm. 106) JOHN 16

#### FRIDAY, MAY 1

Deadline to Register for May 10 Child Dedication JOHN 17  
Church Office Closed  
9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)

#### SATURDAY, MAY 2

9:00 am Seniors Meet at ACC to Leave for Monticello Railway Museum & Downtown Area

#### SUNDAY, MAY 3, VBS SUPPLIES DUE

- 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 "Bows & Blessings" Mother/Child Tea (FLC)
- 4:00 pm Elders' Meeting (Rm. 105)
- 4:00 pm Missions Meeting (Rm. 203)
- 5:30 pm Prayer Gathering led by Jack Brown (WC)


*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 this Friday, May 1, when you register online.*



**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 Area Churches




**GRADUATE RECOGNITION**  
SUNDAY, MAY 17  
8:00, 9:15, 10:30AM  
FOR ALL 8TH GRADE, HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE, TRADE SCHOOL AND TRAINING PROGRAM GRADUATES  
**BY MAY 6:** Register on the church website or ACC app and submit a baby photo, childhood, and current photo.  
SUBMIT PHOTOS HERE Questions: evan@athenschristian.net





Athens Christian Church  
Room 105  
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

Sunday, May 17  
2-4pm  
GRIEF SHARE  
**LOSS OF A SPOUSE**  
Join us for this encouraging seminar!



*Athens Glory Days Festival*  
SATURDAY, MAY 9  
10 AM: GLORY DAYS PARADE  
9:30am: Meet us at AHS to walk or ride the bus in the parade!  
11 AM-1 PM: FREE KIDS CORNER  
ACC OUTDOORS  
11:00-1:00: shoot a bow at an animal target!  
ACC KIDS C.L.U.B.  
11:00-1:00: crafts, games, and fun!



**MOVE 2026**  
**KINGDOM WORKERS**  
CHRIST IN YOUTH  
Lincoln, NE, July 6-10  
for current 8<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> graders  
**99 STUDENTS REGISTERED!!**  
**JOIN THE WAITLIST!**



**Summer Camp**  
REGISTRATION FEE: \$50  
WEEKLY FEE: \$150  
**REGISTER NOW!**

Wonderful World of Color: July 27-31  
What's Cooking: August 3-7  
Mission: Wisdom: August 10-14

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

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