

ATHENS CHRISTIAN CHURCH
8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 AM
WORSHIP SERVICES
SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

"Then I heard the voice of
the Lord saying, 'Whom shall
I send? And who will go for
us?' And I said, 'Here am I.
Send me!'"



ISAIAH 6:8

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 135:1-3

Down at the Cross #255 (v. 1-4)

No, Not One #221 (v. 1-4)

Announcements Video

Prayer Requests & Praises: Shane Baker

Near to the Heart of God #35 (v. 1-3)

Acts of Worship: Hank Daubs

Sermon: Shane Baker

"People of the Bible:

Learning Why We Serve from Isaiah"
(Isaiah 6:1-8)

Invitation Hymn:

Softly and Tenderly #432 (v. 1 & 3)

Communion & Offering Hymn:

His Name Is Wonderful #230 (v. 1)

Communion & Offering Meditation: Shane Baker

Quietly move to Communion & Offering
tables before exiting.

9:15 & 10:30 am Worship Services

The Lord Will Provide

I Speak Jesus

What a Beautiful Name

Announcements Video

Prayer Requests & Praises: Shane Baker

Acts of Worship: Ashley Cantrall & Don Randle

Sermon: Shane Baker

"People of the Bible:

Learning Why We Serve from Isaiah"
(Isaiah 6:1-8)

O Come to the Altar

Jesus Paid It All

Communion & Offering Meditation: Shane Baker

Quietly move to Communion & Offering
tables before exiting.

AM Sermon Notes

"People of the Bible -

Learning Why We Serve from Isaiah"
(Isaiah 6:1-8)

INTRODUCTION

Our Bible studies throughout 2026 are continuing to focus on "People of the Bible". Lessons from their lives help us live our lives to become more like Jesus. Every Sunday we study and apply God's Word to our own lives. This morning, as we look at Isaiah's life, we'll learn the "why" behind serving God.

Bible Study

I. Isaiah sees _____ (vs. 1-4)

II. Isaiah sees _____ (vs. 5)

III. Isaiah _____ God's _____ (vs. 6-7)

IV. Isaiah _____ God's _____ (vs. 8)

V. Isaiah _____ (vs. 8)

Why we serve:

1. We've seen _____

2. We've _____ His _____

3. We've _____ His _____

CONCLUSION

Recently, a phrase that has come into my life multiple times in multiple situations is that we don't want to just know of Jesus, we want to know Jesus. And one of the ways we can know Jesus is by doing what He has called us to do!

Prayer Requests

At Memorial: Mike Sleight, Kelly Phillips (Kay Sill's sister/ICU/surgeries)

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)

At Mayo Clinic: Pat Basso's niece

Tests: Bonnie Russell (surgery 28th), 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, Lisa Pusch's granddaughter, Steve Snow (surgery/22nd), Tracy Kennett, 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), Alexis Lewis (after surgery), Joyce Barregarye (knee/28th/Mem.), Leslie Denora (Larry Barregarye's daughter/8th/Mem.), Albert/Dena Beard, Alana Eigenmann (Ashley Nevins-King's friend/cancer), Tony Snow

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 (Sept. 25), Linda Hoffman, Cathy Britz, Mary Magee, Nancy Rudolph, Bill Woolsey, Sharon Clark (fell), Wells Knox

Touched by death: Vivian Rankin family

Transitions: Dick Bachman/Steve Gutierrez/Louie Murray/Charles "Butch" Mester/Rosalie Ingram (Villa), Mary Prior (Mason City), Erna Weatherby/Jan Schoenhard (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 sale), Kenny Mayes (FL), 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

Christ In Youth Conference: July 5-10, 2027/gr. 8-12/ Wheaton, IL

Blake Canterbury: [facebook.com/monroechurchplant](https://www.facebook.com/monroechurchplant)

Capital Stewardship Campaign: EXCEL (2026-2028)

Our missionaries/military/terrorism/nation

Each other/unspoken needs

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.

ATHENS
CHRISTIAN
CHURCH

Pray Serve Love

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

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

Trail Life Troop IL-0109 at
Athens Christian Church
begins this Tuesday, 9/8!

Meeting second and
fourth Tuesday of the
month Sept. - May
6:00-7:00pm
For boys ages 5 to 11

www.traillifeconnect.com/connect/tkz2eog5uduk

Adventure > Character > Leadership

A Christ-centered outdoor
adventure and character
development program for boys
that focuses on leadership,
service, and growing in faith
through activities like camping,
hiking, and skills development.

Contact:
Anthony Bolton
309-221-2994

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!

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)

ADULT STUDIES

MEN'S STUDY

LED BY
DARIN FRITZ &
BRAD LASSWELL

WOMEN'S
STUDY
Women
of the Word

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

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.

PREK/K & 1ST-3RD

WHAT'S IN A NAME?
DISCOVERING WHO GOD IS

11 WEEKS - 11 NAMES - 1 AMAZING GOD!

4TH-6TH GRADE

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 Isaiah 6:8: "Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I. Send me!'" Where is God calling you to go on His behalf? Are you willing to go?

2. In what ways have you seen God recently?

3. What does it mean to experience God's grace?

4. Is there anywhere God is calling you to go?

5. What is your response when God calls you to serve Him?

6. How have you personally experienced God's grace?

7. I will apply today's Bible study by:

CHRIST IN YOUTH
MOVE
6-DAY SUMMER CAMP FOR
CURRENT 8TH THRU 12TH GRADE STUDENTS
JULY 5-10, 2027
WHEATON, IL

Register Here!

JUNIOR HIGH TRIP
to
BOMKE'S PATCH
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1-3 PM
A BUS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT 12:30 AT ACC
AND WILL RETURN AT 3:30PM
605 COUNTRY LAKE RD, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62711
\$10/PERSON FOR ADMISSION PLUS SPENDING MONEY

REGISTER NOW

Today & This Week

TODAY, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

In the Lobby 9/6 & 9/13: collecting NEW socks, hats, & gloves

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, SEPTEMBER 7

LABOR DAY - Church Office Closed

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

PHILIPPIANS 2

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

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

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

10:00 am Young at Heart (FLC)

6:00 pm Trail Life (ACC outside area)

PHILIPPIANS 3

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

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 (mostaccioli, garlic bread, green beans, applesauce)

6:30 pm High School to Powder Puff Game (AHS)

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

PHILIPPIANS 4

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

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

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

6:30 pm Finance Team Meeting (Rm. 106)

COLOSSIANS 1

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Church Office Closed

9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)

9:30 pm 5th Quarter (ACC)

COLOSSIANS 2

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 - Trail Life Sunday

In the Lobby Today: collecting NEW socks, hats, & gloves

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.

4:00 pm Missions Team Meeting (Rm. 203)

5:30 pm Prayer Gathering Hosted by Evan Noggle (WC)