



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

..... June 14, 2026 .....

"For God so loved the world  
that He gave His one and only  
Son, that whoever believes in  
Him shall not perish but have  
eternal life."



John 3:16

**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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| Ken Gennicks,<br>Senior Minister/217-415-5724                           | Jeremy McDaniel,<br>217-971-9416  |
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**8:00 am Traditional Service**

Call to Worship: Psalm 117

*I Stand Amazed* #223 (v. 1-4)

*O That Will Be Glory for Me* #132 (v. 1-3)

Announcements Video

Prayer Requests & Praises, Kenya Mission Update:

Ken Gennicks, Lorna Baker, Morgan Wells

*Grace Greater Than Our Sin* #105 (v. 1-4)

Vacation Bible School Highlights Video

Sermon: Shane Baker

"People of the Bible: *Everyone's Invited*"  
(Luke 14:15-24)

Invitation Hymn:

*O Jesus I Have Promised* #402 (v. 1, 3)

Communion & Offering Hymn:

*I Am Thine, O Lord* #455 (v. 1, 4)

Communion & Offering Meditation: Shane Baker

Quietly move to Communion & Offering  
tables before exiting.

**9:15 am Worship Service**

*Mighty Name of Jesus*

*What a Beautiful Name / Worthy of It All*

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*Come to the Altar / Make Room*

Communion & Offering Meditation: Ken Gennicks

Quietly move to Communion & Offering  
tables before exiting.

**10:30 am VBS Closing Program**

VBS Songs & Bible Verses

Announcements Video & Prayer

VBS Mission & Offering: Morgan Wells

Vacation Bible School Highlights Video

VBS skit

Message: Evan Noggle

Thank you & Luncheon Invitation: Lorna Baker

Communion: Shane Baker

**AM Sermon Notes**

"People of the Bible - Everyone's Invited"

(Luke 14:15-24)

**INTRODUCTION**

Our Bible studies throughout 2026 are continuing to focus on "People of the Bible" and lessons from their lives that help us become more like Jesus. Every Sunday we study and apply God's Word to our own lives. This morning we'll take a look at a parable, a heavenly story with an earthly meaning. It was a story Jesus told that reveals some good news for you and me! It's the parable of the Great Banquet, and it's found in Luke, chapter 14, verses 15-24.

**Bible Study**

I. The \_\_\_\_\_ - first guest list (vs 15-17)

II. The \_\_\_\_\_ and their \_\_\_\_\_  
(vs 18-20)

III. The \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ guest list  
(vs 21-24)

A. \_\_\_\_\_ guests

B. \_\_\_\_\_ guests

**Application**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ to the  
\_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus.

2. \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_.

**CONCLUSION**

There is a great party being thrown. Everyone has been invited. But not everyone will accept the invitation. Maybe you've accepted the invitation, RSVP'd to the party, and are headed that way. Or maybe...you need to accept His invitation today!

**Prayer Requests**

**At Memorial:** Damien Billeck (Barbi Gimondo's friend/IMC), McKenzie Sundberg

**At St. John's:** Hayes Johnson, Maci Flynn (ASP student)

**Tests:** Joe DeRosa, Karla Daubs (chemo), Bob Folkerts, Tammy Garner, Linda Hoffman's son, Alice Lasswell's brother, Sue Bishop's sister, Debbie Bolton, Mary Magee, Madison Wells, Bree Chandler, Angie Sutheard, Mike Sleight (surgery), Donna Brown, Geri Gesling, Nancy Bell, John/Jacqui McDaniel, Debbie Ethell (chemo), Albert Beard, Peyton Fisher's friend, Ava Leitze (Kristine Elliott's niece), Jim Kennett (chemo/radiation), Wimer/Darlene Kern, Andrea Gladden, Elijah/Bodie Budke (Meagan's sons/July 1), Jeff Lopian, Sr. (chemo/radiation/23rd), Milt Weatherell/Lisa Shores (Barb Snow's friends), Raymond Poe (pancreas/24th), Landin Evans (Terry/Deb Claypool's grandson/surgery/St. Louis), Jerry Talkington (Kennetts' friend)

**At home:** Sandy Magee (hospice), 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, Jerry Purcell, Alan/Marla Justice's grandson, Janice Bollman, Linda Beeman (Presbyterian home), Dave Gessaman (Jae Russell's dad)

**Touched by death:** Nancy Baker family (Paula Grigsby's mom)

**Transitions:** Dick & Elaine Bachman/Steve Gutierrez/Louie Murray/Charles "Butch" Mester/Joann Kirchgiesner/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), Tanner Hull (Basic/Brittanie Basso's son), Dianne Buch (Dave's sis-in-law)

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

**South Korea Mission:** Jeslyn Roat/June 22-July 2

**Interns:** Jaelyn Lasley/till June 15, Tsoetsy Harris/till Aug. 14

**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**

# Fathers Day Celebrating Faith & Family at ACC

**NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 21, 8:00, 9:15, & 10:30 AM**

**Singing:** Rachel & Ava Gennicks

**Preaching:** Ken, Keith, & Kyle Gennicks

**Communion:** Seth Gennicks

**The Baker Family**

## CHRIST IN YOUTH STUDENT Fundraiser

Help 99 students cover the cost of 2 charter buses for their CIY trip!

