

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

July 12, 2026



"But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

Matthew 6:33

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.

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8:00 am Traditional Service

Call to Worship: Psalm 118: 6-9

In My Heart There Rings a Melody #633 (v. 1-3)

My Hope is in the Lord #78 (v. 1-4)

Announcements Video

Prayer Requests & Praises: Ken Gennicks

Sweet, Sweet Spirit #159 (v. 1-3)

Christ in Youth Conference Highlights Video

Sermon: Ken Gennicks

"People of the Bible:

"Solomon as Your Financial Consultant"
(Ecclesiastes 5:10-20)

Invitation Hymn:

Jesus is Calling #434 (v. 1 & 4)

Communion & Offering Hymn:

Nothing but the Blood #266 (v. 1 & 4)

Communion & Offering Meditation: Cory Craig, Jr.

Quietly move to Communion & Offering
tables before exiting.

9:15 & 10:30 am Worship Services

Who Do You Say I Am

The Blessing

Worthy of it All

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Jesus Be the Name

Holy Forever

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AM Sermon Notes

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INTRODUCTION

Our Bible studies are from people of the Bible. *These things happened...and were written...for us* (I Cor. 10:11) *to give us endurance, encouragement and hope* (Rom. 15:4). Let Solomon be your financial consultant in order to avoid

_____ (Pr. 11:24), _____
(Pr. 21:5b), _____ (Pr. 13:18a),
_____ (Pr. 20:13; 32:21b),
_____ (Pr. 23:21a), and _____
(Pr. 28:19), and to recognize:

- I. Five truths on _____ (5:10-17)
 - A. The more we have, the more we _____ (5:10)
 - B. The more we have, the more we _____ (5:11)
 - C. The more we have, the more we _____ (5:12)
 - D. The more we have, the more we _____ (5:13-14)
 - E. The more we have, the more we _____
_____ (5:14-17)
- II. Two profound truths about _____ (5:18-20)
 - A. Our ability to _____ money is a gift from God (5:18)
 - B. Our ability to _____ money is a gift from God (5:19-20)

CONCLUSION

When I focus on the Giver, rather than the gifts, I find the ability to enjoy all things as gifts from God, so:

1. _____ what you got
2. _____ on _____ than you _____
3. _____ all your _____ on time
4. Be _____ to others
5. _____ your way out of _____
6. _____ it all well for the Lord Jesus Christ

True riches are spiritual blessings, not the material things!

Prayer Requests

At St. Louis: David Scherpensky (Angie Fritz's friend)

At Chicago: Hayes Johnson

At Florida hospital: Gary/Peg Biggs' great-granddaughter

Tests: Karla Daubs, Bob Folkerts, Tammy Garner, Linda Hoffman's son, Sue Bishop's sister, Debbie Bolton, Mary Magee, Bree Chandler, Angie Sutheard, Mike Sleight (surgery/30th), Geri Gesling, Nancy Bell, John/Jacqui McDaniel, Debbie Ethell, Albert Beard, Jim Kennett, Wimer/Darlene Kern, Jeff Lopian, Sr. (chemo/radiation), Jerry Talkington, Terry/Deb Claypool's grandson, Linda Caldwell, Tom Rath/Bob Beal (Vickie Freeland's relatives), Pam Beckner (after surgery), Erin Thorson (Jeff Meier's friend)

At home: Darren Stewart, 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, Charlie Ford, Jerry Purcell, Jae Russell's dad, Joe DeRosa (chemo)

Transitions: Elaine Bachman (Villa East), Dick Bachman/Steve Gutierrez/Louie Murray/Charles "Butch" Mester/Joann Kirchgesner/Rosalie Ingram (Villa), Mary Prior (Mason City), Erna Weatherby/Jan Schoenhard/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 (EverVella/White Hall), Laurie Jockisch (Cyndee Blakeman's relative/hospice), Linette Hughes' dad

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](https://www.facebook.com/monroechurchplant)

Capital Stewardship Campaign: EXCEL (2026-2028)

Our missionaries/military/terrorism/nation

Each other/unspoken needs

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

Men of All Ages Are Invited to the
1613 Mens Conference
This Friday & Saturday, July 17 & 18
at Athens Christian Church

JOHN LOVELL BRIAN DAWKINS ANTHONY MUNIZ
PASTOR JOBY MARTIN NICK FREITAS MATT EVERSMANN
BRAD GEARY JEFF TIEGS KRIS PARONTO

AGENDA	
FRIDAY, JULY 17	SATURDAY, JULY 18
5:00PM- DOORS OPEN	7:00AM DOORS OPEN, REFRESHMENTS
6:00-9:00PM CONFERENCE & MUSIC	8:00-11:45AM CONFERENCE & MUSIC LIVESTREAM IN WORSHIP CENTER
LIVESTREAM IN WORSHIP CENTER	11:45-1:15PM LUNCH BREAK, FLC (MEAL-PULLED PORK, BEANS, CHIPS, ETC. WATER/SODA)
MEAL: SANDWICH, CHIPS, APPLE, COOKIES, WATER	1:15-5:00PM CONFERENCE LIVESTREAM RESUMES
	5:00-6:00PM RECAP AND PRAYER

Attend both Friday and Saturday, or join us for just one day—whatever fits your schedule! Feel free to come and go as needed. Registration will also be available at the door, so it's easy to participate whenever you can.

