

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



May 10, 2026

“Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.”

Proverbs 31:30

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:

Ministry Contacts:

Ken Gennicks,
Senior Minister/217-415-5724
Shane Baker,
Associate Minister
217-415-9035
Lorna Baker,
Children's Minister
217-502-1256
Ashley Cantrall,
Worship/Technology
Minister
217-652-5433
Evan Noggle,
Youth Minister/217-415-5644
Morgan Wells, After School
Program/217-414-5433
Jaelyn Lasley, Children's
Ministry Intern
217-691-4015

Elders:

Jeremy McDaniel,
217-971-9416
Doug Wendler,
217-652-2133
Jack Brown,
217-741-0381

GriefShare Ministry:

Carla Knox,
217-415-5032

Download the
ACC app



1411 E. Route 29 • Athens IL 62613
217-636-8463
www.athenschristian.net
www.facebook.com/athenschristianIL

8:00 am Traditional Service

Call to Worship: Proverbs 31:26-30

Why Do I Sing About Jesus #635 (v. 1-3)

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms #87 (v. 1-3)

Announcements Video

Prayer Requests & Praises: Ken Gennicks

Amazing Grace #107 (v. 1-5)

Parent/Child Dedication & Video

Jaelyn Lasley & Morgan Wells

Austin & Sami Montgomery, Mark & MiKayla Thomas

Sermon: Ken Gennicks

“People of the Bible:

‘Elizabeth, A Praying Mother’”

(Luke 1:5-80)

Invitation Hymn:

Under His Wings #412 (v. 1 & 3)

Communion & Offering Hymn:

Whiter Than Snow #109 (v. 1 & 4)

Communion & Offering Meditation: Ken Gennicks

Quietly move to Communion & Offering
tables before exiting.

9:15 & 10:30 am Contemporary Service

Graves Into Gardens

Goodness of God

Jireh

Announcements Video

Prayer Requests & Praises: Ken Gennicks

Parent/Child Dedication & Video

Jaelyn Lasley & Morgan Wells

Matt & Kristin Armitage, Alex and Samantha Colbrook

Brandon & Veda Keppler

Sermon: Ken Gennicks

“People of the Bible:

‘Elizabeth, A Praying Mother’”

(Luke 1:5-80)

Great Are You Lord / Who Else

Communion & Offering Meditation: Ken Gennicks

Quietly move to Communion & Offering
tables before exiting.

AM Sermon Notes

“People of the Bible:

‘Elizabeth, A Praying Mother’”

(Luke 1:5-80)

INTRODUCTION

Our Bible studies are drawn from the lives of “People in the Bible,” timeless life lessons from real people who point us to Jesus! On Mother’s Day Sunday, look how this New Testament disciple, Elizabeth, mothered a great hero:

I. She was a woman of _____ (1:5-7, 12-13)

II. She was a woman of _____ and _____
(1:23-25)

III. She was a woman who _____ great things in
others (1:39-46, 57-60, 67; Heb. 10:24)

A. First, in _____ (1:39-49, 57f)

B. Then, in her _____ (1:57-60, 67f)

C. Finally, in her _____ (1:80)

CONCLUSION

Praise God for praying mothers! Today’s Bible study illustrates how, with patience and purity, mothers actively provoke great things in those who live within their spheres of influence! May the life of Elizabeth inspire all of us to celebrate a “Happy Mother’s Day” as we recommit ourselves to God’s call and claim upon what’s left of our lives today!



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: Sharon Mester, Wendy Connor (ICU)

At St. John’s: Rena Hiatt, Landin Evans (Alix/Derik’s baby), David (Betty) Primm

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

At FL hospital: Pam Minikin (Mary’s sister)

