

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



..... June 7, 2026

"Whatever you do, work at it
with all your heart, as
working for the Lord, not for
men . . . it is the Lord Christ
you are serving."

Colossians 3:23-24

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 116:16-19

Revive Us Again #574 (v. 1-4)

Victory in Jesus #82 (v. 1-3)

Announcements Video

Lorna Baker:

Jaelyn Lasley, Children's Ministry Intern, Farewell

Prayer Requests & Praises: Ken Gennicks

Make Me a Blessing #473 (v. 1-3)

Acts of Worship: Gospel Quartet

Sermon: Ken Gennicks

"People of the Bible:
'Daniel, How to Excel'"

(Daniel 1-6; Romans 15:4; I Corinthians 10:11)

Invitation Hymn:

Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult #399 (v. 1, 4)

Communion & Offering Hymn:

I Believe in a Hill Called Mount Calvary #270 (v. 1-2)

Communion & Offering Meditation: Ken Gennicks

Quietly move to Communion & Offering
tables before exiting.

9:15, 10:30 am Worship Services

Glorious Day

King of Kings

Gratitude

Announcements Video

Prayer Requests & Praises: Ken Gennicks

Jaelyn Lasley, Children's Ministry Intern

Farewell Video

Sermon: Ken Gennicks

"People of the Bible:
'Daniel, How to Excel'"

(Daniel 1-6; Romans 15:4; I Corinthians 10:11)

The Blood

Living Hope

Communion & Offering Meditation: Ken Gennicks

Quietly move to Communion & Offering
tables before exiting.

AM Sermon Notes

"People of the Bible:

'Daniel, How to Excel'"

(Daniel 1-6; Romans 15:4; I Corinthians 10:11)

INTRODUCTION

Our Bible study is from *People of the Bible* because "these things happened...and were written...for us (I Cor. 10:11) to give us endurance, encouragement and hope" (Rom. 15:4). A study of Daniel's life inspires us to excel and also shows us how:

- I. People who excel _____
_____ (6:3; Col. 3:23)
- II. People who excel _____
_____ (1:5, 8; Eccl. 10:10)
- III. People who excel _____
(6:6-7, 9-10, 13; Pr. 20:6)
 - A. Vow to _____
(2 Pet. 3:14)
 - B. Vow to _____
_____ (Heb. 12:14-15)
 - C. Vow to _____ and _____
(Heb. 4:11)
 - D. Vow to be an _____ (Rom. 14:19)
 - E. Vow to be a _____ (Eph. 5:4)
 - F. Vow to _____
(2 Pet. 1:5-8)
- IV. People who excel _____ a _____
_____ (6:16-28; Phil. 4:14f)
- V. People who excel _____
_____ (2:5f; Mt. 5:41)

CONCLUSION

As Daniel excelled for God, we pray for you to do so now:

1. May God's blessing of _____ joy satisfy
your _____ (Neh. 8:1)
2. May His blessing of _____ your
_____ (Jn. 16:33)
3. May His blessing of love refresh your spirit (I John 3:1)
"For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we have hope" (Rom. 15:4). Jesus excelled all the way to the cross! "Try to excel in gifts that build up the church" (I Cor. 14:12), by His grace, for His glory!

Prayer Requests

At Memorial: Damien Billeck (ICU/Barbi Gimondo's friend)

At St. John's: Linda Beeman, Hayes Johnson

At St. Louis hospital: Landin Evans (Terry/Deb Claypool's grandson)

Tests: Joe DeRosa, Karla Daubs (chemo), Bob Folkerts (radiation), Tammy Garner, Dave 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/adrenoids/tubes/July 1), Jeff Lopian, Sr. (chemo), Milt Weatherell (Barb Snow's friend), Raymond Poe (Joyce Barregarye's brother)

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, Brad Ferrill, Jerry Purcell, Alan/Marla Justice's grandson, Janice Bollman

Touched by death: Ron JeanBlanc family

Transitions: 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), Jordan Barnes, Tanner Hull (Basic/Brittanie Basso's son), Dawn Hamblin (Gateway), Dianne Buch (Dave's sis-in-law/Parkinson's surgery), Carter/Renetta Logue/4 children (housefire), Paula Grigsby's mom (hospice)

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: all this week, 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](https://www.facebook.com/monroechurchplant)

Capital Stewardship Campaign: EXCEL (2026-2028)

Our missionaries/military/terrorism/nation

Each other/unspoken needs

VBS BEGINS TOMORROW NIGHT FOR ALL AGES!

JUNE 8-12, 6-8 PM!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SURPRISE PARTY!

