

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



June 28, 2026

“However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the gospel of God’s grace.”

Acts 20:24

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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8:00 am Traditional Service

Call to Worship: Psalm 118:1-5

To God Be the Glory #363 (v. 1-3)

Trust and Obey #454 (v. 1-4)

Announcements Video

Prayer Requests & Praises: Ken Gennicks

Take My Life and Let It Be #458 (v. 1-4)

Acts of Worship: Sharon Wendler & Elynor Nance

Sermon: Shane Baker

“People of the Bible - The Life of Asa”
(2 Chronicles 14-16)

Invitation Hymn:

I Surrender All #408 (v. 1, 4)

Communion & Offering Hymn:

Calvary Covers It All #250 (v. 1, 4)

Communion & Offering Meditation: Cory Craig, Jr.

Quietly move to Communion & Offering
tables before exiting.

9:15 & 10:30 am Worship Services

I Know a Name

Who Else

Shout to the Lord

Announcements Video

Prayer Requests & Praises: Ken Gennicks

Acts of Worship: Angie Fritz

Sermon: Shane Baker

“People of the Bible - The Life of Asa”
(2 Chronicles 14-16)

Lord I Need You

Amazing Grace

Communion & Offering Meditation: Cory Craig, Jr.

Quietly move to Communion & Offering
tables before exiting.

AM Sermon Notes

“People of the Bible - The Life of Asa”

(2 Chronicles 14-16)

INTRODUCTION

Our Bible studies throughout 2026 are continuing to focus on “People of the Bible.” Lessons from their lives help us give our lives to 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 king in the Old Testament named Asa. We’ll study how he started and how he finished and see what lessons we can learn from Asa’s life.

Bible Study

I. _____ (14:11)

I. _____ (15:2)

I. _____ (16:9)

Application

As you enter life’s _____, trust _____
rather than your own _____.

Spiritual growth comes from _____
pursuit of Jesus while removing anything that
_____ for our devotion.

Don’t let up before the _____ line, _____
harder.

CONCLUSION

However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the gospel of God’s grace.
Acts 20:24

Prayer Requests

At Memorial: Karla Daubs

At St. John’s: Hayes Johnson

At St. Louis: Landin Evans (Terry/Deb Claypool’s grandson/surgery 26th), David Scherpensky (Angie Fritz’s friend/ICU)

Tests: 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, Jim Kennett (chemo/radiation), Wimer/Darlene Kern, Andrea Gladden, Elijah/Bodie Budke (Meagan’s sons/July 1), Jeff Lopian, Sr. (chemo/radiation), Barb Snow’s friends, Raymond Poe, Jerry Talkington, Donna Sandidge, Charlie Good

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, Jae Russell’s dad, Joe DeRosa (failing health), Scott Mossman

Touched by death: Greg Huckabay family (Sara McDaniel’s uncle)

Transitions: Dick & Elaine Bachman/Steve Gutierrez/Louie Murray/Charles “Butch” Mester/Joann Kirchgesner/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), John Dee (Geri Bell’s dad/ Springfield Suites), Chris McIntyre (Lincoln Recovery/ Raymond), Earl (Sue) Furlong

South Korea Mission: Jeslyn Roat/till July 2

DR: Lindsey Norvell/July 10-19

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

Capital Stewardship Campaign: EXCEL (2026-2028)

Our missionaries/military/terrorism/nation

Each other/unspoken needs

112 students & leaders are heading to Lincoln, Nebraska, July 6-10 for a life-changing week at the CHRIST IN YOUTH CONFERENCE!

Here's how you can support and participate:

BECOME A PRAYER PARTNER FOR ONE OF THE 112:

1. Sign up in the lobby to choose a student you would like to pray for & sign the clipboard with your name and phone number.
2. Take the student's envelope.
3. Return the prayer card and 3 snack items by July 5 during the prayer night at 4pm or drop off items to the church office on or before July 1: *office is open Mon-Thurs 8am-4:30pm*

Suggested things for Prayer Partners to do:

- Pray for your student by name each day of the trip and before if possible.
- Use the student's list of favorites to put together a snack bag they can take on their trip.
- Attend the prayer meeting on Sunday, July 5, at 4pm to meet your student, give them a snack bag, prayer note, and word of encouragement.
- Attend the CIY Report Night & Ice Cream Social on Sunday, July 12, at 6pm.
- Any questions? Can't attend something but want to get snack bag/prayer note turned in? Please contact Evan Noggle (217)415-5644!

HELP COVER THE COST OF 2 CHARTER BUSES: Amount still needed: 2,195

HELP SPREAD THE WORD! Two student spots remain and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Interested students should contact Evan or one of the other ministers as soon as possible.

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

Passion 2026 REGISTRATION OPEN!

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

wednesday night
CONNECTION
 ATHENS CHRISTIAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 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.L.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.L.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

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 Acts 20:24, "However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the gospel of God's grace." What can you do differently in your life to make sure you finish well?
2. Why do you think it was so easy for Asa in the beginning to trust God? When do you find it most difficult to trust God?
3. Asa did a good job of seeking God and seeking to please God. How are you seeking God and seeking to please Him with your life right now?
4. Asa did not finish well. What changed at the end of his life? Where did he put his trust? How did that work for him?
5. What battles are you entering/facing and how can you trust God with those battles?
6. How are you intentionally pursuing Jesus, and what do you need to remove from your life that could help you pursue Him?
7. How can you finish well?
8. I will apply today's Bible study by:

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

Today & This Week

- 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:
 •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
 6:00 pm CIY Student Pre-trip Meeting (ACC building)
- MONDAY, JUNE 29** ROMANS 9
 9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)
 6:00 pm Grounded on the Gridiron: Cory Craig, Jr.
- TUESDAY, JUNE 30** ROMANS 10
 8:00 am Men's Bible Study (Rm. 223)
 6:00 pm Grounded on the Gridiron: Cory Craig, Jr.
- WEDNESDAY, JULY 1** ROMANS 11
 9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)
 1:30 pm CIFB Drive Thru Food Distribution (ACC parking lot)
 6:00 pm Worship Team & Choir Practice (WC)
 6:00 pm Grounded on the Gridiron: Cory Craig, Jr.
 7:00 pm High School Summer Study (Youth Rm./Rm. 112)
- THURSDAY, JULY 2** ROMANS 12
 Church Office Closed
- FRIDAY, JULY 3** ROMANS 13
 Church Office Closed
 9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)

SATURDAY, JULY 4
Happy Independence Day!

SUNDAY, JULY 5 - Red, White, & Blue Sunday
Salute to our Military & Veterans!

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.
 4:00 pm CIY Prayer Night

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