



the lifeline

MARCH 2026

ATHENS *Christian* CHURCH

9TH ANNUAL SPORTSMAN'S DINNER ATHENS CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Wondering if you should attend Sportsman's Dinner?

Check out what Chris Oliver said about his experience.

Since moving into the area and welcoming our son, my wife and I had been attending ACC on and off. Over the past few years, I've taken notice of the events ongoing around the world, the evil that has been and continues to be exposed, and the persecution of Christian faith. At the same time, my personal faith had deepened. I was spending more time reading scripture, discussions with peers and friends increasingly shifted toward faith, and I became more intentional about teaching our son biblical truths.

For the last three years, I have attended the ACC Sportsman's Dinner. My family attended part of it 2 years ago. Last year we stayed for the entire event. That night something special happened—something our son had briefly mentioned briefly earlier in the year, after a Sunday service. Following Adam Ray's story and testimony of faith, we were asked to complete a card. On that card was the phrase, "I would like to be baptized." My wife and I read that and we knew. We quickly discussed what was on our hearts, and then asked our son. He was also ready. Yes, something instilled a sense of peace and direction in our hearts that evening. It gave us that final push to confess our faith in Jesus and be baptized. A few months later we stood before the congregation and were baptized together.

Whether you are looking for a great evening of fun competitions, prizes, dinner and fellowship, or a tale of a hunting experience weaving inspired storytelling with faith and our Father's blessings, you will find it at the ACC Sportsman's Dinner. And the *bonus* for our family was the move of the Holy Spirit among us, confirming God's agenda in action.



\$25 GETS YOU IN THE DRAWING FOR TONS OF GIVEAWAYS!

Tickets for our 9th Annual Sportsman's Dinner are only \$25 per person and enter you for a chance to win some great prizes. Early prize purchases and donations indicate we will giveaway more prizes than ever before including:

***CROSSBOW * YOUTH BOW * GAME CALLS * SPONSOR SHIRTS AND HATS* BINOCULARS/ RANGEFINDER *FISHING POLES/ MYSTERY TACKLE BOXES *GROUND BLINDS *STEALTH CAMS *AND MORE!!**

JOIN US SUNDAY, MARCH 15, AT ALL THREE SERVICES, TO HEAR MORE FROM GUEST SPEAKER CARL PARKS!

FROM THE PREACHER'S HEART

KEN GENNICKS, SENIOR MINISTER
KEN@ATHENSCHRISTIAN.NET



Palm Sunday, Good Friday & Easter: March 29, April 3 & 5

Christians remember Jesus' humble entry into Jerusalem when crowds welcomed Him as king (Matthew 21:1-11) on "Palm Sunday." Later that week, the welcoming words of "Hosanna" changed to "Crucify" (Luke 23:20-25). On Friday, Jesus was crucified and buried. We call it "Good Friday" because it was part of God's good plan to forgive our sins, set us free, fill us with His Holy Spirit, and get us to heaven. But three days later, Jesus mightily rose from the dead, defeating sin and hell and the grave forever, which we celebrate not only on Easter Sunday, but every day of our lives (Matthew 28)! Our Palm Sunday worship services are Sunday, March 29, on our usual schedule. Our Good Friday worship service is Friday, April 3, at 6:00 PM. Our Easter Sunday worship services are Sunday, April 5, at 7:00 AM (a brief, 30-minute service), 8:00 AM, 9:15 AM, and 10:30AM. Also, we will serve a complimentary, hot Easter breakfast on Sunday, April 5, from 7:30-11:00 AM, as you and your family come and go throughout the morning worship services! Please plan to Worship, Connect, and Serve with all of us during this "Holy Week," and bring your friends and family!

2026 Special Easter Offering: Sunday, April 5

This year's annual Easter Offering is to help send 112 of our teenagers and sponsors to our annual Christ In Youth Conference in Lincoln, Nebraska, July 6-10! You may already know that CIY can truly change lives — but it also comes with a significant cost for students, their families, and those who sponsor them. At Athens Christian Church, we value giving (2 Corinthians 8:7)! Count your many blessings and give generously to the Lord and His cause with us now!

Wednesday Night Connection Resumes in the Fall

Our THANKS to all of you who made this session of Wednesday Night Connection such a success! Plan to share the joy of supper and study with groups for all ages every Wednesday, September 2 through November 11! Details are already in place, so mark your calendar now!