Tests: Karla Daubs (chemo), Bob Folkerts (radiation/6 weeks), Tammy Garner, Dave/Sandy Magee, Dwayne Rudolph Linda Hoffman’s son, Alice Lasswell’s brother, Sue Bishop’s sister, Judy Bryant, Debbie Bolton, Bayleigh Gillum’s grandpa, Katie Calhoun, Mary Magee, Madison Wells, Bree Chandler, Angie Sutheard, Mike Sleight, Donna Brown, Todd Snow’s friend, Geri Gesling, Jerry Talkington (Kennetts’ friend), Connie Gummadi’s mom, Linda Meador, Tracy Kennett, Nancy Bell (foot/15th), Albert Beard, John/Jacqui McDaniel, Bill Woolsey, Beverly Nolting (13th/Memorial), Jeff Lopian, Sr., Debbie Ethell (chemo), Shawn/Nori (Jodi Peacock’s friends/Mayo), Bonnie Megehe (vision), Novah Jacobs (Barbi Gimondo’s great-granddaughter)

At home: Al Betz (cancer), Jamie Roemer, Gaye Maxson, Marvin Vance, Terry Wunderle (newly broken vertebrae), Nancy Nale’s mom, Tom/Ruth Novy, Jill Cleer (Arcadia), Kevin/Carrie Lee/Colton Ingham, Jo Ellen Croft’s mom, Dawn Medley, Jackie Hines’ nephew/brother, Nancy Rudolph, Shari Fletcher’s dad, Jim Daugherty, Judy Witmer, Brian Lewis’ dad, Charlie (Linda) Ford (memory loss), Brad & Beth Ferrill (Brad eye issue)

Touched by death: JoAnn Abeln family

Transitions: Dennis Sundberg (hospice), Bruce Kennett’s nephew, Louie Murray/Dick & Elaine Bachman/Steve Gutierrez/Charles “Butch” Mester/Al Betz/Joann Kirchgerner/Rosalie Ingram/Nancy Oliver (Villa), Mary Prior (Mason City), Erna Weatherby/Jane 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), Dawn Hamblin (Gateway)
DR Missions: Olivia Baker/June 13-20; Lindsey Norvell/July 10-19

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 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

Young at Heart

Tribute Artist Corrie ten Boom
Tuesday, May 12

9:30 Free Blood Pressure Checks
10:00 Corrie ten Boom Tribute Presentation by Gayle Haas
11:00 Free Sliders, chips, cole slaw & watermelon
Devotion by Jaelyn Lasley

Corrie ten Boom
Jaelyn Lasley


Help us get ready for Vacation Bible School

- 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

and...Share this registration link with friends, family, and neighbors:
athenschristian.net/vbs-registrations



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




Let's Celebrate NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 17
8:00, 9:15, 10:30AM
GRADUATE RECOGNITION
OF ALL 8TH GRADE, HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE, TRADE SCHOOL AND TRAINING PROGRAM GRADUATES



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



JOIN US JUNE 8-12, 6-8 PM!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
4 YEARS - GRADE 6

SURPRISE PARTY! VBS

UNPLUGGED

VBS SUMMER FUN NIGHTS
GRADE 7 - 12

VBS ADULT CLASS

FIRM FOUNDATIONS is a class designed to help you mature in your walk with Christ. Whether you are new to faith or have been part of the church your entire life, this class is for you!

-TAUGHT BY SHANE BAKER & DAN HAYNES
nursery available if you attend the adult class

REGISTER FOR ALL AGES AT
WWW.ATHENSCHRISTIAN.NET OR SCAN THE QR CODE




1613 Mens Conference
FRIDAY & SATURDAY, JULY 17 - 18, 2026
AT ATHENS CHRISTIAN CHURCH

JOHN LOVELL	BRIAN DAWKINS	ANTHONY MUNIZ
PASTOR JOBY MARTIN	NICK FREITAS	MATT EVERSMANN
BRAD GEARY	JEFF TIEGS	KRIS PARONTO

AGENDA

FRIDAY, JULY 17 5:00PM- DOORS OPEN 6:00-9:00PM CONFERENCE & MUSIC LIVESTREAM IN WORSHIP CENTER MEAL: SANDWICH, CHIPS, APPLE, COOKIES, WATER	SATURDAY, JULY 18 7:00AM DOORS OPEN, REFRESHMENTS 8:00-11:45AM CONFERENCE & MUSIC LIVESTREAM IN WORSHIP CENTER 11:45-1:15PM LUNCH BREAK, FLC (MEAL-PULLED PORK, BEANS, CHIPS, ETC. WATER/SODA) 1:15-5:00PM CONFERENCE LIVESTREAM 5:00-6:00PM REGAP AND PRAYER	\$10
---	---	-------------

Questions, contact Darin Fritz [REGISTER NOW](#)





Trail Life Troop IL-0109 at Athens Christian Church This Fall

Trail Life USA is a Christ-centered outdoor adventure and character development program for boys that focuses on leadership, service, and growing in faith through activities like camping, hiking, and skills development.

