

Athens Christian Church  
8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 AM  
Worship Services  
May 3, 2026

“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms.”

1 Peter 4:10

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 116:1-5

God of Grace and God of Glory #528 (v. 1-4)

O Worship the King #336 (v. 1-4)

Announcements Video

Prayer Requests & Praises: Ken Gennicks

It is Well With My Soul #495 (v. 1-3)

Acts of Worship: Gospel Quartet

Sermon: Ken Gennicks

“People of the Bible:  
‘Moses’ Reluctance to Serve”  
(Exodus 3-4)

Invitation Hymn:

Let Jesus Come Into Your Heart #433 (v. 1 & 4)

Communion & Offering Hymn:

I'd Rather Have Jesus #650 (v. 1 & 3)

Communion & Offering Meditation: Ken Gennicks

Quietly move to Communion & Offering  
tables before exiting.

9:15 & 10:30 am Contemporary Service

God So Loved

Trust in God

I Speak Jesus

Announcements Video

Prayer Requests & Praises: Ken Gennicks

Acts of Worship: Shane, Lorna, Olivia & Kenneth Baker

Sermon: Ken Gennicks

“People of the Bible:  
‘Moses’ Reluctance to Serve”  
(Exodus 3-4)

Lord I Need You

What a Beautiful Name

Communion & Offering Meditation: Ken Gennicks

Quietly move to Communion & Offering  
tables before exiting.

AM Sermon Notes

“People of the Bible: ‘Moses’ Reluctance to Serve”

(Exodus 3-4)

INTRODUCTION

Our Bible studies focus on “People of the Bible,” timeless life lessons from real people who point us to Jesus. Some tried to excuse themselves when God called. Check out ‘Moses’ Reluctance to Serve’:

- I. A \_\_\_\_\_ call (3:1-10)
  - A. God often shows up in \_\_\_\_\_ ways. (3:2)
  - B. God often shows up when we’re \_\_\_\_\_ doing \_\_\_\_\_ things. (3:1)
  - C. God’s call is to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to Him. (3:3)
  - D. God uses \_\_\_\_\_ things and \_\_\_\_\_ people to do the \_\_\_\_\_. (3:7-10)
- II. A \_\_\_\_\_ response (3:11 - 4:7)
  - Excuse #1: The ‘ \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_?’ excuse (3:11-12)
  - Excuse #2: The ‘ \_\_\_\_\_’ excuse (3:13-14)
  - Excuse #3: The ‘ \_\_\_\_\_’ excuse (4:1-2)
  - Excuse #4: The ‘ \_\_\_\_\_’ excuse (4:10-11)
  - Excuse #5: The ‘ \_\_\_\_\_’ excuse (4:13)

CONCLUSION

- A. Spiritual leaders lead with their \_\_\_\_\_. (I Thess. 2:8)
- B. Spiritual leaders lead with their \_\_\_\_\_. (2 Tim. 2:15)
- C. Spiritual leaders lead with their \_\_\_\_\_. (Jn. 13:15)
- D. Spiritual leaders lead on their \_\_\_\_\_. (Col. 1:9)

God does not call the equipped; He equips the called! God calls each of us today, not needing our ‘ability,’ but our ‘availability’! He’s calling every person everywhere to be saved, to serve, and to set an example for Christ!

Prayer Requests

At St. John’s: Dawn Hamblin (Deb Selby’s friend)

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

Tests: Karla Daubs (chemo), Tammy Garner, Dave/Sandy Magee/daughter, Dwayne Rudolph, Linda Hoffman’s son, Alice Lasswell’s brother, Sue Bishop’s sister, Judy Bryant, Debbie Bolton, Bayleigh Gillum’s grandpa, Katie Calhoun, Jerry Judd’s niece, Stephanie Fricke’s brother, Brad Ferrill’s dad, Landin Evans (Alix/Derik’s baby), Mary Magee, Madison Wells, Bree Chandler (surgery/May 20), Angie Sutheard, Mike Sleight, Dave Primm, Donna Brown, Linda Ethell’s brother, Todd Snow’s friend, Geri Gesling (May 8), Bob Folkerts, Jerry Talkington (Kennetts’ friend), Ruth Ann Lawler (Connie Gummadi’s mom), Linda Meador (after cancer surgery), Tracy Kennett (Kevin’s sister/cancer surgery), Nancy Bell (MRI; foot surgery/15th), Albert Beard, John/Jacqui McDaniel, Bill Woolsey (biopsy), Pat Halberstadt, Beverly Nolting (13th/Memorial), Jeff Lopian, Sr., Debbie Ethell (chemo)

At home: Jamie Roemer, Gaye Maxson, Marvin Vance, Terry Wunderle, Nancy Nale’s mom, Tom/Ruth Novy, Jill Cleer (Arcadia), Kevin/Carrie Lee/Colton Ingham, Jo Ellen Croft’s mom, Dawn Medley, Ernie Gentry’s friend, Jackie Hines’ nephew/brother, Nancy Rudolph, Shari Fletcher’s dad, Jim Daugherty, Judy Witmer, Leslie Dinora (Larry Barregarye’s daughter/after surgery), Rod Lewis (Brian’s dad)

Touched by death: David Haggard family (John’s brother), Roberta Clark family (Gary’s mother), Marlene Wegner family, Ann Lewis family (Trent Knoles’ sister)

Transitions: Fred Mason (Bruce Kennett’s nephew/hospice), Louie Murray/Dick & Elaine Bachman/Steve Gutierrez (surgery?)/Charles “Butch” Mester/Al Betz/Joann Kirchgerner (hospice)/Rosalie Ingram/Nancy Oliver (Villa), Mary Prior (Mason City), 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

