



Athens Christian Church
8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 AM
Worship Services
July 19, 2026

"The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance."

2 Peter 3:9

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: 14-17

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty #337 (v. 1-4)

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

Announcements Video

Prayer Requests & Praises: Ken Gennicks

God Will Take Care of You #56 (v. 1-4)

Acts of Worship: Larry Barregarye

Sermon: Shane Baker

"People of the Bible:

Jonah: Do It Right the First Time"

(Jonah 1:1-3; 3:4-10; 4:1-3)

Invitation Hymn:

Precious Lord, Take My Hand #611 (v. 1 & 2)

Communion & Offering Hymn:

Are Ye Able, Said the Master #470 (v. 1 & 3)

Communion & Offering Meditation: Josh Harris

Quietly move to Communion & Offering
tables before exiting.

9:15 & 10:30 am Worship Services

Mighty Name of Jesus

The Lord Will Provide

Oceans

Announcements Video

Prayer Requests & Praises: Ken Gennicks

Acts of Worship: Haley Glick

Sermon: Shane Baker

"People of the Bible:

Jonah: Do It Right the First Time"

(Jonah 1:1-3; 3:4-10; 4:1-3)

I Speak Jesus

I've Witnessed It

Communion & Offering Meditation: Josh Harris

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AM Sermon Notes

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INTRODUCTION

Our Bible studies throughout 2026 are continuing to focus on "People of the Bible" and lessons from their lives that help us live our lives to become more like Jesus. Every Sunday we study and apply God's Word to our own lives. This morning we'll read Jonah's story, focusing on his response to God and what our response to God should be.

Bible Study

I. _____ (1:1-3)

II. _____ (3:4-10)

III. _____ (4:1-3)

Application

1. _____ to you.

2. _____ your _____ from God.

3. _____ be a _____.

CONCLUSION

We often read stories but don't internalize them..., "Oh, that was a guy that lived 1,000's of years ago. Times are different now. God doesn't call me to go tell people to turn to Him.



Before you leave today, please be sure to stop by the lobby to sign the greeting cards for friends and family who are in our prayers.

Prayer Requests

At St. John's: Mary Magee

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

At Chicago: Hayes Johnson

At Florida: Gary/Peg Biggs' great-granddaughter

Tests: Karla Daubs, Bob Folkerts, Tammy Garner, Linda Hoffman's son, Sue Bishop's sister, Debbie Bolton, Bree Chandler, Angie Sutheard, Mike Sleight (surgery/30th), Geri Gesling, Nancy Bell, John/Jacqui McDaniel, Jim Kennett, Wimer/Darlene Kern, Jeff Lopian, Sr., Jerry Talkington, Landin Evans, Linda Caldwell, Vickie Freeland's relatives, Pam Beckner, Jeff Meier's friend, Sue Furlong, Kay Sill, Vincent Ehrich (eye surgery), Drew Peterson (Susan Turner's friend/heart surgery 21st/PA), Noah Sokolis (heart echo 30th)

At home: 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), Mary Buttry (fell)

Touched by death: Sandy Magee family (David's wife)

Transitions: Elaine Bachman (Villa East), Dick Bachman/Steve Gutierrez/Louie Murray/Charles "Butch" Mester/Joann Kirchgessner/Rosalie Ingram (Villa), Mary Prior (Mason City), Erna Weatherby/Jean Schoenhard/Bob Moore (Countryside), Carolyn Cole (Concordia), Marge Ray/Vivian Rankin (Vonderlieth), Chuck VanHuss (Jacksonville), Kevin Kennett (Hillsboro), 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

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



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

JULY 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.



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

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

Registration is now open for the FUSE After School Program at Athens Christian Church for Kindergarten-6th Grade.



Contact Morgan Wells for information:

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NOV. 12-14, 2026 SAVE THE DATE & JOIN US!