EXCEL in This Grace of Giving: 2026-2028

ACC has been preaching the Gospel and serving the people of our region and our world for 184 years, since 1842! Thanks to God's faithfulness and to your generosity, our church is in a strong position financially. We're thankful for everyone who is faithfully giving in spite of today's challenges. Thank you for making a financial commitment-by-faith for 2026-2028 for our building indebtedness, which we call, EXCEL in This Grace of Giving (2 Cor. 8:7). Your commitment goes like this, "If the Lord provides, I will give \$_____." This is called a "faith promise" or a "faith commitment." This commitment is by faith, with no obligation if your life situation changes. This is between you and the Lord alone. A healthy, local church is the hope of the world! Our current pictorial directory pictures over 1,350 people, and we are here to serve the Lord and increase His kingdom!

Church-Wide Prayer Gatherings

Our elders and ministers host prayer gatherings on the second Sunday of each month at 5:30 PM (Eph. 6:18), led by volunteers:

Sunday, March 8, 5:30 PM: Ken Gennicks Sunday, April 12, 5:30 PM: Doug Wendler

If you pray or need prayer, join us! We are a praying church.

Our 2026 sermon theme is, "People of the Bible"! John Stott said, "It is the Word of God that does the work of God by the Spirit of God to the glory of God." With Bible in hand and a friend at your side, let's faithfully Worship, Connect and Serve every Sunday and every Wednesday! And let's invite our friends, neighbors, family, coworkers and classmates to join us! Who can you bring? Nothing can stop the Gospel!



TOGETHER 4 HIM
 SHANE BAKER, ASSOCIATE MINISTER
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What's all the excitement about the ACC Outdoors Sportsman's Dinner and why so many prizes?

I get it—the Sportsman's Dinner is for a special audience and we are excited to offer this once a year to draw our outdoors men, women, and children in. For me, this night is about Jesus. It's about introducing people to Him who might not hear about Him otherwise. It's about one more life being changed in His name. We do Vacation Bible School for the same reason. Kids come for the songs, games, and activities—and through all of that, they meet Jesus. In the same way, the prizes and the speaker at the Sportsman's Dinner help bring men, women, and families who love the outdoors—many who might never step foot in a church—to an event where they'll hear about Jesus.

It's a lot easier to say, "Come hear a speaker who loves hunting and fishing, we'll feed you, and you might win bows, tree stands, coolers, and more," than simply, "Come to church." The real excitement for our church isn't the giveaways—it's the men, women, and children who have come to Christ or grown deeper in their faith through the Sportsman's Dinner and are now making an impact for God's Kingdom.

So even if you don't quite "get it," I'd invite you to pray for this event and for everyone who attends, that they would meet Jesus or grow stronger in their walk with Him in a meaningful way.



**JOIN US FOR THE
 LIVESTREAM
 CONFERENCE**

VENUE ATHENS CHRISTIAN CHURCH
 1411 EAST STATE ROUTE 29
 ATHENS, IL 62613

DATE JULY 17 - 18

1613MensConference.com

Please Pray for TrailLife at ACC Next Fall

We are excited about the possibility of bringing TrailLife USA to Athens Christian Church (ACC) next fall! TrailLife is a Christ-centered outdoor adventure and leadership program for boys and young men that helps build character, faith, and life skills through hands-on experiences. Please be praying for wisdom, volunteers, and families as we explore how TrailLife can serve our church and community. If you'd like to learn more about TrailLife, check out their website at www.trailifeusa.com, to see the mission, program details, and the impact it's having in churches across the country. Let's pray that God would guide this work and use it to draw boys closer to Him!

Community Christian Events

Little Galilee Christian Camp

- March 2: Summer Camp Registration Opens!
- March 7: Winter Pre-Kamp (3-7 years), 8:00 AM-Noon, \$25
- March 19-21: Young Adult Retreat, \$30

For more information go to www.littlegalilee.org

Lake Springfield Christian Assembly

- Summer Camp Registration is open!
- March 4: 24 hours of Prayer
- March 14, April 11, & May 9: Spring Service Days

For more information or to register, please go to www.lscacamp.org

Community Prayer & Worship

- Athens Community Park
- 3rd Tuesday of each month, 7:00 PM

Contact Darin Fritz with any questions

ROUGH EDGES

Friday March 27

FINAL FRIDAY GATHERINGS

6:00 PM | 19125 RUPPEL LANE VIRGINIA, IL 62691

FREE DINNER, TEACHING & TESTIMONY

OPEN TO MEN OF ALL AGES!

LEARN MORE: THEBEARMAN.COM/ROUGH-EDGES-MINISTRY



WHOLE HEARTED WORSHIP
 ASHLEY CANTRALL, WORSHIP/TECHNOLOGY MINISTER
 ASHLEY@ATHENSCHRISTIAN.NET



A New Way to Stay Connected in Worship

At Athens Christian Church, worship is more than music on a Sunday morning—it’s a way of life. It’s how we grow closer to God, encourage one another, and serve together as a church family.

That’s why we’re excited to introduce our new Worship Community Group through the church app.