Questions, contact Darin Fritz

Christ In Youth Report & Ice cream Social

Tonight at 6:00 pm

following the Prayer Gathering

HEAR FROM STUDENTS WHO ATTENDED CIY & JOIN US FOR ICE CREAM AFTER



MOVE BEYOND

HIGH SCHOOL ONLY (9TH-12TH GRADE)!

JULY 15, 27 & AUGUST 12

6:30-8:00 PM

MOVE BEYOND WHAT WE LEARNED AT CIY AND LEARN TO BE KINGDOM WORKERS.

QUICK MESSAGE, GAMES, SMALL GROUP, AND CONNECTION.

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

GLOW MOVIE NIGHT

BACKYARD BASH

OUTDOOR MOVIE & GLOW GAMES

FRIDAY, JULY 31ST

9:00PM - 11:00PM

ATHENS CHRISTIAN CHURCH

SNACKS PROVIDED

BRING A BLANKET OR LAWN CHAIR

7TH-12TH GRADES

wednesday night CONNECTION

SEPTEMBER 2 - NOVEMBER 11

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

7 adult classes 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

WOMEN'S STUDY

YOUNG ADULTS

FIRM FOUNDATIONS

MARRIAGE STUDY

GENERAL BIBLE STUDY

GRIEF SHARE

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

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

Passion 2026

REGISTRATION OPEN!

YOUNG ADULTS (AGES 18-25)

DECEMBER 29-31, 2026

GLOBE LIFE FIELD ARLINGTON, TEXAS

NOV. 12-14, 2026

SAVE THE DATE & JOIN US!

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MISSIONS

ACC has covered the admission cost for anyone from our church family who would like to attend.

America's Center Convention Complex, St. Louis, MO

Applying Today's Sermon to Your Life

- The Old Testament has five books of *wisdom literature*, or *poetry*, including the Books of *Job*, *Psalms*, *Proverbs*, *Ecclesiastes* and *Song of Solomon*. Read Ecclesiastes 5:10-20. What do you learn here to help manage your life well?
- 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*. Today's text reminds us that most of us handle money in some way every day, so it becomes easy to place our trust in it. Search your heart to determine where your trust lies by reading Job 31:34-35, 28b; Proverbs 11:28 and I Timothy 6:17-18.
- If God is the Owner of everything I possess, what does that make me? How does a faithful steward, or manager, handle his/her financial world and possessions so as to honor God? How well are you honoring God in this?
- If I violate biblical principles, what should I expect? Study these warnings:
 - A. Proverbs 11:24, Stinginess D. Proverbs 20:13; 23:21b, Laziness
 - B. Proverbs 21:5b, Hastiness E. Proverbs 23:21a, Indulgence
 - C. Proverbs 28:19, Craftiness F. Proverbs 13:18a, Stubbornness
- Answer True or False:
 - T F I enjoy what I have and I am content.
 - T F I live beyond my means and overextend myself.
 - T F I pay my bills on time.
 - T F I intentionally try to manage all I possess for Christ's glory.
 - T F Everything I have is a temporary gift from God.
 - T F One of my goals is to get out or stay out of debt.

- Our checkbook tells the story of what we truly value in life. What have you really valued most according to your personal financial records? If you were on trial for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?
- Would you give generously, consistently, even sacrificially, to support the work of Christ in this place? Would you start now?
- In light of this Bible study, I will:

Today & This Week

TODAY, SUNDAY, JULY 12
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

4:00 pm Elders' Meeting (Rm. 105)
5:30 pm Prayer Gathering Hosted by CIY Students (Youth Rm.)
6:00 pm CIY Report Night & Ice Cream Social (WC & FLC)

MONDAY, JULY 13 1 CORINTHIANS 3
9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)
1:00 pm "Hello Camp" with Lorna Baker (age 2-5/LSCA/Spfld.)

TUESDAY, JULY 14 1 CORINTHIANS 4
8:00 am Men's Bible Study (Rm. 223)
10:00 am FUSE Summer Camp Staff Training (FLC, Rm. 203)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15 1 CORINTHIANS 5
9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)
6:30 pm "MOVE Beyond" High School Nights (FLC, Youth Rms.)

THURSDAY, JULY 16 1 CORINTHIANS 6
6:00 pm Worship Team Practice (WC)

FRIDAY, JULY 17 1 CORINTHIANS 7
Church Office Closed
9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)
5:00 pm 1613 Men's Conference Livestream (ACC)

SATURDAY, JULY 18
7:00 am 1613 Men's Conference Livestream (ACC)
9:00 am Athens Area Food Pantry Monthly Distribution (Rt. 29)

SUNDAY, JULY 19
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.

3:00 pm Jr. High Week at LSCA with Evan Noggle (Springfield)