

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



June 21, 2026

“He who fears the Lord
has a secure fortress,
and for his children it
will be a refuge.”

Proverbs 14:26

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 103:8-13

Faith of Our Fathers #526 (v. 1-3)

This Is My Father's World #6 (v. 1-3)

Announcements Video

Prayer Requests & Praises: Ken Gennicks

O Master Let Me Walk With Thee #442 (v. 1-4)

Acts of Worship: Rachel & Ava Gennicks

Sermon: Keith, Kyle, & Ken Gennicks
“People of the Bible: ‘Eli’s Father’s Day Advice’”
(I Samuel 2:22-25, 27-29; 3:11-14)

Invitation Hymn:

Just As I Am #417 (v. 1, 4)

Communion & Offering Hymn:

Break Thou the Bread of Life #30 (v. 1-2)

Communion & Offering Meditation: Seth Gennicks

Quietly move to Communion & Offering
tables before exiting.

Postlude: Shane, Lorna, Olivia, Kenneth Baker

9:15 & 10:30 am Worship Services

Firm Foundation

Trust in God

Same God

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Holy Forever

Run to the Father

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AM Sermon Notes

“People of the Bible:

‘Eli’s Father’s Day Advice’”

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INTRODUCTION (Keith Gennicks)

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 Father’s Day Sunday, we can learn a lot from the poor parenting of a man named Eli. If he could preach here today, he would urgently share, ‘Eli’s Father’s Day Advice’:

- I. Put _____ in your life
(I Sam. 2:27-29/Keith Gennicks)
 - A. _____ all things
(I Sam. 2:29; Mt. 6:33)
 - B. _____ with the _____ in your life
(I Sam. 2:29; I Jn. 1:9-10)
 - C. _____ the _____ for your children
(I Cor. 11:1)
- II. Be sure to _____ your children
(I Sam. 3:11-14/Kyle Gennicks)
 - A. _____ them God’s Word and God’s ways
(Ps. 119:9)
 - B. _____ them when they do right
(I Thess. 2:11-12)
 - C. _____ them when they are wrong (Pr. 19:18)
- III. _____ them about _____
(I Sam. 2:22-25/Kyle Gennicks)
 - A. _____ them what Jesus did for them at the cross
(I Cor. 1:18; 2 Cor. 5:21)
 - B. _____ them how people came to Christ in the New Testament (Book of Acts)
- IV. The _____, the better
(I Sam. 2:25/Ken Gennicks)
 - A. Their _____ are more open when they are _____
(Lk. 18:16)
 - B. You will _____ them a lot of _____ along the way (Pr. 3:17)
 - C. Don’t _____ it _____ until tomorrow; _____!
(Lk. 12:35)

CONCLUSION (Ken Gennicks)

Praise God for faith and family, for godly fathers! Today’s Bible study illustrates how men can be effective, godly dads! Celebrate a “Happy Father’s Day” as we recommit ourselves to God’s call and claim upon what’s left of our lives today!

Prayer Requests

At Memorial: Damien Billeck (Barbi Gimondo’s friend)

At St. John’s: Hayes Johnson

At Phoenix hospital: Mark Browning (Peg Biggs’ brother)

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, Bree Chandler, Angie Sutheard, Mike Sleight (surgery/July 30), Geri Gesling, Nancy Bell, John/Jacqui McDaniel, Debbie Ethell, Albert Beard, 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/Megan Plopper (Barb Snow’s friends), Raymond Poe (pancreas/24th), Landin Evans (Terry/Deb Claypool’s grandson/surgery), Jerry Talkington, Bill Howard (Mary Roszhart’s nephew/22nd), McKenzie Sundberg, Donna Sandidge, Charlie Good, Don Randle,

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, Janice Bollman, Dave Gessaman (Jae Russell’s dad)

Touched by death: Ronda Tippett family (Sean Tippett’s mother/Deb Selby’s cousin)

Transitions: Greg Huckabay (Sara McDaniel’s uncle/hospice), Dick & Elaine Bachman/Steve Gutierrez/Louie Murray/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), Tanner Hull (Basic/Brittanie Basso’s son), Dave Bush’s sis-in-law, John Dee (Geri Bell’s dad/Springfield Suites)

DR: Lindsey Norvell/July 10-19

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

Ministry Intern: 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

wednesday night
CONNECTION ATHENS CHRISTIAN CHURCH


SEPTMBER 2 - NOVEMBER 11
Supper: 5:40-6:15 pm Study: 6:30-7:30 pm

7 adult classes
GriefShare (6:30-8:00)

KIDS C.I.u.B. birth-6th grade

ROOTED Jr./Sr. High (6:30-8:00)

Please mark your calendar and plan to join us!