This group is for anyone connected to worship at ACC—those who serve on the worship team, sing in the choir, run sound or tech, and those who simply love to pray for and support the worship ministry. Whether you’re already involved or just curious about getting started, this is a place for you.

Inside the group, we’ll share:

- Encouragement and short devotionals
- Prayer needs for our worship ministry
- Stories and moments from services
- Invitations to join things like choir, workshops, and special worship gatherings



Our heart is to build a worship culture that goes beyond the platform and beyond Sunday mornings—a community that grows together in a life of worship. If you haven’t already, now is a great time to download the church app and join the Worship Community Group. It’s one of the easiest ways to stay connected and be part of what God is doing through worship at ACC. We’d love for you to be part of it.

Prayer for Our Mission Trip: August 5-12, 2026

As a church family, we’d love your continued prayers for our mission trip to the Dominican Republic. After some recent changes, we’ll be updating our travel dates to August. We’re grateful to be part of a church that worships not only with our voices, but with our lives as we serve others. Please pray for the Lord’s guidance in the months ahead, for safe travel, open hearts, and that He would work powerfully in and through our team when we go.

Welcome Baby Girl

Congratulations to **Steven and Morgan Kramoski** on the birth of their daughter, **Audra Jane**. Audra was born on February 14, weighing 7 lbs. 13 oz and is 19.5 inches long. Proud grandparents are **Doug & Debbie Penrod**.

Financial Update: January, 2026

ACC General Fund 2026



Building Fund

Offering: \$6,745.74

Loan Payment: \$7,600.43

*An additional \$653.70 will be paid down on principal.

General Fund

Offering \$50,434.32

Expenses \$53,853.75

Jaelyn Lasley
 Spring Children’s
 Intern



Jaelyn graduated from Athens High School in May of 2025 and is currently attending Lincoln Land Community College. Jaelyn plans to attend Ozark Christian College in Joplin, Missouri after her internship. ACC is her home church, and she’s excited to serve, grow and learn with our church family in this internship opportunity this spring!

Monday, February 23- Monday, June 15



NEWS & EVENTS
 EVAN NOGGLE
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Rooted

What do JH/HS students learn while they are with us?

This is a question I get asked all the time... and I am glad that people are curious about what the Junior High and High Schoolers are learning while with us! I will break down what students have been learning this semester:

Sunday Morning 9:15 Class - For the month of March, we are doing a series called "Scripted". It is a 4-week series that takes a look at what the Bible says about sharing your faith with others. We need to be ready to tell our friends, and even our enemies about Jesus! After class, join us in the Worship Center for the 10:30 Service! We will be sitting in the front left!



Wednesday Night Connection - Since January, we have been in a series called "Rebuilt". This series examines the book of Nehemiah and then applies what we learn from this book to our life today. Nehemiah and the Israelites worked hard to build a wall to protect Jerusalem from ongoing attacks. In the same way, we need to build up our wall of faith to protect things from harming our relationship with Jesus. It's never too late to join! We'd love to have you!

Wednesday Morning Bible Study - While early mornings before school aren't for everyone, we have been very grateful for the high school students who consistently come to study the Bible with us! We have been taking a look at Matthew 5 and the Beattitudes from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount

**HIGH SCHOOL MORNING BIBLE STUDY
 NOW WEDNESDAYS!**
 7:15 - 7:30 AM
 BREAKFAST
 7:30-8:00 AM
 PRAYER AND STUDY
 AT ATHENS CHRISTIAN
 CHURCH



Special Easter Offering to help support Christ In Youth

This year's Special Easter Offering will help send 112 youth and sponsors to Christ In Youth.

This life-changing week is focused on developing lifelong Kingdom workers.

We believe so strongly in this mission that our goal is to make this trip as affordable as possible.

The total cost is about \$800 per student, but thanks to generous donations, students attending with ACC are only charged \$400.

Enclosed you'll find your Special Easter Offering envelope. All money given will go towards our efforts to send our large group. Feel free to return your envelope anytime between now and Easter.

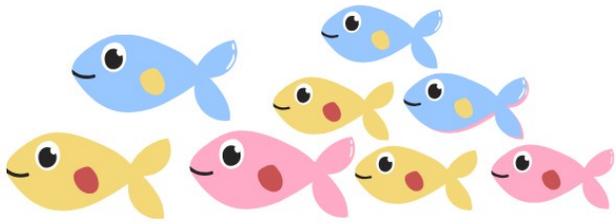
Thank you for your financial & prayerful support!