4 YEARS - GRADE 6

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

SUMMER FUN NIGHTS GRADE 7 - 12



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

VBS ADULT CLASS, FIRM FOUNDATIONS

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



Farewell Reception for Jaelyn Lasley
Today following the 10:30 service in the Family Life Center

We will have desserts and a special prayer time over Jaelyn. A love offering envelope was also included in today's bulletin if you wish to leave a love offering toward Jaelyn's Bible college expenses at Ozark Christian College.

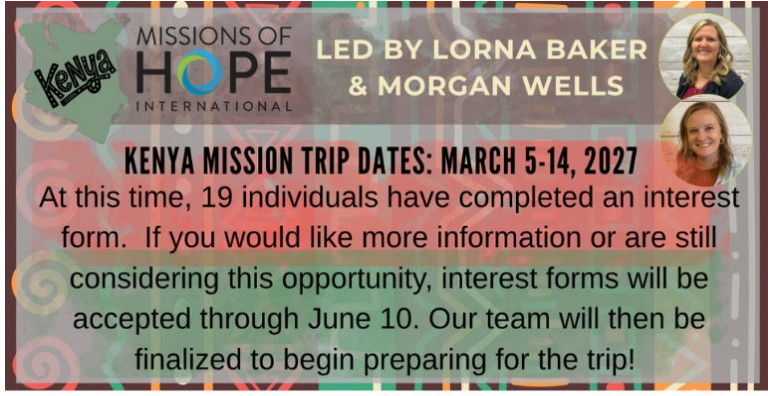
Hugs and prayers



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: 1,475
LEFT TO RAISE: 11,395

SCAN TO GIVE!



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!



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.

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!

- Wonderful World of Color: July 27-31
- What's Cooking: August 3-7
- Mission: Wisdom: August 10-14

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

Contact: Tsoetsy Harris
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Father's Day at ACC Celebrating Faith & Family
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

Applying Today's Sermon to Your Life

- Today's Bible study is about a wonderful young man in the Bible named Daniel. In spite of hardships and unfairness, Daniel's life inspires us to excel in all we do, bringing glory to the Lord! Read Daniel, chapters 1-6. Our Verse-of-the-Week is Colossians 3:23-24, "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men . . . it is the Lord Christ you are serving." Why would Daniel have loved these verses so much?
- Commit the names of the 39 Old Testament books to memory this week. Note these five categories to help you remember them, using 5-12-5-5-12:
...5 Books of Moses, or Books of Law, or Pentateuch
...12 Books of History,
...5 Books of Poetry, or Wisdom,
...5 Books of Major Prophets, and,
...12 Books of Minor Prophets, totaling 39!
- Romans 15:4, in the New Testament, speaks of the Old Testament, saying, *For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.* What specific values to the Christian are surfaced in today's Bible study?
- I Corinthians 10:11, in the New Testament, speaks of Old Testament events, saying, *These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us.* How are you inspired by today's examples and warnings?
- Today's Bible study is about a young man who lived a rare, exemplary life for God in the middle of a godless culture, even by biblical standards. Read Daniel 1-6 again and tell Daniel's life story in your own words.
- What other Bible heroes surface in Daniel 1-6? What bad examples are there?
- Read about Daniel's "prayer group" in 2:16-19. Describe your prayer group.
 - How does your faith and action compare with Daniel (6:3-13)? Explain.
 - How does the betrayal and framing of Daniel remind us of Jesus' similar experience? Will you follow their example when betrayed or hurt? Why?
- Our Bible study today proves that a life for God does not mean a life of ease. Why is this true? Read and explain 2 Timothy 3:12. Commit this verse to memory this week!
- In light of today's Bible study, I will:

Today & This Week

- 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:
•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 Farewell Reception for Jaelyn Lasley (FLC)
12:30 pm VBS Workday
- MONDAY, JUNE 8** ACTS 22
9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)
6:00 pm Vacation Bible School for All Ages
- TUESDAY, JUNE 9** ACTS 23
8:00 am Men's Bible Study (Rm. 223)
6:00 pm Vacation Bible School for All Ages
- WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10** ACTS 24
9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)
6:00 pm Vacation Bible School for All Ages
- THURSDAY, JUNE 11** ACTS 25
10:00 am Prophecy Watch Study (Rm. 106)
6:00 pm Vacation Bible School for All Ages
- FRIDAY, JUNE 12** ACTS 26
Church Office Closed
9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)
6:00 pm Vacation Bible School for All Ages
- SATURDAY, JUNE 13**
- 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/Childcare for birth-3yrs.
10:30 am VBS Closing Program (WC)
11:30 am VBS Surprise Party Lunch (FLC/outside)
•Kids C.L.U.B. for K-6th grade/Childcare for birth-4yrs.
4:00 pm Elders' Meeting (Rm. 105)
4:00 pm Missions Meeting (Rm. 203)
5:30 pm Prayer Gathering led by Lorna Baker (WC)

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