

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

VERSE
of the
WEEK

September 20, 2026

“Be wise in the way you
act toward outsiders;
make the most of every
opportunity.”

Colossians 4:5

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 134:1-3
I Will Sing of My Redeemer #228 (v. 1-4)
Jesus Is All the World to Me #627 (v. 1-4)
Announcements Video
Prayer Requests & Praises: Ken Gennicks
What a Friend We Have in Jesus #466 (v. 1-3)
Missions Video
Sermon: Rusty Hedger, Ozark Christian College
“People of the Bible:
Partners in Sharing Your Faith”
(Colossians 4:2-6)
Invitation Hymn: *Cleanse Me* #425 (v. 1 & 4)
Communion & Offering Hymn:
They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love
#677 (v. 1 & 2)
Communion & Offering Meditation: Cory Craig, Jr.
Quietly move to Communion & Offering
tables before exiting.

9:15 am Missions & Breakfast
Join us in the Family Life Center for breakfast
and visit with some of our missions
(No Worship Service, Sunday School, or Kids' Classes)

10:30 am Worship Service
Goodness of God / The Blood / Holy Forever
Announcements Video
Prayer Requests & Praises: Ken Gennicks
Missions Video
Sermon: Rusty Hedger, Ozark Christian College
“People of the Bible:
Partners in Sharing Your Faith”
(Colossians 4:2-6)
Living Hope / Cornerstone
Communion & Offering Meditation: Cory Craig, Jr.
Quietly move to Communion & Offering
tables before exiting.

AM Sermon Notes
Guest Speaker: Rusty Hedger
Director of Donor Engagement,
Ozark Christian College
“People of the Bible:
Partners in Sharing Your Faith”
(Colossians 4:2-6)

Five helpful keys for the mission of sharing your faith:

1. Recruit _____
2. _____ in your Story
3. _____ in your Behavior
4. _____ to Opportunities
5. _____ Now

**VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS
NEEDED AND WANTED AT ACC!**
GOD GAVE US ALL UNIQUE GIFTS TO SERVE!
LET US HELP YOU FIND YOUR PLACE
TO SERVE AND BELONG!

Each of you should use whatever gift you have
received to serve others, as faithful stewards of
God's grace in its various forms. -1 Peter 4:10

SIGN UP IN THE LOBBY
OR SCAN THE QR CODE

Save the Date!
TRUNK or TREAT!
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25
2:00 – 3:30 PM | ACC PARKING LOT

Collecting candy
and small Christian
trinkets to pass out
Sundays, October 11 and 18!

Help us fill our parking lot
with Bible-themed trunks!
To sign up to host a trunk see
Lorna Baker or Morgan Wells.

Prayer Requests
At Memorial: Larry Wise, Mike Sleight, Kelly Phillips (Kay Sill's sister), Danny Muller (rehab)
At St. John's: Bill Woolsey (chemo)
At Hopedale Hospital: Erna Weatherby
At Lincoln hospital: Monica “Sue” Furlong
At Chicago: Hayes Johnson, Drew Hawk (Ryan/Amy Knox's friend)
At Indiana hospital: Marcia Adams (Debbie Lux's sister)
Tests: Bonnie Russell (28th), Karla Daubs, Bob Folkerts, Tammy Garner, Sue Bishop's sister, Debbie Bolton, Geri Gesling, Nancy Bell, John/Jacqui McDaniel, Jeff Lopian, Sr., Linda Caldwell, Jerry Basso, Lisa Pusch's granddaughter, Steve Snow (22nd), Tracy Kennett, Bruce/Jim Kennett, Jackie Hines' brother (rehab), Janet King (Jackie Hines' sister/cancer), June Cerar, Bill Basso (after surgery), Teresa Huston (Brian O'Neill's sister), Alexis Lewis, Joyce Barregarye (knee/21st/Kokemill), Alana Eigenmann (Ashley Nevins-King's friend/cancer), Tony Snow, Irene Knous, Terry/Debbie Claypool's grandson (St. Louis), Jim Bruns (kidney/Pat McNeal's friend)
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), Joyce Cary, Chris McIntyre, Heidi Foulk, Linda Hoffman, Cathy Britz, Mary Magee, Nancy Rudolph, Sharon Clark, Don Little (Schirdings' friend), Shelly Roat, Leslie Denora
Touched by death: Floyd Williams family (Kristine Elliott's grandpa), Velma Claypool family (Terry's mom)
Transitions: Dick Bachman (hospice)/Steve Gutierrez/Louie Murray/Charles “Butch” Mester/Rosalie Ingram/Judy Bryant (Villa), Mary Prior (Mason City), Jan Schoenhard/Bob Moore (Countryside), Carolyn Cole (Concordia), Marge Ray (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), Kenny Mayes (FL)
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
Vacation Bible School: June 7-11, 2027/all ages
Christ In Youth Conf.: July 5-10, 2027/gr. 8-12/Wheaton IL
Blake Canterbury: facebook.com/monroechurchplant
Capital Stewardship Campaign: EXCEL (2026-2028)
Our missionaries/military/terrorism/nation
Each other/unspoken needs

Today is
Mission Sunday



8:00 AM Traditional Service and 10:30 AM Contemporary Service



Rusty Hedger, Director of Donor Engagement from Ozark Christian College will share the message.

9:00-10:15 AM: Missions and Breakfast
Join us in the Family Life Center for breakfast and see the 18 missions ACC supports. Visit with some of our local missions, and end our time praying over these missions. (No 9:15 worship service, Sunday School, or kids' classes)

Pray: ✨ Serve: 🏡 Love: ❤️

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR MISSION PROJECT
ACC MISSION TRIP INTEREST LUNCH
Calling tradesmen & women, interested high school students, and parents!