JR/SR HIGH EASTER PARTY
 Junior & Senior High Students
 Sunday, March 29
 6:00 -8:00 PM
 Worship, Games, Snacks



MOVE 2026 KINGDOM WORKERS
 CIV MOVE 2026, Lincoln, NE, July 6-10
 for current 8th -12th graders





KID'S CLUB & FAMILY MATTERS
LORNA BAKER, CHILDREN'S MINISTER
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Family Fun Idea for March- As spring approaches and the weather warms up, make God a part of your outdoor time with these fun family activities:

- 🔍 God-Made Scavenger Hunt – Find something outdoors that starts with each letter of the alphabet (e.g., "A for apple trees, B for bees, C for cats"). For extra fun, snap a photo of each find!
- ❤️ Family Service Project – Brighten someone's day by baking cookies or coloring a picture for a homebound person and delivering it in person. Small acts of kindness can mean so much!

Vacation Bible School Kickoff Lunch for Volunteers- 🍴 Sunday, March 22 | 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Join us for a VBS Kickoff Lunch and learn more about this year's Surprise Party VBS! Come enjoy a meal, hear about the exciting plans for this summer, and find out how you can get involved. We can't wait to share this experience with you!

🌳 **Summer Church Camp Registration Opens-**

Lake Springfield: Open - Little Galilee: Monday, March 2

ACC offers a \$100 Camp Credit for students attending ACC or the FUSE After-School Program.

- Lorna will be helping at Lake Springfield Hello Day Camp (ages 2 to 5 years) on July 13 from 1-4:00pm and Little Galilee 3rd/4th grade Overnight Camp July 24-25 ✉️ Contact lorna@athenschristian.net for camp codes and more details.

🥚 **Eggapalooza Party-**

Sunday, March 29 🕒 2:00–3:30 PM

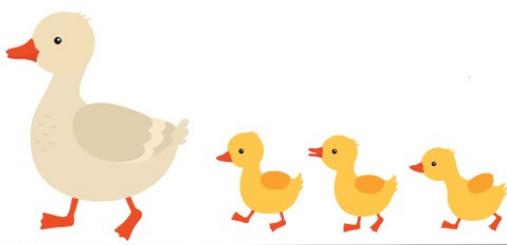
Join us for an afternoon of fun with games, candy, eggs, and small toys!

- 🎁 Donations of candy, small toys, and plastic eggs can be dropped off in the church lobby March 8–25.
- 👩🏫 Want to help? If you'd be interested in working a game station at the party, please contact Lorna Baker or Morgan Wells.

SURPRISE PARTY! VBS
2026 VBS Kick Off Lunch and Learn
REGISTER HERE!
Sunday, March 22
11:30–1:00pm
SIGN-UP IN THE LOBBY OR REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.ATHENSCHRISTIAN.NET
ATHENS CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Family Easter Event
Eggapalooza Party
SUNDAY, MARCH 29
2:00 - 3:30 PM
ATHENS CHRISTIAN CHURCH
COLLECT EGGS & TREATS AT OUR FUN ACTIVITY STATION!!
All Kids Welcome ACC Kids Club FUSE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

- VBS 2026:**
- Sunday, April 12 and 19: Supply Board in Lobby
 - Sunday, May 3: All Supplies Due back to Church
 - Wednesday, May 6: 6–8:00 PM Work Night on Decorations/Float
 - Friday, May 8: 5:30–7:30 PM Finish Float for Parade
 - Saturday, May 9: 10–2:00 PM Athens Glory Day Parade/FREE Kids Games
 - Monday, May 11 & Thursday, May 14: 6–8:00 PM Decoration Work Kids Wing
 - Thursday, May 28: 6–8:00 PM Set Lobby and Foyer
- Help us get ready!!**



FUSE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM
 MORGAN WELLS, DIRECTOR
 MORGAN@ATHENSCHRISTIAN.NET



With spring around the corner, our playground, Gaga ball pit, kickball field, and basketball court are about to get a whole lot more use and the kids couldn't be more excited. Honestly, neither could we!

But while the fun ramps up, one thing never changes: the purpose of our After School Program has always been ministry. We are committed to keeping Christ front and center in everything we do. This month, we're leaning into the Fruit of the Spirit of Faithfulness - what it looks like, why it matters, and how we live it out daily with the children entrusted to us.

Faithfulness isn't just about consistency; it's about showing up with love, integrity, and trust - reflecting the faithfulness God shows us every single day (Galatians 5:22-23). We live this out through the acronym FUSE:

- F – Forming and building relationships within our community.
- U – Using God's Word in fun and exciting ways to teach kids about Christ's love.
- S – Spreading the hope of the gospel through Bible-based curriculum.
- E – Encouraging Kingdom work.

As the weather warms and our days fill with laughter, games, and outdoor fun, we are grateful for the opportunity to have a ton of fun AND do ministry. Thank you for partnering with us, praying for us, and trusting us to walk alongside the children in our program as we help them grow in faith, character, and love.

Items of Interest!

