

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

AUGUST 9, 2026

“For my Father’s will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in Him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day.”

JOHN 6:40



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 121:1-4

Jesus Saves #667 (v. 1-4)

Are You Washed in the Blood #259 (v. 1-4)

Announcements Video

Prayer Requests & Praises: Ken Gennicks

Wonderful Words of Life #29 (v. 1-3)

Video: Ozark Christian College Students

Sermon: Evan Noggle

“People of the Bible:

Balaam and His Seeing-Eye Donkey”

Numbers 22; 31:16, Deuteronomy 23:4, Joshua 24:9-10

Invitation Hymn:

Let Jesus Come Into Your Heart #433 (v. 1 & 4)

Communion & Offering Hymn:

I Need Thee Every Hour #443 (v. 1 & 4)

Communion & Offering Meditation: Nicholas McDaniel

Quietly move to Communion & Offering
tables before exiting.

9:15 & 10:30 am Worship Services

Praise

Trust in God

I Surrender All

Announcements Video

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“People of the Bible:

Balaam and His Seeing-Eye Donkey”

Numbers 22; 31:16, Deuteronomy 23:4, Joshua 24:9-10

Make Room

Goodness of God

Communion & Offering Meditation: Nicholas McDaniel

Quietly move to Communion & Offering
tables before exiting.

AM Sermon Notes

“People of the Bible:

Balaam and His Seeing-Eye Donkey”

Numbers 22; 31:16, Deuteronomy 23:4, Joshua 24:9-10

INTRODUCTION

Our Bible studies throughout 2026 focus on “People of the Bible”. Real stories of real people from the Bible. Today, we will see what happens when Balaam who communicates to God doesn’t see what is right in front of him.

BIBLE BACKGROUND

Balaam was:

1. A _____ (Num. 22:7)
2. A _____ (Duet. 23:4)
3. A _____ (Josh. 24:9-10)
4. A _____ (Num. 31:16)

BIBLE STUDY

- A. Balaam _____ God _____
(Numbers 22:21-22)
- B. The _____ sees the _____
(Numbers 22:23-27)
- C. Balaam _____ the _____
(Numbers 22:28-31)
- D. God _____ the _____
(Numbers 22:32-35)

APPLICATION

1. God can use _____ or _____
2. _____ of God does not equal _____ God
3. You don’t need a _____ to know God’s _____
4. When you _____ God’s will, _____

CONCLUSION

God had to use a talking donkey to finally get the attention of Balaam. Even it couldn’t convince him to fully follow God in the end. We should avoid being like Balaam and seek to be obedient to God’s will!

Prayer Requests

At Memorial: Mike Sleight

At St. John’s: (Monica) Sue Furlong

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: John Dirks (Kevin Fawn’s friend)

Tests: Bonnie Russell, John Hines (knee/13th), Karla Daubs,
Bob Folkerts, Tammy Garner, Linda Hoffman’s son, 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, Jeff Meier’s friend, Kay
Sill, Vincent Ehrich, Drew Peterson, Noah Sokolis, Jerry
Basso, Jamie Roemer, Dave Irwin (eye), Kevin Larson (Todd
Snow’s friend), Cindy Mester (eye), Lisa Pusch’s
granddaughter (expecting/Sept. 26), Cathy Britz (Rob Sokolis’
mom/knee/17th), Bev Leinberger (heart/10th), Steve Snow
(surgery/Sept. 22), Vincent Johnson (Ron Ferricks’ grandson/
cancer), Celeste Bailey’s grandson (dog bite), Jamie Thomas
(surgery/11th), Tracy Kennett (Kevin’s sister/chemo), Albert
Beard, Joe DeRosa

At home: 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, Mary Magee, Jill Cleer (Arcadia), Geri Bell’s
dad, Keith Wilson, Joyce Cary (family health), Jack Brown
Touched by death: Chance Rutherford family (Greenview)
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, Timmy Young (Vickie Freeland’s friend/
hospice)

Ministry Intern: Tsoetsy Harris/till Aug. 14

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

BACK-TO-SCHOOL PRAYER GATHERING
Today, August 9, 5:30 pm at ACC
HOSTED BY OZARK CHRISTIAN COLLEGE STUDENTS
THEME: *Strong and Courageous*
Praying for Students, Teachers, Parents, and Schools
Be strong and courageous.
Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged,
for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

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!

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

wednesday night CONNECTION
SEPTEMBER 2 - NOVEMBER 11
Supper: 5:40-6:15 pm Study: 6:30-7:30 pm
Several adult classes • GriefShare (6:30-8:00) KIDS Club birth-6th grade ROOTED Jr./Sr. High (6:30-8:00)

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
GRIEFSHARE 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
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

FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES
IN ATHENS, ILLINOIS
FCA has a charter organization in Athens JR/SR High School that meets together before school to study the Bible and share Jesus with their friends!
For more information, call Evan Noggle (217) 415-5644 or the group's leader, Mr. Butler, at Athens High School.

- 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 6:40, "For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in Him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day." What do these words say about the will of God?
 2. Why do you think God used a donkey to speak some sense into Balaam?
 3. What does God's use of both Balaam and the donkey show us about how He uses things and people?
 4. Read 2 Peter 2:15 and see what it says about Balaam. Why should we avoid listening to people who are likened to Balaam?
 5. Balaam was not an Israelite, yet God still spoke to him. Balaam ultimately led Israel into sin (Numbers 31), despite knowing what God wanted him to do. What does this tell us about our understanding of those who claim to preach God's Word?
 6. How can we protect ourselves from following paths that lead to destruction?
 7. How can I seek God's will and follow it this week?

MISSIONS OF HOPE INTERNATIONAL
LED BY LORNA BAKER & MORGAN WELLS
Informational Meeting- Sunday, August 23
Shane and Lorna Bakers' House (13364 Hickory Road Athens)
3:00-5:00pm
Join us for a time of fellowship, information, prayer, food and planning. Please RSVP to Lorna@athenschristian.net or Morgan@athenschristian.net if you're able to attend so we can plan for food.
KENYA MISSION TRIP DATES: MARCH 5-14, 2027

Registration is now open for the FUSE After School Program at Athens Christian Church for Kindergarten-6th Grade.
Contact Morgan Wells for information: 217-636-8463 morgan@athenschristian.net

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

Today & This Week
TODAY, SUNDAY, AUGUST 9
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 Visitation Ministry Meeting (Rm. 105)
4:00 pm Elders' Meeting (Rm. 106)
4:00 pm Missions Meeting (Rm. 203)
5:30 pm Prayer Gathering hosted by Ozark Christian College Students (Cory Craig, Jr., Josh Harris, Tsoetsy Harris, Jaelyn Lasley, Nicholas McDaniel) (WC)

FUSE Summer Camp - Mon.-Fri. - 7:30 am-5:30 pm

MONDAY, AUGUST 10 2 CORINTHIANS 7
9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11 2 CORINTHIANS 8
8:00 am Men's Bible Study (Rm. 223)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12 2 CORINTHIANS 9
9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)
6:00 pm Worship Team Practice (WC)
6:30 pm "MOVE Beyond" for High School (Youth Rms. FLC)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13 2 CORINTHIANS 10
6:00 pm FUSE Staff Meeting (Rm. 105)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14 2 CORINTHIANS 11
Church Office Closed
9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15
9:00 am Athens Area Food Pantry Monthly Distribution (Rt. 29)

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/Childcare for birth-3yrs.
10:30 am Contemporary Worship Service
•Kids C.L.U.B. for K-6th grade/Childcare for birth-4yrs.