

ATHENS CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 AM  
WORSHIP SERVICES



April 5, 2026

"THE CHRIST WILL SUFFER AND RISE FROM THE DEAD ON THE THIRD DAY, AND FORGIVENESS AND REPENTANCE OF SINS WILL BE PREACHED IN HIS NAME TO ALL NATIONS"

Luke 24:46

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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7:00 am Traditional Service

*Christ the Lord is Risen Today* #289 (v. 1-4)

*Were You There?* #287 (v. 1,4)

Announcements Video

Acts of Worship: Hank Daubs

Sermon: Ken Gennicks

"People of the Bible - 'Luke's A-B-C's of Easter'"  
(Luke 24:44-48)

Communion & Offering Meditation: Ken Gennicks  
Quietly move to Communion & Offering  
tables before exiting.

8:00 am Traditional Service

Call to Worship: I Corinthians 15:19-23

*Christ the Lord is Risen Today* #289 (v. 1-4)

*Christ Arose* #298 (v. 1-3)

Announcements Video

Prayer Requests & Praises: Ken Gennicks

*He Lives* #299 (v. 1-3)

Acts of Worship: Gospel Quartet

Sermon: Ken Gennicks

"People of the Bible - 'Luke's A-B-C's of Easter'"  
(Luke 24:44-48)

Invitation Hymn: *The Savior is Waiting* #435 (v. 1 & 2)

Communion & Offering Hymn:  
*Jesus Paid it All* #273 (v. 1 & 3)

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

9:15 & 10:30 am Contemporary Service

*I Know a Name All Hail King Jesus Because He Lives*

Announcements Video

Prayer Requests & Praises: Ken Gennicks

Acts of Worship: ACC Worship Choir

Sermon: Ken Gennicks

"People of the Bible - 'Luke's A-B-C's of Easter'"  
(Luke 24:44-48)

*The Blood Worthy of it All*

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

AM Sermon Notes

"People of the Bible:

'Luke's A-B-C's of Easter'"

(Luke 24:44-48)

INTRODUCTION

Christ is risen and walks among us! Luke says on the day Jesus rose from the dead, He walked with two of His weary disciples to explain it all to them. Here is 'Luke's A-B-C's of Easter':

**A:**

**B:**

**C:**

**D:**

**E:**

CONCLUSION

This Risen Lord walks with us through life to affirm our faith and to fulfill Scriptures today, too! He died on an old, rugged cross; but on the third day He rose again! And today He lives for your company. Do you know Jesus as your Savior and Friend? Do you follow and serve Him as your Lord and King? Now that you know "Luke's A-B-C's of Easter," stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain (I Cor. 15:58)!



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 Memorial:** Mary Jane Hurie, Fran Curry (Bob's mom/fell), Mike Sleight, Peggy Sinclair (Schirdings' friend/cancer)

**At Lincoln hospital:** Susie Pollistina (Peg Biggs' relative)

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

**Tests:** Dave/Sandy Magee, Dwayne Rudolph, Laurie Ingram's brother, Linda Hoffman's son, Alice Lasswell's brother, Tammy Garner, 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, Karen Fawns, Aaron Richardson, Cole Halsey, Landin Evans (Alix/Derik's baby), Linda Ethell's brother, Mary Magee

**At home:** Marvin Vance (comfort care), Nancy Bell, Terry Wunderle, Nancy Nale's mom, Deb Claypool's friend, Tom/Ruth Novy, Jill Clear (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, Jackie Hines' nephew, Gwen Griffiths' friend, Nancy Rudolph, Gary Wright (Shari Fletcher's dad), Angie Sutheard, Ernie Richards (Jackie Hines' brother)

**Touched by death:** Debbie Smith's son-in-law/Brandon Keppler's uncle

**Transitions:** Fred Mason (Bruce Kennett's nephew/hospice), Louie Murray/Dick & Elaine Bachman/Steve Gutierrez/Charles "Butch" Mester/Al Betz/Joann Kirchgessner (hospice)/Rosalie Ingram/Nancy Oliver (Villa), Mary Prior (Mason City), Roberta Clark (hospice)/Marlene Wegner (Sunny Acres), Sharon Reichling, 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), Diane McCormick's b-in-law, Jordan Barnes, Kylie Renfro

**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

**ACC Mission Trip to DR:** August 5-12

**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**

This year's Easter offering will 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.