Olivia Baker DR Mission Trip: June 13-20

ACC Mission to Kenya: March 5-14, 2027

Blake Canterbury: facebook.com/monroechurchplant

Capital Stewardship Campaign: EXCEL (2026-2028)

Our missionaries/military/terrorism/nation

Each other/unspoken needs

Today in the Family Life Center  
11:30 am - 1:00 pm  
Mother/Child Tea  
**Bows & Blessings**  
ENJOY LUNCH, DECORATING A BOW TIE OR HAIR BOW,  
AND SHOOTING A BOW

**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](mailto:evan@athenschristian.net)

**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!

**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

Athens Christian Church  
Room 105  
Sunday, May 17  
2-4pm  
Scan the QR Code to register online  
([griefshare.org/findagroup](http://griefshare.org/findagroup))  
and sign up in the lobby  
Questions: contact Carla Knox at [ck15501@outlook.com](mailto:ck15501@outlook.com)  
or call the church office at 217-636-8463

**LOSS OF A SPOUSE**  
Join us for this encouraging seminar!

**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](http://WWW.ATHENSCHRISTIAN.NET) OR SCAN THE QR CODE

**Help us get ready for Vacation Bible School**

- Wednesday, May 6: 6-8:00 PM: Float Decorations Work
- 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

**WE ARE GROWING! VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!**  
GOD GAVE US ALL UNIQUE GIFTS TO SERVE! LET US HELP YOU FIND YOUR PLACE TO SERVE!  
1. VISITORS TEAM  
2. SOUND BOOTH TEAM  
3. GRIEF SHARE LEADERS  
4. GREETERS TEAM  
5. ACC KIDS CLUB  
SIGN UP IN THE LOBBY OR SCAN THE QR CODE

**Summer Camp Credit**  
\$100 Church Camp Credit to those who attend Athens Christian Church!  
Lake Springfield Christian: Enter Code: ATH100D-2026 [www.lscacamp.org](http://www.lscacamp.org)  
Little Galilee Christian: Enter Code: 26ATHCC100 [www.littlegalilee.org](http://www.littlegalilee.org)

**Applying Today's Sermon to Your Life**

- Our 2026 Bible studies focus on "The People of the Bible" and what they teach us about living daily for the Lord Jesus Christ. Our Verse-of-the-Week today is I Peter 4:10, "Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." What was God specifically calling Moses to do in order to make the "Exodus" happen?
  - T F Moses said 'Yes' immediately when God called.
  - T F Moses offered no excuses when called by God.
  - T F Moses said to God, "Here am I; use me."
  - T F Moses did want to get involved.
  - T F Moses had a clean past, so God called him.
  - T F Moses had three objections when God called.
  - T F God assured Moses of His presence and power.
  - T F God pursued Moses relentlessly.
  - T F Eventually, Moses quit running from God.
  - T F It is wise to count the cost before jumping in.
  - T F God was patient with Moses' objections.
  - T F I am sometimes slow to follow God's lead.
  - T F I am willing to get involved in God's work.

- It is human nature to excuse ourselves even when God is prompting us to take action. Today we surface five of Moses' excuses. What four or five excuses do you commonly offer when God's Holy Spirit is prompting or calling you? Write them down, discuss them with a friend, and pray to intentionally overcome them, asking for God's strength and wisdom.

- Moses offered five excuses when God called. Which of the five are you most likely to use? Why?

- Circle the excuses that come to mind when you hear about a need or opportunity:

I'm too busy	I'm too old	I don't do that	I'm not interested
I'm too tired	I'm too young	I don't know how	That'd be awkward
I do enough	Others are better	I've never done it	No one asked
No one cares	I'm not worthy	Others may judge	It's beneath me
I'm afraid	I can't	It's inconvenient	Costs too much

- Imagine living 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 touch, your outreach, your invitation? Will you pray, reach out, and invite this week?

- In light of today's Bible study, I will:

**Today & This Week**

**SUNDAY, MAY 3, VBS SUPPLIES DUE**  
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  
11:30 am "Bows & Blessings" Mother/Child Tea (FLC)  
4:00 pm Elders' Meeting (Rm. 105)  
5:30 pm Prayer Gathering led by Jack Brown (WC)

**MONDAY, MAY 4** JOHN 18  
9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)  
11:30 am Ann Lewis Funeral Dinner (Trent Knoles' sister/FLC)

**TUESDAY, MAY 5** JOHN 19  
8:00 am Men's Bible Study (Rm. 223)  
1:00 pm Central IL Food Bank Drive Thru Distribution (ACC)

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 6** JOHN 20  
7:15 am Wednesday Morning High School Study (Youth Rm.)  
9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)  
6:00 pm VBS Work Night  
6:00 pm Worship Team Practice (WC)

**THURSDAY, MAY 7** JOHN 21  
6:30 pm Finance Team Meeting (Rm. 106)

**FRIDAY, MAY 8** ACTS 1  
Church Office Closed  
9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)  
5:30 pm Finish Float for Glory Days Parade (ACC outside)

**SATURDAY, MAY 9**  
8:00 am Lake Spfld. Christian Assembly Service Day  
9:30 am All are welcome to meet at Athens High School parking lot to walk in the Glory Days Parade.  
9:30 am Seniors meet at Athens High School to ride church bus in the parade.  
11:00-1:00 pm ACC Outdoors and ACC Kids Club at the FREE Glory Days Community Carnival (Athens Community Park)

**SUNDAY, MAY 10 - MOTHER'S DAY**  
8:00 & 10:30 Services: Parent/Child Dedication  
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.

