

ATHENS CHRISTIAN CHURCH
8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 AM
WORSHIP SERVICES

AUGUST 23, 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. Please call on us when we can help:

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8:00 am Traditional Service

Call to Worship: Psalm 125:1-4

How Firm a Foundation #32 (v. 1-4)

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God #118 (v. 1-4)

Announcements Video

Prayer Requests & Praises: Ken Gennicks

Great Is Thy Faithfulness #98 (v. 1-3)

Acts of Worship: Gospel Quartet

Sermon: Ken Gennicks

"People of the Bible:

'Solomon's Wisdom on Personal Money Management'"

(Book of Proverbs)

Invitation Hymn:

Lead Me to Calvary #407 (v. 1 & 4)

Communion & Offering Hymn:

He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought #606 (v. 1 & 3)

Communion & Offering Meditation: Cory Craig, Jr.

Quietly move to Communion & Offering
tables before exiting.

9:15 & 10:30 am Worship Services

Who You Say I Am

Is He Worthy

Who Else

Announcements Video

Prayer Requests & Praises: Ken Gennicks

Acts of Worship:

Nathania Laier & Krista Summers-McCormick

Sermon: Ken Gennicks

"People of the Bible:

'Solomon's Wisdom on Personal Money Management'"

(Book of Proverbs)

Lord I Need You

The Blessing

Communion & Offering Meditation: Cory Craig, Jr.

Quietly move to Communion & Offering
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AM Sermon Notes

"People of the Bible:

'Solomon's Wisdom on Personal Money Management'"

(Book of Proverbs)

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). In the Book of Proverbs, Solomon shares timeless wisdom for personal money management as we ask God for wisdom:

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| 1: | (Pr. 13:11) |
| 2: | (Pr. 14:23) |
| 3: | (Pr. 31:16) |
| 4: | (Pr. 22:7) |
| 5: | (Pr. 3:9) |
| 6: | (Pr. 22:9b) |
| 7: | (Pr. 14:15) |
| 8: | (Pr. 34:4) |
| 9: | (Pr. 11:28) |
| 10: | (Pr. 17:1) |

CONCLUSION

What action steps can I take today to apply all this biblical wisdom about personal money management to my life? Ask God to change four of our common attitudes:

1. Replace "It's _____" with "It's _____" (Ps. 24:1)
2. Replace "You _____ live _____" with "You live _____ by _____" (Pr. 3:6)
3. Replace "_____ what to do" with "I _____ Your _____ for me" (Is. 55:9)
4. Replace "A little _____ will solve my problems" with "I'm _____ for what I have right _____" (Pr. 4:23)

Jesus paid your greatest debt! How do you respond to Him?

Prayer Requests

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

At St. John's: Judy Bryant, Danny Muller (ICU), Bill Woolsey

At Lincoln hospital: Bob Moore (Dee Clark's dad), Monica "Sue" Furlong

At Evansville hospital: Linda Ethell's ISP nephew (accident)

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, Karla Daubs, Bob Folkerts, Tammy Garner, Sue Bishop's sister, Debbie Bolton, Bree Chandler, Angie Sutheard, Geri Gesling, Nancy Bell, John/Jacqui McDaniel, Wimer/Darlene Kern, Jeff Lopian, Sr., Jerry Talkington, Linda Caldwell, Jerry Basso, Todd Snow's friend, Lisa Pusch's granddaughter (expecting/Sept. 26), Steve Snow (surgery/Sept. 22), Vincent Johnson (Ron Ferricks' grandson), Tracy Kennett, Albert Beard, Joe DeRosa, Bruce/Jim Kennett, Shelly Roat (surgery/Sept. 14), Jackie Hines' relatives, June Cerar, Bill Basso (surgery/Sept. 11), Teresa Huston (Brian O'Neill's sister/surgeries), Diane Wagner (Kathy/Mark Becker's neighbor/after surgery)

At home: Rena Hiatt, Dave Primm, Marvin Vance, Terry Wunderle, Nancy Nale's mom, Tom/Ruth Novy, Kevin/Carrie Lee/Colton Ingham, Dawn Medley, 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), Jamie Thomas, Diane McCormick, John Hines, Linda Hoffman (broken wrist), Cathy Britz (after knee surgery), Mary Magee

