

VERSE of the WEEK

Athen's Christian Church

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

Worship Services

AUGUST 30, 2026

"And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ."

EPHESIANS 3:17B-18

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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YOUTH SUNDAY

ALL SERVICES

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

Welcome

Living Hope

What a Beautiful Name

Holy Spirit

Announcements Video

Prayer Requests & Praises: Ken Gennicks

Youth Video: Evan Noggle

Sermon: Youth Team
Michael Givan, Quinton King,
Jarred Harris, Colin Smith

"People of the Bible: From Roots to Fruit"
(Matthew 13:1-23)

Death Was Arrested

Reckless Love

Communion & Offering Meditation:
8:00: Jackson Kuhlman
9:15: Brady Drone
10:30: Zayden Bradley

Quietly move to Communion & Offering tables before exiting.

YOUTH PRAISE TEAM: Kenneth Baker, Ava Gennicks, Emma Harris, Leilah Link, and Izzy Sokolis

YOUTH TECH TEAM: Michael Mitchell, Austin Roeder, James Stewart, Riley Thomas, and Junior Yambo

ANNOUNCEMENTS VIDEO: Charlotte Ingram

AM Sermon Notes

"People of the Bible: From Roots to Fruit"
(Matthew 13:1-23)

INTRODUCTION (Michael Givan)

Our Bible studies throughout 2026 focus on "People of the Bible," focusing on real stories of real people from the Bible. Today we are looking at the Parable of the Sower, a story given by Jesus to a crowd to make a point about humanity's relationship with God. He compares people to a seed landing in four different types of soil. The question is, which one are you?

BIBLE STUDY

1. The _____ Soil:
Those who _____ but don't _____
(Matthew 13:3-4, 19/Michael Givan)

2. The _____ Soil:
Those who _____ but don't _____
(Matthew 13:5-6, 20, 21/Quinton King)

3. The _____ Soil:
Those who _____ but don't _____
(Matthew 13:7, 22/Jarred Harris)

4. The _____ Soil:
Those who _____ and _____

(Matthew 13:8, 23/Colin Smith)

CONCLUSION (Colin Smith)

Jesus spoke in parables to make important lessons easier to understand. Each listener has the choice once they hear the message. The same choice applies for you today. Which soil are you, and which do you need to become?

Prayer Requests

At Memorial: Mike Sleight

At St. John's: Danny Muller (ICU)

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

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

Tests: Bonnie Russell (surgery Sept. 28), Karla Daubs, Bob Folkerts, Tammy Garner, Sue Bishop's sister, Debbie Bolton, Geri Gesling, Nancy Bell, John/Jacqui McDaniel, Wimer/Darlene Kern, Jeff Lopian, Sr., Linda Caldwell, Jerry Basso, Todd Snow's friend, Lisa Pusch's granddaughter, Steve Snow (surgery/Sept. 22), Tracy Kennett, Albert Beard, Joe DeRosa, Bruce/Jim Kennett, Shelly Roat (surgery/14th), Jackie Hines' relatives, June Cerar, Bill Basso (surgery/11th), Teresa Huston (Brian O'Neill's sister), Linda Ethell's ISP nephew, Bobbie Jo Hill's dad, Alexis Lewis (surgery/3), Mark/Kathy Becker's sis-in-law (cancer surgery), Joyce Barregarye (knee/28th/Mem.), Leslie Denora (Larry Barregarye's daughter/colon surgery/8th/Mem.)

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, Jack Brown, Chris McIntyre, Heidi Foulk, Valerie Woodrum's mom, Jamie Thomas, Diane McCormick, John Hines, Linda Hoffman, Cathy Britz, Mary Magee, Nancy Rudolph, Bill Woolsey, Jason Briggs (accident), Sharon Clark (fell), Angie Fritz

Touched by death: Linda Beeman family, Timmy Young family (Vickie Freeland's friend), Melissa Knoles family, Joann Kirchgesner family (Mary Ellen Buch's mom)

Transitions: Dick Bachman/Steve Gutierrez/Louie Murray/Charles "Butch" Mester/Rosalie Ingram (Villa), Mary Prior (Mason City), Erna Weatherby/Jean Schoenhard (Countryside), Carolyn Cole (Concordia), Marge Ray/Vivian Rankin (Vonderlieth), Chuck VanHuss (Jacksonville), Kevin Kennett (Hillsboro), Earl Furlong (EverVella/White Hall), Lester Crawford (Linette Hughes' dad/Cooper Creek/Litchfield), Stephen Briggs (Kuwait), Andrew Briggs (addiction), Jared Richards, Lee Wirth (house sale/Darien), Kenny Mayes (FL rehab), Judy Bryant (Arcadia)

