

Athen's Christian Church

8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 AM

Worship Services

AUGUST 16, 2026

"My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me."

JOHN 6:40

VERSE of the WEEK

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 128:1-4

Rise Up, O Men of God #398 (v. 1-4)

Give of Your Best to the Master #516 (v. 1-3)

Announcements Video

Prayer Requests & Praises: Ken Gennicks

Prayer for Back to School & After School:
Lorna Baker, Evan Noggle, Morgan Wells

I Love to Tell the Story #619 (v. 1-3)

Video: FUSE Summer Camp Highlights

Sermon: Shane Baker

"People of the Bible: Bartimaeus"
(Mark 10:46-52)

Invitation Hymn:
Reach Out to Jesus #430 (v. 1 & 2)

Communion & Offering Hymn:
The Old Rugged Cross #256 (v. 1 & 4)

Communion & Offering Meditation: Shane Baker

Quietly move to Communion & Offering
tables before exiting.

9:15 & 10:30 am Worship Services

Battle Belongs

Make Room

Build My Life

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Lord I Need You

Heart of Worship

Communion & Offering Meditation: Shane Baker

Quietly move to Communion & Offering
tables before exiting.

AM Sermon Notes

"People of the Bible:
Bartimaeus"
(Mark 10:46-52)

INTRODUCTION

Our Bible studies throughout 2026 are continuing to focus on "People of the Bible" and lessons from their lives that help us live more like Jesus. Every Sunday we study and apply God's Word to our own lives. This morning we'll look at a man named Bartimaeus as he tunes out distractions to focus on what really mattered most.

Bible Study

I. The voice of _____ (vs 46-47)

II. The voice of _____ (vs. 48)

III. THE voice of _____ (vs. 49-52)

Application

Tune out _____ to _____ on
what matters _____.

CONCLUSION

"An idol is whatever gets your yes consistently, when God gets your later....A rhythm of repeated rejection of the invitations of God results in the eventual erosion of a Christ-centered life." - Tauren Wells

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



Prayer Requests

At Memorial: Mike Sleight, Kenny Mayes, Terry Moore
(Bobbie Jo Hill's dad)

At St. John's: (Monica) Sue Furlong, Mary Magee (ICU)

At Lincoln Hospital: Bob Moore (Dee Clark's dad)

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

At Chicago: Hayes Johnson, Drew Hawk (Ryan/Amy Knox's
jr. high friend)

Tests: Bonnie Russell, John Hines (knee), Karla Daubs, Bob
Folkerts, Tammy Garner, Sue Bishop's sister, Debbie Bolton,
Bree Chandler, Angie Sutheard, Geri Gesling, Nancy Bell,
John/Jacqui McDaniel, Jim Kennett, Wimer/Darlene Kern,
Jeff Lopian, Sr., Jerry Talkington, Linda Caldwell, Vickie
Freeland's relatives, Kay Sill, Vincent Ehrich, Noah Sokolis,
Jerry Basso, Jamie Roemer, Dave Irwin, Todd Snow's friend,
Lisa Pusch's granddaughter (expecting/Sept. 26), Cathy Britz
(Rob Sokolis' mom/knee/17th), Steve Snow (surgery/Sept. 22),
Vincent Johnson (Ron Ferricks' grandson), Tracy Kennett,
Albert Beard, Joe DeRosa, Bruce Kennett, Shelly Roat
(surgery/Sept. 14), Jackie Hines' relatives, June Cerar, Bill
Basso (surgery/Sept. 11)

At home: Rena Hiatt, Dave Primm, Marvin Vance, Terry
Wunderle, Nancy Nale's mom, Tom/Ruth Novy, Kevin/Carrie
Lee/Colton Ingham, Dawn Medley, Nancy Rudolph, Charlie
Ford, Jerry Purcell, Jae Russell's dad, Jill Cleer (Arcadia),
Keith Wilson, Joyce Cary (family health), Jack Brown, Chris
McIntyre, Heidi Foulk, Brenda Troesch (Valerie Woodrum's
mom), Angela Fernandez, Jamie Thomas, Diane McCormick

Touched by death: Mary Ann Gellerman family, Ivory Brogdon
family, Andy Maxson family (John's brother)

Transitions: Dick Bachman/Steve Gutierrez/Louie Murray/
Charles "Butch" Mester/Joann Kirchgesner/Rosalie Ingram
(Villa), Mary Prior (Mason City), Erna Weatherby/Jan
Schoenhard (Countryside), Carolyn Cole (Concordia), Marge
Ray/Vivian Rankin (Vonderlieth), Chuck VanHuss
(Jacksonville), Kevin Kennett (Hillsboro), Earl Furlong
(EverVella/White Hall), Laurie Jockisch (Cyndee Blakeman's
relative), Lester Crawford (Linette Hughes' dad/Cooper
Creek/Litchfield), Timmy Young (Vickie Freeland's friend/
hospice), Stephen Briggs (Kuwait Sept. 8/one year), Andrew
Briggs (addiction)

International Conference on Missions: Nov. 12-14/St. Louis

Passion Conference: Dec. 29-31/TX/Ages 18-25

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

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!