Touched by death: Dale Harper family (Tracy Mullins' dad)

Transitions: Dick Bachman/Steve Gutierrez/Louie Murray/Charles "Butch" Mester/Joann Kirchgessner/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), Linda Beeman (failing health), Jared Richards (Gateway), Lee Wirth (selling house in Darien, IL), Kenny Mayes (FL rehab)

International Conf. 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**

MISSIONS OF
Kenya 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**

www.traillifeconnect.com/connect/tkz2eog5uduk

**Trail Life**
Adventure > Character > Leadership

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

**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!



**SUNDAY
AUGUST 30**

**11:30 AM - 1:00 PM**

**ATHENS CHRISTIAN CHURCH
FAMILY LIFE CENTER**

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



HOSTED BY
FRIENDS

PLEASE RSVP TO
**Sarah Rempel
217-671-2448**



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

Next Sunday is YOUTH Sunday!

AUGUST 30 - ALL THREE SERVICES

**Michael Givan**

**Jarred Harris**

**Quinton King**

**Colin Smith**

Senior Trip

LAKE SPRINGFIELD CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY SENIOR DAY OUT

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

ENJOY MUSIC, FOOD, & 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**



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?
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? Learn practical tools for understanding Scripture, growing in your faith, and connecting with other women as we journey through God's Word.
LED BY DEBBIE PENROD & JJ BREAZEALE

MEN'S STUDY, 1613 ACT LIKE MEN

Based on material from the 1613 Men's Conference, this study focuses on biblical manhood, leadership, and authentic brotherhood.
LED BY DARIN FRITZ & BRAD LASSWELL

MARRIAGE CLASS

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

Dive into 1 & 2 Peter together through discussion and practical application. 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 led by caring people who have experienced grief and want to help you through difficult days.
LED BY CARLA KNOX & SHELLY CURRY

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 GRADE

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

- The Old Testament has five books of *wisdom, literature, or poetry*, including the Books of *Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes* and *Song of Solomon*. Read through the Book of Proverbs and highlight any verses related to personal financial management. When you look at the verses you've highlighted, what does this tell you?
- 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 Bible study surfaces a dozen verses that guide how we handle money. Read Deuteronomy 8:18. Who gives us the ability to produce wealth? Why are we warned here to remember Who gives this ability?
- Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-11. Charles Spurgeon said, *With some Christians the last part of their nature that ever gets converted is their pocketbooks*. What do you think?
- The conclusion of today's Bible study surfaced four of our common attitudes that God wants to change in us. Read these related Bible verses and pray for change:
A. Psalm 24:1 D. Isaiah 55:9
B. Proverbs 3:6 E. Proverbs 4:23
- Answer True or False:
T F I work hard for what I have, so it's my business alone how I handle it.
T F You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion.
T F I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances.
T F What's mine is mine.
T F I love providing financial support for Christ's cause on earth!
T F A man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.
- Our checkbook tells the story of what we truly value in life. What have you actually valued most according to your personal finances? 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, 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:

- 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
2:00 pm Powerlight Christian Music Fest (IL State Fair)
3:00 pm Kenya Mission Trip Gathering at the Bakers
(13364 Hickory Rd, Athens)

MONDAY, AUGUST 24

9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC) GALATIANS 4

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25

8:00 am Men's Bible Study (Rm. 223) GALATIANS 5
5:30 pm Trail Life Open House (ACC Outside/FLC)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC) GALATIANS 6
5:45 pm Worship Team Practice (WC)
7:00 pm Worship Workshop (FLC/WC)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27

EPHESIANS 1

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28

Church Office Closed EPHESIANS 2
9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)
6:00 pm Rough Edges Final Fridays Gathering (Virginia, IL)
9:30 pm 5th Quarter for Jr. High & High School (ACC)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30 - YOUTH SUNDAY

7:30 am Prayer with the Pastors (WC)
8:00 am Worship Service (nursery birth-2 yrs/3-5 yrs.)
9:15 am Worship Service
9:15 am Sunday School for all Ages/Childcare for birth-3yrs.
10:30 am Worship Service
•Kids C.L.U.B. for K-6th grade/Childcare for birth-4yrs.
11:30 am Baby Shower for Evan & Emma Noggle (FLC)