Planning Team: Anthony Bolton, John Hines, Darin Fritz, Donnie Fritz, and Jarrod Rempel

www.traillifecconnect.com/connect/tkz2eog5uduk

Trail Life
Adventure • Character • Leadership

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. On this Mother's Day Sunday, our *Verse-of-the-Week* is Proverbs 31:30, "Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised." What comes to mind when you think of Mother's Day during this season of your life? How could you be a blessing to a mother or two today? Why wouldn't you?
- Today's Bible study introduces an elderly woman named Elizabeth. Read Luke 1:5-80.
 - What stands out to you about Zechariah and Elizabeth (1:5-7)?
 - Barrenness was mistakenly seen as a sign of God's disfavor. Does it appear this couple bought into that mistaken thinking? Why, or why not?
 - Barrenness was mistakenly thought of as a legitimate reason to divorce. Does it appear this couple bought into that mistaken thinking? Why, or what not?
 - In light of B and C above, if this couple refused to listen to the mistaken culture around them, what does it appear they listened to, instead? What's the lesson for anyone who follows God's ways today? Explain.
 - When the angel told Zechariah he and his wife would give birth to a son, why would Zechariah doubt?
 - What was Zechariah's penalty for doubting God?
 - When you've doubted God, what kind of things has it usually involved? Why?
- In relation to Luke 1:5-80 and today's Bible study, answer True or False:
 - Zechariah and Elizabeth had two daughters but no sons.
 - Zechariah always knew he would have a son.
 - Elizabeth had endured being looked upon as a disgrace among the people (1:25).
 - Elizabeth regretted God's timing, becoming a mother so old.
 - Elizabeth was faithful in spite of life's curveballs.
 - When God's timetable is different from mine, I joyfully trust Him.
 - I sometimes find myself doubting God.
 - I'm committed to holding course for the Lord in spite of disappointments.
- In light of Luke 1:5-80, which of today's major characters (Zechariah, Elizabeth, John, and Gabriel), with whom do you identify the most? Why? With whom do you identify the least? Why?
- In light of this Mother's Day Bible study about Elizabeth, I'd grade my prayer life, patience, purity, and provoking great things in others with an (circle one): A B C D F
- Read about the following mothers in the Bible and write a sentence about each:
 - Sarah (Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7):
 - Rebekah (Genesis 27):
 - Jochebed (Exodus 2:1-10):
 - Lois and Eunice (2 Timothy 1:3-7):
 - Elizabeth (Luke 1):
- In light of today's Bible study, I will:

Today & This Week

SUNDAY, MAY 10, Happy Mother's Day
8:00 & 10:30 Services: Parent/Child Dedication
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

MONDAY, MAY 11 ACTS 2
9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)
6:00 pm VBS Decoration Work Night (Kids' Wing)

TUESDAY, MAY 12 ACTS 3
8:00 am Men's Bible Study (Rm. 223)
9:30 am Young at Heart (WC/FLC)
5:30 pm FUSE Staff Meeting (Rm. 223/kitchen/FLC)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13 ACTS 4
6:30 am Wednesday Morning High School to Hae's (Spfld.)
9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)
6:30 pm Athens High School Baccalaureate (WC/FLC)

THURSDAY, MAY 14 ACTS 5
10:00 am Prophecy Watch Study (Rm. 106)
6:00 pm VBS Decoration Work Night (Kids' Wing)

FRIDAY, MAY 15 ACTS 6
Church Office Closed
9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)

SATURDAY, MAY 16
9:00 am Athens Area Food Pantry Monthly Distribution (Rt. 29)

GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY, MAY 17
Graduate Recognition - All Services
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)
2:00 pm Loss of Spouse Seminar (Rm. 105)

