

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

.....**May 31, 2026**.....

"For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for Me will save it."

Luke 9:24



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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YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY
MAY 31, 2026
ALL THREE SERVICES

8:00, 9:15, 10:30 am Worship Services

Is He Worthy

Holy Forever

Jesus Be the Name

Announcements Video

Prayer Requests & Praises: Ken Gennicks

Acts of Worship: Young Adult Worship Team

Sermon:

Josh Harris, RJ Wehmhoff, Grant Purchis,
Zakk Edwards, Cory Craig, Jr.

REAL STRENGTH

"People of the Bible - Paul"

(Philippians 2:1-18)

Gratitude

I've Witnessed It

Communion & Offering Meditation:
Nicholas McDaniel

Quietly move to Communion & Offering
tables before exiting.

Other Young Adults Participating

WORSHIP TEAM

Olivia Baker
Isabella Link
Clayton McNeal
Alex Marcum
Emma Noggle
Destinee Thomas

GREETERS

Kamrie Charron
Courtney Faugust
Peyton Fisher
Mason Gilley
Livvy Gilley
Cole Halsey
Evan Noggle

SOUND BOOTH

Anthony Hale
Kennedy Hale
Nicholas
McDaniel
Bailey Shipp

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Paul Harris

COMMUNION PREP

Isabel Ingram
Kenzie Szoke

AM Sermon Notes

REAL STRENGTH

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INTRODUCTION

Our Bible studies throughout 2026 focus on "People of the Bible," studying biographical sketches and timeless lessons from their lives. Every Sunday we study and apply God's Word. This week we will be looking at Paul, Real Strength, from Philippians 2:1-18.

Bible Study

I. Real Strength Chooses _____
(Philippians 2:1-4/Josh Harris)

II. Real Strength Chooses _____
(Philippians 2:5-11/RJ Wehmhoff)

III. Real Strength _____
(Philippians 2:12-16/Grant Purchis)

IV. Real Strength _____
(Philippians 2:17-18/Zakk Edwards)

Application

1. Real Strength _____
(Cory Craig, Jr.)

CONCLUSION

Christ left His throne in Heaven to walk among us and be tortured, rejected, and hated by those He came to save. He even asked for their forgiveness while they were killing Him.

Passion 2026
YOUNG ADULTS (AGES 18-25)
DECEMBER 29-31, 2026
GLOBE LIFE FIELD
ARLINGTON, TEXAS
WANT UPDATES FIRST? FILL OUT THE INTEREST FORM HERE. OFFICIAL REGISTRATION OPENS JUNE 15.

Prayer Requests

At Memorial: Ron (Kim) JeanBlanc (ICU)

At St. Johns: Linda Beeman

Tests: Joe DeRosa, Karla Daubs (chemo), Bob Folkerts (radiation), Tammy Garner, Dave/Sandy Magee, Linda Hoffman's son, Alice Lasswell's brother, Sue Bishop's sister, Debbie Bolton, Mary Magee, Madison Wells, Bree Chandler, Angie Sutheard, Mike Sleight, Donna Brown, Geri Gesling, Nancy Bell, John/Jacqui McDaniel, Debbie Ethell (chemo), Jodi Peacock's friends, Albert Beard, Tim Wallace, Vince Ehrich, Danny Carney (Peyton Fisher's friend), Ava Leitze (Kristine Elliott's niece/leukemia), Mary Buttry's sis-in-law, Jim Kennett (chemo), Wimer/Darlene Kern (Pat Basso's brother), Andrea Gladden, Elijah/Bodie Budke (Meagan's sons/tonsils/adenoids/tubes/July 1), Baby Landin Evans (surgery), Jeff Lopian, Sr. (chemo)

At home: Rena Hiatt, Dave Primm, Jamie Roemer, Marvin Vance, Terry Wunderle, Nancy Nale's mom, Tom/Ruth Novy, Jill Cleer, (Arcadia), Kevin/Carrie Lee/Colton Ingham, Dawn Medley, Jackie Hines' nephews/brother, Nancy Rudolph, Shari Fletcher's dad, Brian Lewis' dad, Charlie Ford, Brad Ferrill, Jerry Purcell, Alan/Marla Justice's grandson, Pam Minikin, Janice Bollman

Touched by death: Paul McCormick family (Diane's b-in-law), Emily Peterson's family (accident/son killed/husband hospitalized/Pat Halberstadt's friends), Josh Collins family (Pat Basso's friend)

Transitions: Louie Murray/Dick & Elaine Bachman/Steve Gutierrez/Charles "Butch" Mester/Joann Kirchgessner/Rosalie Ingram (Villa), Mary Prior (Mason City), Erna Weatherby/Jan Schoenhard (tests)/Bob Moore (Countryside), Carolyn Cole (Concordia), Marge Ray/Vivian Rankin (Vonderlieth), Chuck VanHuss (Jacksonville), Kevin Kennett (Hillsboro), Jordan Barnes, Tanner Hull (Basic/Brittanie Basso's son), Dawn Hamblin (Gateway), Dianne Buch (Dave's sis-in-law/Edwardsville Rehab/Parkinson's surgery/Tues., 26th), Carter/Renetta Logue/4 children (housefire)