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

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

ACC Mission to Kenya: March 4-14, 2027

Blake Canterbury: facebook.com/monroechurchplant

Capital Stewardship Campaign: EXCEL (2026-2028)

Our missionaries/military/terrorism/nation

Each other/unspoken needs

Today is **YOUTH** Sunday

AUGUST 30 - ALL THREE SERVICES



Michael Givan Jarred Harris Quinton King Colin Smith

WELCOME BABY

TODAY, AUGUST 30 11:30-1:00 PM

PLEASE JOIN US IN THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER FOR A BABY SHOWER

FOR **Evan and Emma Noggle**

REGISTERED AT: mybabylist.com/babynoggle

and **TARGET**

HOSTED BY **FRIENDS**



ACC 5:30 AM WORKOUT

START YOUR DAY STRONG IN BODY, MIND & FAITH

MOVE. CONNECT. HONOR GOD. **SEPTEMBER 1 - OCTOBER 1**

MONDAY - THURSDAY | 5:30 - 6:30 AM | AT ATHENS CHRISTIAN CHURCH

PICKLEBALL FUN. FRIENDLY. ALL LEVELS.

OR

WORKOUT ON THE TV WOMEN ONLY

BRING A WATER BOTTLE & A FRIEND! | ALL FITNESS LEVELS! | FOLLOW ALONG TO CHRISTIAN MUSIC

Young at Heart

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



ACC MISSION FAIR HOMELESS BLESSING BAG COLLECTION

- Bring New Socks, Hats, Gloves
- At the mission fair we will make blessing bags for the homeless

DROP OFF ITEMS IN THE CHURCH LIBRARY SUNDAYS, 9/6 & 13.

Pray. Serve. Love.



wednesday night **CONNECTION**

Begins This Wednesday!

(September 2 - November 11)

5:40-6:15 pm: Supper in the Family Life Center

6:30-7:30 pm: Classes for all ages!

(High School/Jr. High & GriefShare til 8:00 pm)



ADULT STUDIES

MEN'S STUDY **WOMEN'S STUDY** **YOUNG ADULTS**

LED BY **DARIN FRITZ & BRAD LASSWELL**

LED BY **DEBBIE PENROD & JJ BREAZEALE**

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 & SHELLEY 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

LEARN ABOUT BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS WITH GOD AND OTHERS.

ACC KIDS C.L.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 MISSION 8

come to me

September 23

SEE YOU AT THE POLE

GLOBAL DAY OF STUDENT PRAYER

- Jr. High & High School students meet at the Athens High School flag pole at 7:15 am.
- Student leaders are Ellen Wiker and Leilah Link
- FREE Hot breakfast to follow in Mr. Butler's room

- 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 Ephesians 3:17b-18, "And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ." How can we continue to be rooted in Christ's love through adversity?
 2. It's not too common that Jesus explains His parables in this way after He shares it with a crowd. Why do you think He explained this one?
 3. Which soil did you most identify with a year ago?
 4. Which soil do you most identify with now?
 5. Which soil do you hope to identify with most a year from now?
 6. Even if you feel you identify with the good soil, what steps do you need to take to continue your growth?
 7. How do the people we spend the most time with affect our growth in Christ? How does this affect your viewpoint on your close circle of friends?
 8. I will apply this Bible study today in my life by:

5TH QUARTER

AT ACC AFTER THESE HOME GAMES

September 11, October 2, October 16

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

Join us for Food, Fun, and Fellowship!

CHRIST IN YOUTH

MOVE

6-DAY SUMMER CAMP FOR CURRENT 8TH THRU 12TH GRADE STUDENTS

JULY 5-10, 2027 WHEATON, IL

Register Here!



Today & This Week

TODAY, 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:

- 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 Worship Service

- Kids C.L.U.B. K-6th gr./Childcare birth-4yrs

11:30 am Baby Shower for Evan & Emma Noggle (FLC)

MONDAY, AUGUST 31 EPHESIANS 3

9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 EPHESIANS 4

5:30 am ACC Workout (FLC & Rm. 208)

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 EPHESIANS 5

5:30 am ACC Workout (FLC & Rm. 208)

7:15 am Wed. Morning High School Study (Youth Rm & Rm. 112)

9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)

5:00 pm Help set up for Wednesday Night Connection

5:40-6:15 pm Dinner (pork burgers, french fries, salad, desserts)

6:30-7:30 pm Classes for all ages (Jr./Sr. High & GriefShare til 8)

7:45 pm Worship Team Practice (WC)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 EPHESIANS 6

5:30 am ACC Workout (FLC & Rm. 208)

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 PHILIPPIANS 1

Church Office Closed

9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

In the Lobby Today & Next Week: collecting NEW socks, hats, & gloves for the homeless

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.