**Easter Offering**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

IT IS FINISHED




### SENIOR TRIP Saturday, April 11

David Davis Mansion  
 Bloomington, Illinois  
**Museum & Lunch at Garden of Paradise**

- Meet at ACC at 8:45 AM
- Cost: \$10 tour & meal
- Seniors only
- Sign up in the lobby

### Applying Today's Sermon to Your Life

1. Our 2026 Bible studies focus on People of the Bible, real people and life lessons about following Jesus today. On Easter Sunday, our *Verse-of-the-Week* is Luke 24:46, "The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and forgiveness and repentance of sins will be preached in His name to all nations." In our Bible study today, the Risen Jesus walked with two of His weary disciples in Luke 24:13-35. Why didn't they recognize Jesus at first? Do you suppose He walks with you when you don't recognize Him? When? Why?
2. I Corinthians 15 is known as the Bible's *Great Resurrection Chapter*. Read this chapter and then explain its conclusion, I Corinthians 15:58. Read verse 58 each day this week. Commit it to memory. Why should this verse be so valuable to you?
3. Today's study of "Luke's A-B-C's of Easter" explains the basics of the Christian faith in a nutshell. Why must these foundational truths always be taught again and again? Which of the five truths surfaced today needs taught most in our dark culture? To the church-at-large? To our church family? To your family? To you personally? Why so for each?
4. Answer the following as True or False:
  - T F Good people don't need to worry about being forgiven.
  - T F The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing.
  - T F The Living Jesus has changed the hearts and minds of millions.
  - T F God is calling everyone to be saved and serve Him.
  - T F God is not willing that any should perish.
  - T F If you're saved and you know it, then your life will surely show it.
  - T F I often share my faith with others.
  - T F I know how to explain the Gospel in my own words.
  - T F Love so amazing, so divine, demands my life, my soul, my all.
5. I'd rate my walk with the Living Lord with an:
  - A B C D F (circle one).
6. What next step do you personally need to take in order to walk more closely with the Lord now? Isn't it time? Let this Easter Sunday be your turning point and, by faith, take that next step now. The Lord will honor your heart and grant you His favor. Let someone pray with you and support you in your walk.
7. Imagine living today without faith, without knowing Jesus, without knowing how to pray, and without a supportive church family. Now think about your neighbors, your coworkers, your relatives, your classmates, your friends, and people in your circle of acquaintance. Who needs your faith, your Jesus, your prayers, your church family? Will you ask Jesus to make His appeal to them through you?
8. I will put today's Bible study into action now by:

### Today & This Week EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2026

**VBS Registration Opens**

**7:00 am Traditional Worship Service (30 min.)**  
**7:30-11:00 am Free Hot Easter Breakfast (FLC)**  
**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



**MONDAY, APRIL 6** LUKE 22  
 9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)

**TUESDAY, APRIL 7** LUKE 23  
 8:00 am Men's Bible Study (Rm. 223)

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8** LUKE 24  
 7:15 am Wednesday Morning High School Study (Youth Rm.)  
 9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)  
 5:30 pm FUSE After School Program Staff Meeting (Rm. 223)  
 6:00 pm Worship Team Practice (WC)

**THURSDAY, APRIL 9** JOHN 1  
 9:00 am Help Clean Up the Kitchen (kitchen/FLC)  
 6:30 pm Finance Team Meeting (Rm. 106)

**FRIDAY, APRIL 10** JOHN 2  
 Church Office Closed  
 9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)

**SATURDAY, APRIL 11**  
 8 am-1 pm Lake Spfld. Christian Assembly Service Day (Spfld.)  
 8:45 am Seniors Leave ACC for Davis Mansion & Garden of Paradise (Bloomington)

**SUNDAY, APRIL 12 - VBS SUPPLY BOARD IN LOBBY**  
 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)  
 4:00 pm Elders' Meeting (Rm. 105)  
 4:00 pm Missions Team Meeting (Rm. 203)  
 5:30 pm Prayer Gathering led by Doug Wendler (WC)

**MOVE 2026**

**KINGDOM WORKERS**  
 CHRIST IN YOUTH  
 Lincoln, NE, July 6-10  
 for current 8<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> graders

**REGISTER TODAY!**  
 Register or join the waitlist



**VBS June 8-12, 2026**

**SURPRISE PARTY!**

Registration Opens TODAY! **VBS For all Ages!**

*The unexpected Grace of Jesus*

Help us get ready for VBS!! Here are some ways:

- Sunday, April 12 and 19: Donate From VBS Supply Board in Lobby
- Sunday, May 3: All Supplies Due Back to Church
- Wednesday, May 6: 6-8:00 PM Work Night on Float Decorations
- Friday, May 8: 5:30-7:30 PM Finish Float for Glory Days Parade

**LET'S CLEAN UP THE KITCHEN!**  
**THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 9AM-NOON**

The ACC Kitchen Team is looking for people to help clean up the ACC kitchen cabinets, refrigerators, chairs and tables used in the Family Life Center. Anyone available to help is appreciated. See Linda Ethell for details.



*Young at Heart*



**Alpacas of Indian Point Hills**  
 Tuesday, April 14

9:30 Free Blood Pressure Checks

10:00 Alpacas of Indian Point Hills Presentation

11:00 Free Chicken Tenders (County Market), mashed potatoes, gravy, corn & rolls

Devotion by Melba Baker

**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.