Come learn about an upcoming ACC Mission trip & how you can serve.



Sunday, September 27
11:30 AM-1:00 PM Room 223



Serving local families in the Springfield, IL area.
Trip dates: July 18-24, 2027



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

Register at: <https://www.theicom.org/attendees>

- Adults: \$75 only \$20 with code
- College Students \$10
- Kids and Jr/Sr High students FREE

ACC Discount Codes:
Family: 2026STLFAMILY
Individual: 2026STLADULT

High School Overnight Trip to St. Louis

Friday, Nov. 13 - Sat, Nov. 14

Student ICOM
Registration



INTERNATIONAL
CONFERENCE ON
MISSIONS

- Only \$15 per student (+3 meals)
- Learn about Global Missions!
- Visit 300 different mission booths!
- Stay overnight at a church!
- Hear Messages and Worship!



Coming Up for our
YOUTH!

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

Jr. High to
Bomke's Patch
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1-3 PM

BUS WILL LEAVE ACC AT 12:30-RETURN AT 3:30
BOMKE'S: 605 COUNTRY LAKE RD, SPFLD.
\$10/PERSON ADMISSION + SPENDING MONEY

REGISTER NOW
PUMPKINS

5TH QUARTER
AT ACC AFTER THESE HOME GAMES
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!

wednesday night
CONNECTION
IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO JOIN US!
(Now thru 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

Young at Heart



Polly Wise

Don't Wrestle, Just Nestle-PRAY
A Corrie ten Boom Presentation
Tuesday, October 13

9:30 am: Free Blood Pressure checks

10:00 am: Don't Wrestle, Just Nestle-PRAY.
A Corrie ten Boom Presentation by Gayle Haas

11:00 am Lunch: Free pulled pork, baked beans, coleslaw, & desserts
Devotion by Polly Wise



Grafton, Illinois



Senior Trip
Saturday, October 24
Scenic Drive to Pere Marquette State Park Lodge and Grafton

- Meet at ACC at 8:00 AM
- Cost: \$19 for fried chicken lunch & tour
- Seniors only
- Sign up in the lobby

PASTOR APPRECIATION
2026
Thank You FOR LEADING WITH FAITH & LOVE
Every October we make a special effort to thank God for the ministers and their families whom He has provided to serve with us at ACC.
October 4 is Pastor Appreciation Sunday. Past ACC Associate Minister, Casey McCormick, will be our guest speaker.

Plan to celebrate with us all month!

Faith, Fitness & Fellowship

AT ACC 5:30 - 6:30 AM MONDAY-THURSDAY

WOMEN ONLY WORKOUT

PICKLEBALL



ALL FITNESS LEVELS!

FUN. FRIENDLY. WORKOUT & PICKLEBALL. ALL LEVELS.

FOLLOW ALONG ON THE TV TO CHRISTIAN MUSIC



BRING A WATER BOTTLE & A FRIEND!

CHAIR AEROBICS

MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, & FRIDAYS
9:00 - 10:00 AM

FREE FOR ALL AREA SENIORS
Join area senior citizens at ACC each Monday, Wednesday & Friday morning at 9:00 AM in the ACC Family Life Center for Chair Aerobics! Chair Aerobics is fun, free, and suitable for everyone, with gentle exercises that develop:



FLEXIBILITY, BALANCE, COORDINATION, AND FITNESS

Today & This Week

TODAY, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 - Mission Sunday

Guest Speaker 8:00 & 10:30 services: Rusty Hedger, Director of Donor Engagement, Ozark Christian College
7:30 am Prayer with the Pastors (WC)
8:00 am Traditional Worship Service (nursery birth-2 yrs/3-5 yrs.)
9:15 am Missions & Breakfast in the Family Life Center (No Worship Service, Sunday School, or childcare)
10:30 am Contemporary Worship Service
•Kids C.L.U.B. K-6th gr./Childcare birth-4yrs

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 COLOSSIANS 3

5:30 am ACC Workout & Pickleball (FLC & Rm. 208)
9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)
11:00 am Velma Claypool funeral (Mott & Henning)
6:00 pm Athens Area Food Pantry Monthly Distribution (Rt. 29)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 COLOSSIANS 4

5:30 am ACC Workout & Pickleball (FLC & Rm. 208)
8:00 am Men's Bible Study (Rm. 223)
6:00 pm Trail Life Meeting (FLC/Outdoors)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 1 THESSALONIANS 1

5:30 am ACC Workout & Pickleball (FLC & Rm. 208)
7:15 am See You at the Pole/breakfast (Athens High School)
9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)
5:00 pm Help set up for Wednesday Night Connection
5:40-6:15 pm Dinner (BBQ pork loin, baked beans, slaw & desserts)
6:30-7:30 pm Classes for all ages (Jr. High & GriefShare til 8)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 1 THESSALONIANS 2

5:30 am ACC Workout & Pickleball (FLC & Rm. 208)
6:00 pm Worship Team Practice (WC)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 1 THESSALONIANS 3

Church Office Closed
9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)
6:00 pm Rough Edges Final Fridays Gathering (Virginia, IL)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

10:00 am National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children (519 N Bruns LN, Spfld.)
12:30 pm Jr. High to Bomke's Patch (Spfld.)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

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 Love Your Neighbor Mission Lunch (Rm. 223)