ACC is returning to the Dominican Republic!

New Dates!



August 5-12

DR INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS:

Sunday, March 1, 9:00 & 9:15 AM & Wednesday, March 4, 5:30 PM

Athens Christian Church, Room 112

Contact Ashley Cantrall or Lorna Baker with any questions!

Drive-Thru Food Giveaway

Open to Everyone!
 No registration required
 No financial eligibility requirements

Location: Athens Christian Church
 1411 IL-29
 Athens, IL 62613

Upcoming Dates: **Wednesday, March 25**

Cars line up between 2 and 3 PM!
 Distribution begins when food is delivered and sorted.
 (food available while supplies last)

Junior High & Senior High Serve Opportunity
 RESCUE. MENTOR. COMMUNITY.
and in everything... Christ



REFUGE RANCH | Sat., March 7 | Meet at ACC 7:45am | Return approx 2:45pm

Reserve your spot today by filling out the form.

Meet at church 7:45 am/pack lunches/ride bus to ranch

WEAR: clothes to get messy, work gloves, sturdy closed-toe shoes



RELEVANT PRACTICAL MINISTRY FOR MEN
 CONTACT JEREMY MCDANIEL
 WITH ANY QUESTIONS



2026

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



RUFUS SMITH



KENNY LUCK

SPRINGFIELD, IL // MARCH 21ST

FIRST UMC - SPRINGFIELD, IL

PAY ONLINE AT [HTTPS://RPMFM.ORG/SPRINGFIELD](https://rpmfm.org/springfield)

Senior News

Young at Heart



Deb Weil

Morgan Wells

Early Fur Trading in North America

Tuesday, March 10

9:30: Free Blood Pressure checks

10:00: Presentation on Early Fur Trading in North America by Kent & Deb Weil

11:00 **lunch**: Chicken & noodles, mashed potatoes, fruit salad, and rolls

Devotion by Morgan Wells

The next **Young at Heart** will be on **Tuesday, March 10 from 10:00 AM-Noon**. Free blood pressure checks will be available from 9:30-10:00 AM. March's presentation will be "**Early Fur Trading in North America**". Devotion will be by **Morgan Wells** and a free hot meal will be **chicken & noodles, mashed potatoes, fruit salad, and rolls**. Sign up in the church lobby. If you have any questions, please call the church office. **Team 2 is doing desserts.**

Team 2:

- Mary Magee
- Polly Wise
- Deb Weil
- Donna Sandidge
- Patty Tobias



The next **Senior Trip** will be to the **Old State Capitol & Golden Hour Bakery on Saturday, March 21**. Meet at ACC at 9:00 AM. The cost will be your meal. Please sign up in the lobby.



SENIOR TRIP Saturday, March 21

Springfield, Illinois

Old State Capitol & Golden Hour Bakery

- Meet at ACC at 9 AM
- Cost: your meal
- Seniors only
- Sign up in the lobby



Communion & Pew Stocking

Communion Preparation:

March - Jackie Hines

April - Cathy Wiseman



Pew Stocking:

March - Barb Schafer

April - Janet Wells & Patty Tobias

New Members

*Help us welcome our newest church family members!
Please welcome them with a card or warm greeting!*

Corrections from last month:

- **Sharon Law**
 - 23310 Railsplitter LN, Athens, IL 62613
 - Placed Membership: February 1
- **Don & Terri Randle**
 - 502 Juniper PT, Petersburg, IL 62675
 - Placed Membership: February 1

New this month:

- **Charlie Lott**
 - 263 Cypress PT, Petersburg, IL 62675
 - Baptized: February 1
- **Nevaeh Battle**
 - 14405 Wilson RD, Athens, IL 62613
 - Baptized: February 15
- **Tim Wieland**
 - 6410 Walker RD, Springfield, IL 62707
 - Placed Membership: February 15
- **The Jamrock Family (Dad: Chris, Mom: Jane, Children: Kylie & Giacobbe)**
 - 401 Rainbow DR, Athens, IL 62613
 - Baptized: February 22
- **Colin Smith**
 - 24802 Brookwood Hills Road, Athens, IL 62613
 - Baptized: February 22
- **Eli Trimm**
 - 37579 E CR 700N, Mason City, IL 62664
 - Baptized: February 22

WORSHIP THROUGH

General Fund and/or Building Fund



Giving

CASH OR CHECK:

DROP BOXES
LOCATED AROUND THE WORSHIP CENTER, IN LIBRARY, OUTDOOR DROP BOX AT OFFICE

MAIL CHECKS TO
ATHENS CHRISTIAN CHURCH
P.O. BOX 260
ATHENS, IL 62613

IRA REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTIONS OR ESTATE PLANNING:
SEE CHURCH OFFICE

ONLINE:

SET UP GIFTS TO BE AUTOMATICALLY PROCESSED

*ATHENSCHRISTIAN.NET/GIVING

*ACC APP:



*TEXT-TO-GIVE:

1-888-364-4483 TEXT "GIVEACC"

ONLINE BANKING:

GENERATE A RECURRING OR ONE-TIME CHECK TO BE MAILED TO THE CHURCH

***PLEASE CONSIDER INCLUDING THE ONLINE FEE IN YOUR GIFT: THE ENTIRE AMOUNT IS TAX DEDUCTIBLE**

CELEBRATE *Easter* AT ACC!

GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, April 3 at 6:00 pm
Join us as we worship together, reflect on Jesus' crucifixion, nail lists of sins & confessions to the cross, and take Holy Communion.

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday, April 5

Traditional Worship 7:00
(30 min. service), 8:00 am
Contemporary Worship
9:15, 10:30 am

FREE HOT BREAKFAST SERVED FROM 7:30-11:00 AM

Thank You

- I am so very grateful for the prayers, wishes of healing, and other gifts of support through the difficult past several weeks. I appreciate you all. Dr. says I'm healing well. God Bless, **Judy Bryant**
- ACC Staff, Volunteers, & Funeral Dinner Team, On behalf of the Stringfield family, we want to thank you for the luncheon following our mom's funeral. Your kindness, thoughtfulness, and generosity during this difficult time have been a blessing. We are grateful for your support. Thank you, **Emily Mester & The Stringfield Family**
- Dearest Ken and ACC, Thank you all for your outreach during my hospitalization and extended at-home healing. I was stunned at all the cards and phone calls I received! What a blessing everyone has been during all the hospital visits and prayers. The love that shines from our community has not gone unnoticed. God is alive and well among us. Thank you all for having such servant hearts! Blessing & Hugs, **Pat Halberstadt**
- ACC Family, Thank you so much for the kind thoughts and prayers as my/our parents/grandparents transitioned to assisted living. The process could not have gone smoother. Our parents/grandparents are happy, safe, & well taken care of. We felt all the love!! **Sally, Brayden, Ben & Fay**
- Thank you so much for not only the love we felt but the wonderful church friends & family that made the luncheon for our father's celebration of life. The food was delicious! Love, **Terry & Deb Claypool**
- I wanted to send out this huge thank you to my church for praying for me the past several months. I'm thankful God gave me a church family and a Sunday school family that cares enough to pray for me. I also wanted to say thank you to Ashley Cantrall & Cathy for helping me get to appointments, and for reaching out to me a few times as well. Thank you for being my Church family, **Dawn Medley**
- Dear Church Funeral Dinner Team, Thank you doesn't feel like enough for the love & care you showed our family by hosting a luncheon after Mary's service. Every detail-the food preparation, serving hands, and love- spoke so clearly of Christ's love in action. You ministered to our family in a very tangible way, and we are deeply grateful. Psalm 23 was such a steady anchor for Mary in her final days & us during this season. Through your service, we truly felt the Shepherd's care. Love, **The Family of Mary Wells**

It's All About Camp!

Church Camp Visit

LITTLE GALILEE
CHRISTIAN CAMP & RETREAT CENTER

Sunday, March 29

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

Church Camp Visit

LAKE SPRINGFIELD
CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY

Sunday, April 26

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

Hello Camp 2 Day Camp

at Lake Springfield Christian Assembly

Go with Children's Minister, Lorna Baker!
open for kids ages 2-5 years old

Monday, July 13
1:00-5:00 PM
\$25/camper

Register at LSCA >

<https://lscacamp.org/>



JR High Camp at LSCA

JULY 19-24

All incoming Junior High Students are invited to attend camp with Youth Minister, Evan Noggle.

Register at LSCA



<https://lscacamp.org/>



3rd-4th Grade Overnight

AT LITTLE GALILEE CHRISTIAN CAMP

FRIDAY, JULY 24-SATURDAY, JULY 25
LGCC IN CLINTON, IL
\$55 PER CAMPER

Go with Children's Minister, Lorna Baker!
Register at www.littlegalilee.org

SCAN ME



CANOEING FOOD ZIP LINING FUN BIG SWING

Give your kids a break from screens and a boost in faith this summer! Church camp offers a unique experience where they'll build lifelong friendships, grow in independence, and encounter God in a whole new way. It's more than just a week away—it's a life-changing investment in their future! Check out the many camp options on the next couple of pages at Lake Springfield Christian Assembly and Little Galilee Christian Camp.

Summer Camp Credit

\$100 Church Camp Credit to those who attend Athens Christian Church!