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MISSIONS

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

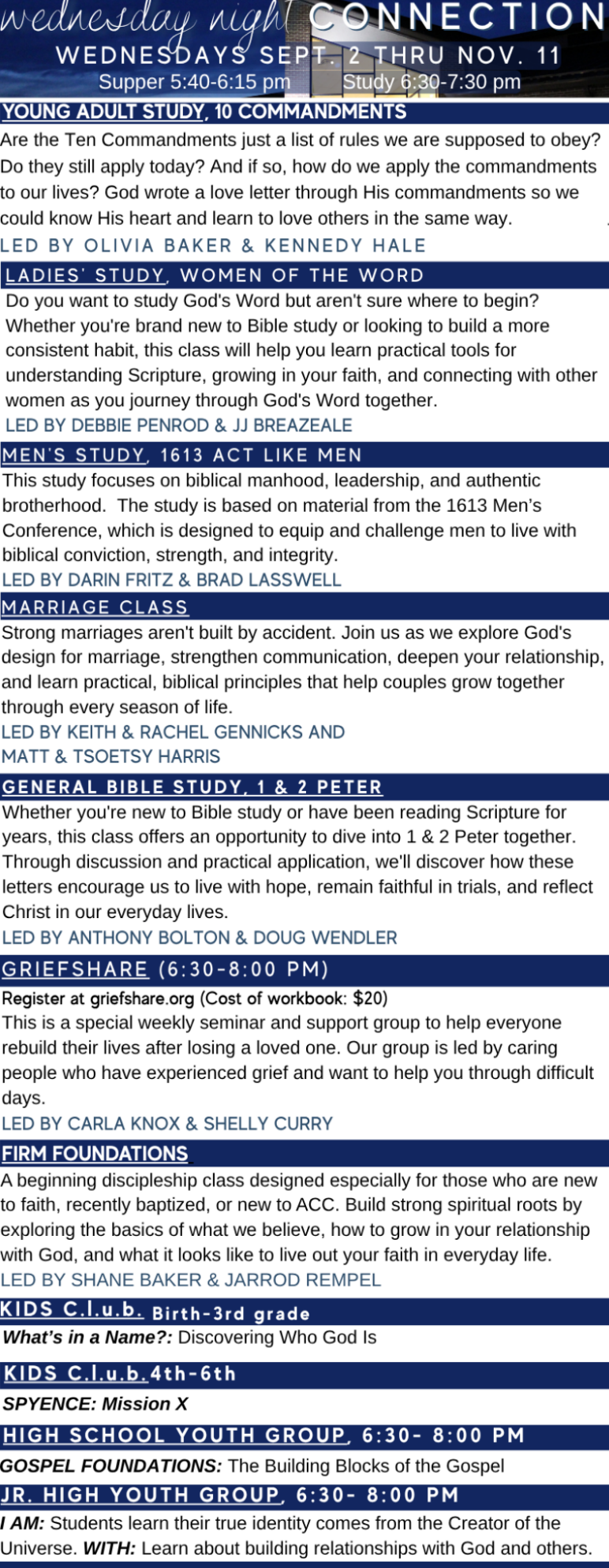
ACC has covered the admission cost for anyone from our church family who would like to attend.



YOUNG ADULTS (AGES 18-25)

DECEMBER 29-31, 2026

GLOBE LIFE FIELD ARLINGTON, TEXAS



WEDNESDAYS SEPT. 2 THRU NOV. 11

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

YOUNG ADULT STUDY, 10 COMMANDMENTS

Are the Ten Commandments just a list of rules we are supposed to obey? Do they still apply today? And if so, how do we apply the commandments to our lives? God wrote a love letter through His commandments so we could know His heart and learn to love others in the same way.

LED BY OLIVIA BAKER & KENNEDY HALE

LADIES' STUDY, WOMEN OF THE WORD

Do you want to study God's Word but aren't sure where to begin? Whether you're brand new to Bible study or looking to build a more consistent habit, this class will help you learn practical tools for understanding Scripture, growing in your faith, and connecting with other women as you journey through God's Word together.

LED BY DEBBIE PENROD & JJ BREAZEALE

MEN'S STUDY, 1613 ACT LIKE MEN

This study focuses on biblical manhood, leadership, and authentic brotherhood. The study is based on material from the 1613 Men's Conference, which is designed to equip and challenge men to live with biblical conviction, strength, and integrity.

LED BY DARIN FRITZ & BRAD LASSWELL

MARRIAGE CLASS

Strong marriages aren't built by accident. Join us as we explore God's design for marriage, strengthen communication, deepen your relationship, and learn practical, biblical principles that help couples grow together through every season of life.

LED BY KEITH & RACHEL GENNICKS AND MATT & TSOETSY HARRIS

GENERAL BIBLE STUDY, 1 & 2 PETER

Whether you're new to Bible study or have been reading Scripture for years, this class offers an opportunity to dive into 1 & 2 Peter together. Through discussion and practical application, we'll discover how these letters encourage us to live with hope, remain faithful in trials, and reflect Christ in our everyday lives.

