



Athens Christian Church
8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 AM
Worship Services
July 26, 2026

"If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love."

John 15:10

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 118:19-24

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation #557 (v. 1-4)

Come, Thou Almighty King #341 (v. 1-4)

Announcements Video

Prayer Requests & Praises: Ken Gennicks

O God, Our Help in Ages Past #370 (v. 1-4)

Acts of Worship: Russ Witmer

Sermon: Shane Baker
"People of the Bible - Ehud"
(Judges 3:12-30)

Invitation Hymn:
The Savior Is Waiting #435 (v. 1 & 2)

Communion & Offering Hymn:
There's Room at the Cross #645 (v. 1 & 3)

Communion & Offering Meditation: Nicholas McDaniel
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

Acts of Worship
Sermon: Shane Baker
"People of the Bible - Ehud"
(Judges 3:12-30)

The Blood

Living Hope

Communion & Offering Meditation: Nicholas McDaniel
Quietly move to Communion & Offering tables before exiting.

AM Sermon Notes
"People of the Bible - Ehud"
(Judges 3:12-30)

INTRODUCTION

Our Bible studies throughout 2026 are continuing to focus on "People of the Bible". Lessons from their lives 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 look at the story of Ehud. A story that reminds us about the importance of obedience to God.

Bible Study

- I. _____ leads to _____ (vs 12-14)
- II. God _____ a _____ (vs. 15-20)
- III. Ehud _____ God (vs. 21-26)
- IV. _____ leads to _____ (vs. 27-30)

Application

1. Your _____ leads to _____.
2. Your _____ does not _____ your _____.
3. _____ has set you _____ to _____.

CONCLUSION

We compare, have a pity party, and think more highly of ourselves than we ought. We are overthinking it. Let's chase after Jesus in obedience and follow where He leads!

Prayer Requests

At St. Louis: David Scherpensky (Angie Fritz's friend), Josh/Reese Turner (Gerry's cousins), Brenda Troesch (Valerie Woodrum's mom/liver transplant)

At Chicago: Hayes Johnson

At Florida hospital: John Dirks (Kevin Fawn's friend)

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 (Barnes/31st) Kern, Jeff Lopian, Sr., Jerry Talkington, Linda Caldwell, Vickie Freeland's relatives, Jeff Meier's friend, Sue Furlong, Kay Sill, Vincent Ehrich, Noah Sokolis (echo/30th), Jerry Basso, Mary Buttry (wrist), Jamie Roemer (Aug. 7), Brenda Troesch (needs transplant), Dave Irwin (eye surgery/St. Louis), Rose Branham (Jessica Tobias' mom/hip surgery)

At home: Jill Cleer (Arcadia), Rena Hiatt, Dave Primm, Marvin Vance, Terry Wunderle, Nancy Nale's mom, Tom/Ruth Novy, Kevin/Carrie Lee/Colton Ingham, Dawn Medley, Jackie Hines' nephews/brother, Nancy Rudolph, Charlie Ford, Jerry Purcell, Jae Russell's dad, Joe DeRosa (chemo), Don Randle (after surgery), Mary Magee, Geri Bell's dad

Touched by death: Elaine Bachman family, Pamela O'Neill's family (brother passed away)

Transitions: 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), Chris McIntyre (Lincoln Recovery), Earl (Sue) Furlong (EverVella/White Hall), Laurie Jockisch (Cyndee Blakeman's relative), Linette Hughes' dad

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



MOVE BEYOND

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.



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

YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY

AUGUST 2, ALL THREE SERVICES

PREACHING



CORY CRAIG JR.
ZACK EDWARDS
JOSH HARRIS
NICHOLAS MCDANIEL
GRANT PURCHIS



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

JOIN US AT CANTRALL PARK

FOR MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT

Tuesday August 18 5:30-7:00pm

All families with children in CES & CIS welcome!



MEET OUR STAFF, LEARN ABOUT FUSE,
AND ENJOY FREE WALKING TACOS!



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. ROOTED
GriefShare birth-6th grade Jr./Sr. High
(6:30-8:00) (6:30-8:00)

Please mark your calendar and plan to join us!

ADULT STUDIES

MEN'S STUDY
LED BY DARIN FRITZ & BRAD LASSWELL

WOMEN'S STUDY
LED BY DEBBIE PENROD & JJ BREAZEALE

YOUNG ADULTS
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
LED BY ANTHONY BOLTON & DOUG WENDLER

GRIEF SHARE
LED BY CARLA KNOX & SHELLY CURRY

SR HIGH

GOSPEL FOUNDATIONS : The Building Blocks of the Gospel

JR HIGH

STUDENTS LEARN THEIR TRUE IDENTITY
COMES FROM THE CREATOR OF THE
UNIVERSE

WITH LEARN ABOUT BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS
WITH GOD AND OTHERS.

ACC Kids C.I.U.B.

1ST-3RD GRADE 4TH-6TH GRADE

WHAT'S IN A NAME?
DISCOVERING WHO GOD IS
11 WEEKS - 11 NAMES - 1 AMAZING GOD!

SPYENCE





FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES

IN ATHENS, ILLINOIS

FCA has a charter organization in Athens JR/SR High School that meet together before school to study the Bible and share Jesus with their friends!

For more information, reach out to Evan Noggle (217) 415-5644 or the group's leader, Mr. Butler, at Athens High.



- ## 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 John 15:10: "If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love." In what ways do you need to become more obedient to Jesus?
 - Why do you think the Israelites continued to disobey God even though He remained faithful to them?
 - List the first 4 judges in Judges 3 & 4. How are they alike/different, and how did God use them to deliver His people?
 - How can we say Ehud obeyed God when he killed a king?
 - Why is it important for us to obey God?
 - In what areas of your life are you in bondage because of your disobedience to God?
 - Have you ever allowed your situation in life to be an excuse for what God can or can't do in your life?
 - I will apply today's Bible study by:



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MISSIONS

November 12-14, 2026
America's Center
Convention Complex
St. Louis, MO

SAVE THE DATE & JOIN US!

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



Passion 2026

REGISTRATION OPEN!



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

Today & This Week

TODAY, 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:

- 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 ROOTED Sunday School Meeting (Rm. 112)

MONDAY, JULY 27 1 CORINTHIANS 13

9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)
9:00 am Public Visitation for Elaine Bachman at ACC
10:30 am Elaine Bachman Funeral/Burial at Camp Butler/
Dinner at ACC to follow

TUESDAY, JULY 28 1 CORINTHIANS 14

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29 1 CORINTHIANS 15

9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)
6:30 pm High School MOVE Beyond (Rms. 112/Youth /FLC)

THURSDAY, JULY 30 1 CORINTHIANS 16

6:00 pm Worship Team Practice (WC)

FRIDAY, JULY 31 2 CORINTHIANS 1

Church Office Closed

9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)
6:00 pm Rough Edges Final Friday Gatherings (Virginia, IL)
9:00 pm Jr. High/High School Backyard Bash: Movie Glow
Night (outside at ACC)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

5:00 pm Set Up for Summer Connection (FLC/kitchen)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2 - YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY

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.

11:30 am Summer Connection at ACC

FUSE Summer Camp - Monday - Friday - 7:30 am - 5:30 pm