Lake Springfield Christian

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

www.lscacamp.org

Little Galilee Christian:

REGISTRATION OPENS MARCH 2!

www.littlegalilee.org



LAKE SPRINGFIELD CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY
1674 LICK CREEK LANE



LSCA SUMMER CAMP 2026

Age / Grade	Session	Date	Fees
TRADITIONAL CAMPS			
2nd—4th	First Chance	July 9-10	\$115
3rd—5th	Trailblazers	June 28– July 1	\$290
5th & 6th	Camp 56	June 8-12	\$350
7th & 8th	Junior High	July 19-24	\$450
9th Grade	Niners	June 21-26	\$450
10th—JG	High School	June 14-19	\$450
ADVENTURE CAMPS			
5th & 6th	Adv. Camp 56	June 22-24	\$220
6th-8th	JH Xtreme (Days)	June 29-July 1	\$145
7th & 8th	Adv. Camp 78	July 7-10	\$250
9th—JG	HS Wilderness	July 5-10	\$550
DISCOVERY CAMPS (8am to 515pm daily)			
2nd—4th	Disc. Camp 1	June 8-12	\$220
2nd—4th	Disc. Camp 2	June 15-19	\$220
2nd—4th	Disc. Camp 3	June 22-26	\$220
2nd—4th	Disc. Camp 4	June 29– July 1	\$135
2nd—4th	Disc. Camp 5	July 6-10	\$220
2nd—4th	Disc. Camp 6	July 13-17	\$220
2nd—4th	Disc. Camp 7	July 20-24	\$220
OTHER DAY TIME OR INTRODUCTORY CAMPS			
2-5 yrs old	Hello Camp 1*	July 13 (am)	\$25
2-5 yrs old	Hello Camp 2*	July 13 (pm)	\$25
1st & 2nd	Day Camp	July 7	\$55

All Grades are based on Fall 2026

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Age/Grade	Camp Name	Date	Camp Starts	Camp Ends	Dean	Cost
Ages 3-6	Pre Kamp #1	June 6	8:00am	12:00pm	Rachel Suzewits	\$30
Ages 3-6	Pre Kamp #2	July 11	8:00am	12:00pm	Rachel Suzewits	\$30
2-3	Day Camp #1	June 6	8:00am	4:00pm	Lori Rutledge	\$40
2-3	Day Camp #2	July 11	8:00am	4:00pm	Minda Abeln	\$40
2-4	Main Overnight #1	June 19-20	6:00pm	4:00pm	Rachel Branson/WRCC	\$55
3-4	Main Overnight #2	July 24-25	6:00pm	4:00pm	Amie Kenney	\$55
3-4	Wilderness Overnight #1	June 19-20	6:00pm	4:00pm	Josh Kirk	\$55
3-4	Wilderness Overnight #2	July 24-25	6:00pm	4:00pm	Olivia Benton	\$55
3-4	Outpost Overnight #1	June 19-20	6:00pm	4:00pm	Faith Mink	\$55
3-4	Outpost Overnight #2	July 24-25	6:00pm	4:00pm	Katey Hite	\$55
3-4	First Chance Camp	August 2-4	3:30pm	4:00pm	LG Staff	\$115
4-6	Rookie Camp	June 28-July 1	3:30pm	4:00pm	FCC Clinton Staff	\$155
5-6	Junior Main #1	June 7-12	3:30pm	4:00pm	Amber Esparza Amy Pehlke	\$235
5-6	Junior Main #2	July 26-31	3:30pm	4:00pm	FCC Moweaqua Staff	\$235
5-6	Junior Wilderness #1	June 14-19	3:30pm	4:00pm	Katey Hite	\$235
5-6	Junior Wilderness #2	July 26-31	3:30pm	4:00pm	Terry Hoffman	\$235
5-6	Junior Outpost #1	June 21-26	3:30pm	4:00pm	Seth and Michelle Schneider	\$235
5-6	Junior Outpost #2	July 26-31	3:30pm	4:00pm	Anthony Tuel	\$235
5-6	Junior Horse Camp-Girls 1st time horse campers only	May 31-June 5	3:30pm	4:00pm	Crystal Horton	\$260
6-8	Jr. High Main #1	June 14-19	3:30pm	4:00pm	Lori Reed	\$235
6-8	Jr. High Main #2	July 5-10	3:30pm	4:00pm	Gabe Rutledge	\$235
6-8	Jr. High Main #3	July 19-24	3:30pm	4:00pm	Jon Scott	\$235
6-8	Jr. High Wilderness #1	June 7-12	3:30pm	4:00pm	Tim Summerville	\$235