MISSIONS OF HOPE INTERNATIONAL
LED BY LORNA BAKER & MORGAN WELLS

Informational Meeting - Sun., August 23, 3:00-5:00 pm
Shane and Lorna Bakers' House
(13364 Hickory Road Athens)

Join us for a time of fellowship, information,
prayer, food and planning.

Please RSVP if you're able to attend so we can plan for food to
lorna@athenschristian.net or morgan@athenschristian.net

KENYA MISSION TRIP DATES: MARCH 5-14, 2027

Trail Life Troop IL-0109 at Athens Christian Church this Fall

Open House at
Athens Christian
Church

Tuesday, August 25
5:30-7:00pm
For boys ages 5 to 11

A Christ-centered
program for boys
focusing on leadership,
service, & growing in
faith through activities
like camping, hiking,
& skills development.

www.traillifeconnect.com/connect/tkz2eog5uduk



Contact:
Anthony Bolton
309-221-2994



5TH QUARTER

AT ACC AFTER THESE
FRIDAY NIGHT HOME GAMES:

August 28, September 11,
October 2, October 16

7th -12th grade 9:30-11:30 PM

Join us for Food, Fun, and Fellowship!

WELCOME BABY

SUNDAY
AUGUST 30

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

ATHENS CHRISTIAN CHURCH
FAMILY LIFE CENTER

HOSTED BY
FRIENDS

PLEASE RSVP TO
Sarah Rempel
217-671-2448



REGISTERED AT:
<https://my.babylist.com/babynoggle>
and
TARGET

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A
BABY
shower
FOR
Evan and Emma
~Noggle~



WEDNESDAY NIGHT CONNECTION

Wednesdays, Sept. 2 thru Nov. 11

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

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 & 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

GRIEF SHARE (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

FIRM FOUNDATIONS

Ready to grow deeper in your faith? 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 L U B BIRTH-3RD GRADE

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

KIDS C L 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

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 John 15:10: *"My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me."* Are you hearing and obeying the voice of THE Savior?
2. Bartimaeus could not make his way to Jesus on his own because he was blind. What is stopping you from making your way to Jesus?
3. What distractions are you letting keep you from following and obeying Jesus?
4. Has Jesus delivered you from your sin? If not, why not?
5. What idol is getting your yes consistently while God gets your later?
6. In what ways are you currently rejecting Jesus?
7. I will apply today's Bible study by:

Passion 2026
REGISTRATION OPEN!

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



ATHENS HIGH SCHOOL FFA TUESDAY, SEPT. 8



10:00 AM: PRESENTATION BY ATHENS
FUTURE FARMERS OF
AMERICA

MIKE BUTLER & STUDENT LEADERS



11:00 AM: LUNCH: PIZZA CASSEROLE,
SALAD, DESSERTS

DEVOTION BY TERRY HENRIKSON

Senior Trip THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

LAKE SPRINGFIELD CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY
SENIOR DAY OUT

ENJOY MUSIC, FOOD,
AND MESSAGE BY DON GREEN

- Bus leaving ACC at 8:00am
- Register before 8/30 by signing up in the lobby
- Cost: \$20 / Payment to church office by 8/31



Today & This Week

TODAY, SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

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 (Rms. 112/113/114)

•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

MONDAY, AUGUST 17

2 CORINTHIANS 12

9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18

2 CORINTHIANS 13

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

5:30 pm Meet the Teacher Night with FUSE (Cantrall Park)

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19

GALATIANS 1

9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)

1:30 pm FUSE After School Program Resumes:

(Monday through Friday when school is in session:
FLC, Kids' Wing, and all classrooms east of the
ACC library are restricted areas while the After
School Program is in session.)

6:00 pm Worship Team Practice (WC)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20

GALATIANS 2

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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21

GALATIANS 3

Church Office Closed

9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

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.

2:00 pm Powerlight Christian Music Fest (IL State Fair

3:00 pm Kenya Mission Trip Gathering at the Bakers

(13364 Hickory Rd, Athens)