

VERSE of the WEEK

Athens Christian Church

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

Worship Services

January 11, 2026

“One thing I do, forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ.”

Philippians 3:13

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 103:13-18

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus #Special (v. 1-3)

I Am Resolved #Special (v. 1-5)

Announcements Video

Prayer Requests & Praises: Ken Gennicks

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

Acts of Worship: Passion Video

Sermon: Ken Gennicks

“People of the Bible:
‘Remember Lot’s Wife, No Turning Back’”
(Luke 17:20-33; Genesis 19:1, 15-26)

Invitation Hymn:
Have Thine Own Way, Lord #400 (v. 1 & 4)

Communion & Offering Hymn:
Are Ye Able Said the Master #470 (v. 1 & 3)

Communion & Offering Meditation: Ken Gennicks

Quietly move to Communion & Offering tables before exiting.

9:15 & 10:30 am Contemporary Service

Welcome

I Will Follow

I Am Resolved

Firm Foundation

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Acts of Worship: Passion Video

Sermon: Ken Gennicks

“People of the Bible:
‘Remember Lot’s Wife, No Turning Back’”
(Luke 17:20-33; Genesis 19:1, 15-26)

Invitation Hymn:
I Have Decided to Follow Jesus (No Turning Back)

What a Beautiful Name

Communion & Offering Meditation: Ken Gennicks

Quietly move to Communion & Offering tables before exiting.

AM Sermon Notes

“People of the Bible:
‘Remember Lot’s Wife, No Turning Back’”
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INTRODUCTION

Our Bible studies focus on “*People of the Bible*,” timeless life lessons from real people who point us to Jesus. Of all the women mentioned by name in the Bible, there is only one woman Jesus warned us to remember (Lk. 17:32). As the new year of 2026 lies ahead, today’s Bible study tells us why:

I. Remember the _____ of Lot’s wife (Phil. 3:13-14)

A. In spite of her _____ (Gen. 11:31; 17:32)

B. In spite of her _____ (Gen. 19:17)

C. In spite of her _____ (Gen. 19:15)

D. In spite of her _____ (Gen. 19:16)

E. In spite of her _____ (Gen. 19:23)

F. In spite of her _____ (Gen. 19:17, 26)

II. Remember the _____ of Lot’s wife (Lk. 9:62; I John 2:15)

III. Remember the _____ of Lot’s wife (Mt. 5:13)

A. Jesus will come _____ (Lk. 17:24)

B. Jesus will come _____ (Lk. 17:27)

C. Jesus will come _____ (Lk. 17:32)

CONCLUSION

A. The Lord always _____ (Ps. 23:1-4)

B. He calls us to move _____ (Phil. 3:13-14)

C. The consequence of _____ (Lk. 9:62)

D. Faith requires both _____ and no _____ (2 Pet. 2:6-9)

E. Remember your _____ and don’t grow _____ (Rev. 2:4; 3:16)

F. Set your heart on things _____, _____ things of this world (Col. 3:1-2)

G. _____ your life to Christ is _____ (Lk. 17:32-33)

H. _____ well (Mt. 25:21)

Jesus doesn’t ask us to remember Sarah, Hannah, Esther, Ruth or Mary. He singles out one woman who is eternally damned, and says, “Remember Lot’s wife” (Lk. 17:32) lest we turn back as she did. So follow the Lord throughout 2026!

Prayer Requests

At Memorial:

Marlene Wegner, Dalton Worthington (Jamie Thomas’ friend/accident), Chris Finley (after surgery)

At Missouri Hospital:

Bruce (Paula) Kennett’s sister Sharon

Tests:

Karla Daubs, Dave/Sandy Magee, Dwayne Rudolph (radiation), Rhonda Leinberger, Laurie Ingram’s brother, Linda Hoffman’s son, Alice Lasswell’s brother, Tammy Garner, Brandon Keppler’s uncle, Lorrie Sleight’s mom/dad/sister, Judy Bryant, Bree Chandler, Pat Halberstadt, Ericka McCoy’s dad/family, Mary Magee, Donnie Fritz, Amelia Whitman (Jerry Judd’s friend), Sue Bishop’s sister, Barb Snow, Steve Snow (shoulder/Feb. 20), Kay Sill’s sister/d-in-law

At home:

Wanda Stott/Albert McCarthy/Kenny Bounds (hospice), Terry Wunderle, Nancy Nale’s mom, Morgan Setzer, Deb Claypool’s friend, Tom/Ruth Novy, Jill Cleer (Arcadia), Kevin/Carrie Lee/Colton Ingham, Jack/Betty Ethell’s daughter, Sierra Lowers’ mom, Jo Ellen Croft’s mom, Dawn Medley, Kevin Kennett, Anthony Hale’s dad, Charlie Good, Mary Wells

Touched by death:

Loretta Purdy family (Susan VanNattan’s relative), Pat Stringfield family, Eldon Stromberg family (Judi Harlan’s relative), Andrew Beggs family (Terri Tibbs’ friend)

Transitions:

Nadra Rolfs (Stefanie Fricke’s friend), Wayne/Barb Schafer’s daughter, Ann Vaughn (Bill Peterman’s m-in-law/Trustwell), Sally Vespa’s parents (Carriage Crossing), Sharon Reichling, Fred Mason (Bruce Kennett’s nephew/hospice), Roberta Clark/Dick & Elaine Bachman/Steve Gutierrez/Charles “Butch” Mester/Al Betz/Joann Kirchgessner (hospice)/Rosalie Ingram (Villa), Mary Prior/Erna Weatherby/Bob Moore (Countryside), Carolyn Cole (Concordia), Marge Ray/Vivian Rankin (Vonderlieth), Chuck VanHuss (Jacksonville), Linda Cramer, Cory Craig, Jr./Josh Harris/Nicholas McDaniel (Ozark Christian College)

30 to CIY Superstart (gr. 4-6):

Jan. 30-31/Bloomington

Children’s Ministry Intern:

Jaelyn Lasley/Feb. 23-June 15

ACC Mission Trip to DR:

Mar. 23-30

Vacation Bible School:

June 8-12, 6-8:00 p.m./all ages

112 to Christ In Youth Conf.:

July 6-10/Lincoln, NE

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Capital Stewardship Campaign:

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