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6-8	Jr. High Wilderness #2	July 12-17	3:30pm	4:00pm	Nathan Roberts	\$235
6-8	Jr. High Outpost #1	June 7-12	3:30pm	4:00pm	Shannon Busick	\$235
6-8	Jr. High Outpost #2	June 28-July 3	3:30pm	4:00pm	Faith Mink	\$235
6-8	Jr. High Adventure Camp	May 31-June 5	3:30pm	4:00pm	Todd Parks	\$280
6-8	Jr. High Fishing Camp	June 7-12	3:30pm	4:00pm	Jason Mauhar	\$260
6-8	Jr. High Paintball Camp	July 12-17	3:30pm	4:00pm	JP Hill	\$305
6-8	Junior High - The Trade	July 19-24	3:30pm	4:00pm	Stacy Landry	\$265
6-8	Cross Country Camp	July 19-24	3:30pm	4:00pm	Alia Burton	\$260
9-Grades	High School - The Trade	July 12-17	3:30pm	4:00pm	Terry Hoffman	\$265
9-Grads	HS Main #1	May 31-June 5	3:30pm	4:00pm	Craig Peterman	\$235
9-Grads	HS Main #2	June 21-26	3:30pm	4:00pm	Josh Rutledge	\$235
9-Grads	HS Main #3	July 12-17	3:30pm	4:00pm	John Mueth	\$235
9-Grads	HS Wilderness #1	June 28-July 3	3:30pm	4:00pm	Michael Behrends	\$235
9-Grads	HS Wilderness #2	July 19-24	3:30pm	4:00pm	Ken and Julie Kascel	\$235
9-Grads	HS Outpost #1	June 14-19	3:30pm	4:00pm	Keith Merriman	\$235
9-Grads	HS Outpost #2	July 5-10	3:30pm	4:00pm	Matt & Emily Estes	\$235
9-Grads	HS Paintball Camp	June 14-19	3:30pm	4:00pm	JP Hill	\$305
9-Grads	HS Fishing Camp - Boys	May 31-June 5	3:30pm	4:00pm	Jordan Ziegenbein	\$260
10-Grads	Leaders In Training - LIT	June 28-July 3	3:30pm	4:00pm	Daniel & Lexi Williams	\$130
All Ages	Family Camp 1	May 22-25	6:00pm	10:00am	Little Galilee Staff	\$40 per person
All Ages	Family Camp #2	September 4-7	6:00pm	10:00am	Ian Stamps and John Mueth	\$40 per person



- Indoor Archery: Mondays thru March 23, 6:00-8:00 PM
- Men's Bible Study: Tuesdays, 8:00 AM
- Chair Aerobics: Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays: 9:00-10:00 AM
- High School Wednesday Morning Groups: Wednesdays thru May 6, while school is in session, 7:15-8:00 AM
- Spring Wednesday Night Connection: Wednesdays thru March 25, Dinner: 5:40-6:15 PM, Adult Classes & Kids C.L.U.B. (Birth-6th grade): 6:30-7:30 PM; Grief Share & Rooted JH/SH Youth Group until 8:00 PM
- Pickleball (13+): Thursdays thru March 26, 6:00-8:00 PM
- Monthly Community Prayer Gathering: Sunday, March 8, Worship Center, 5:30-6:00 PM
- Young at Heart: Tuesday, March 10, 9:30 AM-Noon
- 9th Annual Sportsman's Dinner: Saturday, March 14, 5:00-8:00 PM (Doors open at 4:00 PM)
- Carl Parks, Guest Speaker: Sunday, March 15, All three services
- Senior Trip (50+) to Old State Capitol: Saturday, March 21, 9:00 AM-2:00 PM
- Little Galilee Representative at ACC: Sunday, March 29, All three services
- Family Easter Event, Eggapalooza: Sunday, March 29, 2:00-3:30 PM
- JH/SR Rooted Easter Party: Sunday, March 29, 6:00-8:00 PM

- Men's Bible Study: Tuesdays, 8:00 AM
- Chair Aerobics: Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays: 9:00-10:00 AM
- High School Wednesday Morning Groups: Wednesdays thru May 6, while school is in session, 7:15-8:00 AM
- Good Friday Service: Friday, April 3, 6:00 PM
- Free Hot Easter Breakfast: Sunday, April 5, 7:00-11:00 AM
- Easter Services: Sunday, April 5, 7:30 AM (30-minute service), 8:00, 9:15, & 10:30 AM
- VBS Registration Opens: Sunday, April 5
- Senior Trip to Bloomington, IL: Saturday, April 11, 9:00 AM-2:00 PM
- Monthly Community Prayer Gathering: Sunday, April 12, Worship Center, 5:30-6:00 PM
- Young at Heart: Tuesday, April 14, 9:30 AM-Noon
- Worship Workshop: Wednesday, April 22, 6:30-8:30 PM
- Lake Springfield Christian Assembly Representative at ACC: Sunday, April 26, All three services



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Children's Minister, Lorna Baker	217-502-1256
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