LED BY ANTHONY BOLTON & DOUG WENDLER

GRIEFSHARE (6:30-8:00 PM)

Register at griefshare.org (Cost of workbook: \$20)

This is a special weekly seminar and support group to help everyone rebuild their lives after losing a loved one. Our group is led by caring people who have experienced grief and want to help you through difficult days.

LED BY CARLA KNOX & SHELLY CURRY

FIRM FOUNDATIONS

A beginning discipleship class designed especially for those who are new to faith, recently baptized, or new to ACC. Build strong spiritual roots by exploring the basics of what we believe, how to grow in your relationship with God, and what it looks like to live out your faith in everyday life.

LED BY SHANE BAKER & JARROD REMPEL

KIDS C.I.U.B. Birth-3rd grade

What's in a Name?: Discovering Who God Is

KIDS C.I.U.B. 4th-6th

SPYENCE: Mission X

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP, 6:30- 8:00 PM

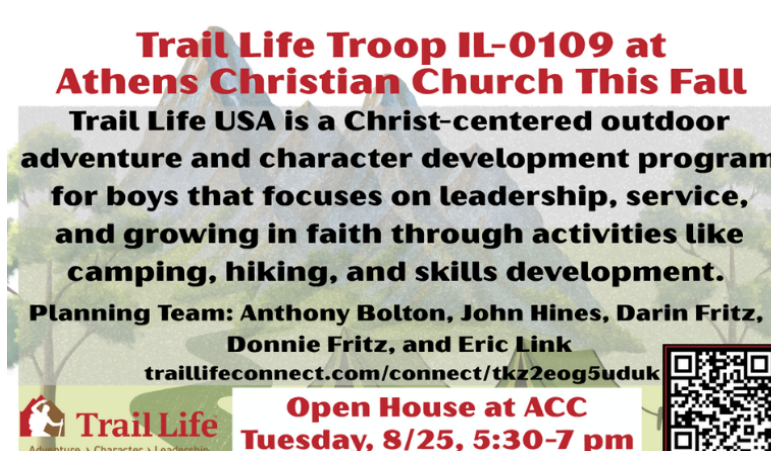
GOSPEL FOUNDATIONS: The Building Blocks of the Gospel

JR. HIGH YOUTH GROUP, 6:30- 8:00 PM

I AM: Students learn their true identity comes from the Creator of the Universe. **WITH:** Learn about building relationships with God and others.

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 2 Peter 3:9: *"The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance."* Is there anyone you wish God would withhold repentance from? Ask God to change your heart and pray for that person.
- Recall a time when you ran in the opposite direction of where God wanted you to go. Did you turn around or are you still running from God in this area?
- From whom are you withholding God's love?
- What excuses have you given God for not sharing your faith? Read 1 Peter 3:15.
- Tell someone the story about how Jesus "ran" to you and saved you.
- Have you been forgiven of your sins through Jesus? If so, thank Him for the riches you will experience because of what He did on your behalf.
- Resolve to be different than Jonah in the area of sharing your faith. Run towards God instead of away from Him!
- I will apply today's Bible study by:



Today & This Week

TODAY, 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:

- 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

3:00 pm LSCA Jr. High Week with Evan Noggle & Tsoetsy Harris through Friday (Chatham)

MONDAY, JULY 20 1 CORINTHIANS 8

9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)

6:00 pm Athens Area Food Pantry Monthly Distribution (Rt. 29)

TUESDAY, JULY 21 1 CORINTHIANS 9

8:00 am Men's Bible Study (Rm. 223)

7:00 pm Community Prayer & Worship (Athens Community Park)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22 1 CORINTHIANS 10

9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)

5:45 pm Worship Team Practice (WC)

7:00 pm Worship Workshop (FLC, WC)

THURSDAY, JULY 23 1 CORINTHIANS 11

10:00 am Prophecy Watch Study (Rm. 106)

FRIDAY, JULY 24 1 CORINTHIANS 12

Church Office Closed

9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)

3:00 pm Little Galilee 3rd & 4th Grade Camp with Lorna Baker & Tsoetsy Harris through Saturday (Clinton)

SATURDAY, JULY 25

Little Galilee 3rd & 4th Grade Camp with Lorna & Tsoetsy through Saturday (Clinton)

8:00 am Trail Life Training (Rm. 112)

SUNDAY, JULY 26

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.