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 1 & 2 Peter LED BY ANTHONY BOLTON & DOUG WENDLER

GRIEFSHARE LED BY CARLA KNOX & SHELLY CURRY

KIDS C.I.u.B. birth-6th grade

ROOTED Jr./Sr. High (6:30-8:00)

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

JOHN LOVELL PASTOR JOBY MARTIN BRAD GEARY

BRIAN DAWKINS NICK FREITAS JEFF TIEGS

ANTHONY MUNIZ MATT EVERSMANN 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 RECAP AND PRAYER

\$10

Questions, contact Darin Fritz

REGISTER NOW



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

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: 9,605
LEFT TO RAISE: 3,265

SCAN TO GIVE!





JR. HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL: BACKYARD BASH

ICE CREAM & WATER GAMES

PICKLEBALL WATER BALLOONS WATERSLIDE KICKBALL

JUNE 26TH 6PM - 8PM
ATHENS CHRISTIAN CHURCH



Passion 2026 REGISTRATION OPEN!

YOUNG ADULTS (AGES 18-25)
DECEMBER 29-31, 2026
GLOBE LIFE FIELD ARLINGTON, TEXAS




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
traillifeconnect.com/connect/tkz2eog5uduk

Open House at ACC
Tuesday, 8/25, 5:30-7 pm



Summer Connection at Athens Christian Church
Sunday, August 2, 11:30am-2:00pm

11:30am-12:30pm Lunch in the Family Life Center: hamburgers, hot dogs, pasta salad, chips, ice cream & drinks provided. Sign up in the lobby or online with #attending.

12:30 - 2:00pm (outside) Car/Tractor Show, Pickleball Tournament, Playground, Gaga Ball, 9-Square, 3 on 3 Basketball, Kids Water Games

1:00-2:00pm (inside) Volleyball Cards & Board Games

- 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 Father's Day Sunday, our *Verse-of-the-Week* is Proverbs 14:26, "He who fears the Lord has a secure fortress, and for his children it will be a refuge." What comes to mind when you think of Father's Day during this season of your life? How could you be a blessing to a father or two today? Why wouldn't you?
 - Read the story of Eli in I Samuel 1-4 and answer the following questions:
 - Would you consider Eli an Old Testament hero?
 - Describe Eli's parenting style.
 - What did Eli's sons become (I Sam. 2:12)?
 - How do you explain the character of Eli's sons?
 - Was Eli a good leader for Israel?
 - Did Eli die a noble death (I Sam. 4:14-18)?
 - What should Eli have done differently?
 - In relation to Eli's story and today's Bible study, answer True or False:
 - T F Eli was a good dad in the Bible.
 - T F We can learn a lot about parenting from Eli.
 - T F Eli walked with the Lord and honored God.
 - T F Eli took advantage of God's people.
 - T F Eli treated Hannah poorly.
 - T F Eli lived to be 98 years old.
 - T F Eli led Israel poorly for 40 years.
 - T F Samuel grew up to be a much better leader.
 - In light of I Samuel 1-4, which of today's major characters (Eli, Hannah, Hophni, Phinehas, or Samuel), do you identify with the most? Why? With whom do you identify the least? Why?
 - In light of this Father's Day Bible study about Eli, I'd grade my parenting with an (circle one): A B C D F
 - Read about the following fathers in the Bible and write a sentence about each:
 - Joseph (Jesus' earthly dad):
 - Noah:
 - Jairus:
 - Job:
 - Zechariah (father of John the Baptist):
 - In light of today's Bible study, I will:

- Today & This Week**
- SUNDAY, JUNE 21, FATHER'S DAY: Photo Opp in FLC**
- 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
- MONDAY, JUNE 22** ROMANS 4
9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)
6:00 pm Athens-Area Food Pantry Monthly Distribution (Rt. 29)
- TUESDAY, JUNE 23** ROMANS 5
8:00 am Men's Bible Study (Rm. 223)
- WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24** ROMANS 6
9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)
6:30 pm Worship Workshop (FLC/WC)
7:00 pm High School Summer Study (Youth Rm./Rm. 112)
- THURSDAY, JUNE 25** ROMANS 7
10:00 am Prophecy Watch Study (Rm. 106)
12:00 pm Judy Witmer Informal Funeral Service & Dinner (FLC)
6:00 pm Grounded on the Gridiron: Cory Craig, Jr.
- FRIDAY, JUNE 26** ROMANS 8
Church Office Closed
9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)
6:00 pm JH/HS Backyard Bash: Ice Cream & Games (ACC)
6:00 pm Rough Edges Final Fridays Gathering (Virginia, IL)
6:00 pm Grounded on the Gridiron: Cory Craig, Jr.
- SATURDAY, JUNE 27**
- SUNDAY, JUNE 28**
- 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.
6:00 pm CIY Student Pre-trip Meeting (ACC building)



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