**THEIR NEED: 12,870**  
**RAISED TO DATE: 7,215**  
**LEFT TO RAISE: 5,655**

SCAN TO GIVE!

## wednesday night CONNECTION

ATHENS CHRISTIAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 2 - NOVEMBER 11

Supper: 5:40-6:15 pm Study: 6:30-7:30 pm

6 adult classes: GriefShare (6:30-8:00), KIDS C.L.U.B. birth-6th grade, ROOTED Jr./Sr. High (6:30-8:00)

**MEN'S STUDY** LED BY DARIN FRITZ & BRAD LASSWELL

**WOMEN'S STUDY** Women of the Word LED BY DEBBIE PENROD & JJ BREAZEALE

**YOUNG ADULTS** THE TEN COMMANDMENTS LED BY KENNEDY HALE & OLIVIA BAKER

**FIRM FOUNDATIONS** LED BY SHANE BAKER & JARROD REMPEL

**MARRIAGE STUDY** LED BY KEITH & RACHEL GENNICKS & MATT & TSOETSY HARRIS

**GENERAL BIBLE STUDY** LED BY ANTHONY BOLTON & DOUG WENDLER

**GRIEF SHARE** LED BY CARLA KNOX & SHELLY CURRY

## HOW TO Read the Bible

A Simple Guide to Deeper Fellowship with God

**Summer High School Bible Study Led By Evan Noggle**

**Wednesdays, June 17, 24, & July 1 7:00-8:00 PM, Youth Room**

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

## JR. HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL BUS TRIP

REGISTER HERE: [QR CODE]

**THURSDAY, JUNE 18TH 6PM - 8PM | BRING CASH**

## SCOOP DU JOUR

BUS WILL LEAVE FROM ACC @ 6PM, RETURNING @ 8PM MUST FILL OUT THE REGISTRATION FORM (QR CODE).

## JR. HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL ICE CREAM & GAMES BACKYARD BASH

PICKLEBALL YARD GAMES BASKETBALL

**JUNE 26TH 6PM - 8PM**

ATHENS CHRISTIAN CHURCH

## 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.

## 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](http://www.traillifeconnect.com/connect/tkz2eog5uduk)

- ### 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. 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 John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." How will this verse change your life in the week ahead?
  - Who has prepared the great banquet feast for us? Why would people choose not to attend?
  - What kind of excuses have you made in the past or are you making now for not spending time with God?
  - Have you been invited through the Gospel to become a follower of Jesus? Have you accepted that invitation? Do you know what that means? Who could you talk to about it, if not?
  - Do you believe that EVERYONE is invited to the unexpected grace of Jesus?
  - How could you help others to hear and accept the invitation to the great feast banquet?
  - I will apply today's Bible study by:

## 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)

## JOIN US FOR THE 1613 MEN'S CONFERENCE LIVESTREAM

DATE: JULY 17 - 18 AT ATHENS CHRISTIAN CHURCH REGISTRATION \$10

For questions, see Darin Fritz

1613MensConference.com

## Save the date for Summer Connection at Athens Christian Church

Sunday, August 2, 11:30am - 2:00pm

FREE Lunch, Games, and lots of Family Fun!

- ### Today & This Week
- SUNDAY, JUNE 14**
- 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:
    - 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 VBS Closing Program (WC/no kids' classes or nursery)
  - 11:30 am VBS Surprise Party Lunch (FLC/outside)
    - 4:00 pm Elders' Meeting (Rm. 105)
    - 4:00 pm Missions Meeting (Rm. 203)
    - 5:30 pm Prayer Gathering led by Lorna Baker (WC)

**MONDAY, JUNE 15** ACTS 27  
9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)

**TUESDAY, JUNE 16** ACTS 28  
8:00 am Men's Bible Study (Rm. 223)  
7:00 pm Community Prayer & Worship (Athens Park)

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17** ROMANS 1  
9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)  
6:00 pm Worship Team Practice (WC)  
7:00 pm High School Summer Study (Youth Rm./Rm. 112)

**THURSDAY, JUNE 18** ROMANS 2  
6:00 pm Jr. High/High School to Scoop Du Jour (Chatham)

**FRIDAY, JUNE 19** ROMANS 3  
Church Office Closed  
9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)

**SATURDAY, JUNE 20**  
9:00 am Athens-Area Food Pantry Monthly Distribution (Rt. 29)

**SUNDAY, JUNE 21, FATHER'S DAY**

- 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 Worship Service
- Kids C.L.U.B. for K-6th grade/Childcare for birth-4yrs.

Before you leave today, please take a moment to stop by the lobby and sign the greeting cards for friends and family of ACC.