DR: Olivia Baker/June 13-20; Lindsey Norvell/July 10-19

Interns: Jaelyn Lasley/till June 15, Tsoetsy Harris/till 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

Capital Stewardship Campaign: EXCEL (2026-2028)

Our missionaries/military/terrorism/nation

Each other/unspoken needs

Join us Next Monday!
JUNE 8-12, 6-8 PM!
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
4 YEARS - GRADE 6
SURPRISE PARTY! VBS

Discover the surprising grace of Jesus through fun music, games, Bible learning, & more!

VBS SUMMER FUN NIGHTS GRADE 7 - 12

UNPLUGGED
 Jr. High & high school students will enjoy activities & faith-filled discussions.

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 EVERSMAAN
 BRAD GEARY JEFF TIEGS KRIS PARONTO

AGENDA

<p>FRIDAY, JULY 17 5:00PM: DOORS OPEN 6:00-9:00PM CONFERENCE & MUSIC LIVESTREAM IN WORSHIP CENTER MEAL: SANDWICH, CHIPS, APPLE, COOKIES, WATER</p>	<p>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</p>
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Questions, contact Darin Fritz

HOW TO **Read the Bible**
 A Simple Guide to Deeper Intimacy with God
 New York Times Bestselling Author David Platt

Summer High School Bible Study
 Led By Evan Noggle
 Wednesdays, June 3, 17, 24, & July 1
 7:00-8:00 PM, Youth Room

Scan the QR code or sign up in the lobby or youth room.

We will miss you!

Farewell Reception for Jaelyn Lasley
 SUNDAY, JUNE 7
 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
 FAMILY LIFE CENTER

We will have desserts and a special prayer time over Jaelyn. We will also take up a love offering toward Bible College expenses at Ozark Christian College.

Hugs and prayers

CHRISTIAN CAMPING FOR ALL AGES ALL SUMMER:
 See websites for summer camp schedules

Little Galilee Christian Camp
www.littlegalilee.org

Lake Springfield Christian Assembly
www.lscacamp.org

Summer Camp Credit
\$100 Church Camp Credit to those who attend Athens Christian Church!

Lake Springfield Christian: Enter Code: **ATH100D-2026** www.lscacamp.org
 Little Galilee Christian: Enter Code: **26ATHCC100** www.littlegalilee.org

Summer Camp REGISTER NOW!

REGISTRATION FEE: \$50
 WEEKLY FEE: \$150

- 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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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 Luke 9:24 *"For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for Me will save it."*
2. How has humility transformed your life?
3. In what ways can you do better to humble yourself?
4. What sacrifice is God asking you to make in your life right now?
5. How will you make those sacrifices?
6. Where have you seen true strength shine in your life?
7. Have you been finding joy recently in life?
8. I will apply today's Bible study by:

MISSIONS OF HOPE INTERNATIONAL
 LED BY LORNA BAKER & MORGAN WELLS

KENYA MISSION TRIP DATES: MARCH 5-14, 2027
 At this time, 19 individuals have completed an interest form. If you would like more information or are still considering this opportunity, interest forms will be accepted through June 10. Our team will then be finalized to begin preparing for the trip!

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.traillifeconnect.com/connect/tkz2eog5uduk

Trail Life
 Adventure • Character • Leadership

Today & This Week

YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY, MAY 31
ALL SERVICES LED BY YOUNG ADULT GROUP
 8:00 am Worship Service (nursery birth-2 yrs/3-5 yrs.)
 9:15 am 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 Worship Service
 •Kids C.L.U.B. K-6th gr./Childcare birth-4yrs
 1:00 pm CIY Parent & Student Meeting (Worship Center)
 2:00 pm CIY Student Serve Day (ACC Building)

MONDAY, JUNE 1 ACTS 17
 9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)

TUESDAY, JUNE 2 ACTS 18
 8:00 am Men's Bible Study (Rm. 223)
 6:00 pm VBS Decoration Work (church hallways)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3 ACTS 19
 9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)
 6:00 pm Worship Team & Choir Practice (WC)
 7:00 pm High School Summer Study (Youth Rm. & Rm. 112)

THURSDAY, JUNE 4 ACTS 20
 5:30 pm Set ACC Stage for Vacation Bible School (WC)

FRIDAY, JUNE 5 ACTS 21
 Church Office Closed
 9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)

SATURDAY, JUNE 6
SUNDAY, JUNE 7

7:30 am Prayer with the Pastors (WC)
 8:00 am Traditional Worship Service (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 Farewell Reception for Jaelyn Lasley
 12:30 pm VBS Workday

BEFORE YOU LEAVE TODAY, PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO STOP BY THE LOBBY AND SIGN THE GREETING CARDS FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF ACC.