



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

Announcements Video

Prayer Requests & Praises: Ken Gennicks

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'

(Luke 17:20-33; Genesis 19:1, 15-26)

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; 1 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 Kirchgesner (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 Superstar (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

Blake Canterbury: facebook.com/monroechurchplant

Kyle Gennicks: wearegospelcity.churchcenter.com

Capital Stewardship Campaign: EXCEL (2026-2028)

Our missionaries/military/terrorism/nation

Each other/unspoken needs



Jason DeBoer



Evan Noggle

Wonderful Watery World of Rivers

Tuesday, January 13

9:30: Free Blood Pressure checks

10:00: Presentation on the Wonderful Watery World of Rivers by Jason DeBoer

11:00 lunch: Ham & beans, taco soup, and cornbread

Devotion by Evan Noggle

ACC OUTDOORS

ACC Indoor Archery

free! AT ATHENS CHRISTIAN CHURCH MONDAY EVENINGS

January 19-March 23, 6-8 pm

ACC OUTDOORS 9TH ANNUAL SPORTSMAN'S DINNER

SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 5-8 PM

AT ATHENS CHRISTIAN CHURCH

TICKETS ON SALE NOW-\$25 EA.

Pay & register at athenschristian.net or on the ACC app.



CHRIST IN YOUTH 2026

July 6-10, 2026 in Lincoln, Nebraska

"CIY" is a powerful, week-long event

designed to inspire and equip high school students to deepen their faith and boldly live for Christ. ACC has purchased 112 tickets for CIY 2026!!

ONLY A FEW SPOTS REMAIN!

To secure your spot, register and pay \$100 non-refundable deposit at athenschristian.net/ciy... or scan



HIGH SCHOOL MORNING BIBLE STUDY NOW ON WEDNESDAYS!

STARTING
JANUARY 14 - MAY 6
7:15-8:00 AM
AT ACC

ACC STUDENTS ATTENDING OZARK CHRISTIAN COLLEGE FOR SPRING SEMESTER



CORY CRAIG, JR.



NICHOLAS MCDANIEL



JOSH HARRIS

Keep these students in your prayers and consider sending them a note of encouragement!

Name/Ozark Christian College, 1111 N Main ST/Joplin, MO 64801

Each student is receiving a \$2,000 scholarship for this semester.

wednesday night CONNECTION BEGINS THIS WEDNESDAY! JANUARY 14 - MARCH 26

Supper 5:40-6:15 pm Studies 6:30-7:30 pm

GROUP STUDY



THE AMERICAN HERITAGE SERIES:

Discover the forgotten amazing story of our nation's foundation & become inspired to reclaim the godly, true story of our nation.

led by Anthony Bolton & Gerry Turner

WOMEN



WARRIOR WOMEN:

Discover what being a warrior for God looks like.

THE COST OF CONTROL:

Discover how we can walk in faith knowing God is in complete control.

led by Shelly Roat & Carrie Cantrall

YOUNG ADULTS



FAITH FOUNDATIONS:

We all have questions about how to live out our faith. Join author and pastor, David Platt, to examine 10 essential Christian truths for becoming mature disciples of Christ.

led by Kennedy Hale & Morgan Wells

MEN



GOD, JUST TELL ME:

Ever wish God would just tell you what to do? In this series, learn how to find clarity, confidence, and direction—even when life feels anything but certain.

led by Michael Cantrall & Matt Armitage

GENERAL BIBLE STUDY



EVANGELIZE:

Learn from Jesus' instructions in Matthew 10 what it means to evangelize like an apostle and share your faith with courage, compassion, and conviction.

led by Darin Fritz & Dan Haynes

GRIEFSHARE

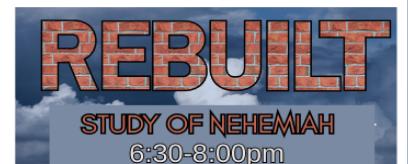


GriefShare:

Seminar and support group to help rebuild lives after losing a loved one. Learn how to navigate through difficult days.

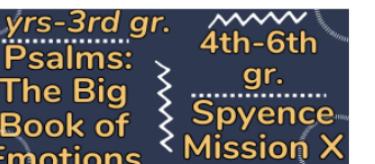
led by Carla Knox & Mary Ellen Buch

ROOTED JR./SR. HIGH



Worship, REBUILT (lesson on Nehemiah), games, small groups

KIDS C.L.U.B.



PSALMS: The Big Book of Emotions



SPYENCE MISSION X: Weeks of fun, faith, & hands-on discovery

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. Of the 170 women mentioned by name in the Bible, there is only one woman Jesus warned us to remember, found in Luke 17:32. On the threshold of 2026, our Verse-of-the-Week today is Philippians 3:13, "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." Of all the Bible women Jesus could have mentioned, why did He tell us to remember Lot's wife (Luke 17:32)?

2. Read Genesis 12-19 and Luke 17:20-33. Answer the following as True or False:

- T F I am tempted to look back with regret, guilt, and shame.
- T F I sometimes long for the past with nostalgia.
- T F I'm tempted to linger in the past for days gone by.
- T F I can get stuck in my emotions and comfort of the past.
- T F I've held onto past pains, wounds, and offenses.
- T F I tend to live in the past rather than in the present.
- T F Our faith is future-oriented, calling us onward.
- T F Lot's wife lacked for obedient people around her.
- T F My faith has grown lukewarm, unlike my first love for Christ.
- T F Lot's wife hesitated and lingered too long desiring the past.
- T F I'm straddling the fence with one foot in the world and one foot in the kingdom.
- T F In spite of her commitment, Lot's wife turned back in disobedience.
- T F I see myself in Lot's wife in many uncomfortable ways.

3. Read Numbers 11:4-6 and 14:4-9. What did God's people want to do rather than follow Moses forward into the Promised Land? Why was their desire and demand so unthinkable?

4. The song says, "I have decided to follow Jesus - no turning back, no turning back." There are some who look back and there are some who turn back, but for others they can't turn back because they never left in the first place. With this in mind, where do you see yourself, and why?

5. Another song says, "I am resolved no longer to linger, charmed by the world's delight; things that are higher, things that are nobler, these have allured my sight. I will hasten to Him, hasten so glad and free; Jesus, greatest, highest, I will come to Thee!" Are you lingering, or hastening? How so? Be very specific.

6. Imagine living without faith, without knowing Jesus, without knowing how to pray, and without a supportive church family. Now think about your neighbors, your coworkers, your relatives, your classmates, your friends, and people in your circle of acquaintance. Who needs your touch, your outreach, your invitation? Will you pray, reach out, and invite this week?

7. In light of today's Bible study, I will:

Today & This Week

TODAY, SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 2026

7:30 am Prayer with the Pastors (WC)
8:00 am Traditional Worship Svc. (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. 105)
 - » 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. 223)
- Jr./Sr. High School (Rm. 113/114)
- Kids C.L.U.B. for 4 yrs.-kind., 1st-3rd grade, 4th-6th grade
- Childcare for birth-3 years

10:30 am Contemporary Worship Service

- Kids C.L.U.B. for K-6th grade/Childcare for birth-4yrs.

11:30 am Indoor Archery Set-up

1:00 pm Pick-Up Basketball for Aged 13+ (FLC)

4:00 pm Elders' Meeting (Rm. 105)

5:30 pm Prayer Gathering led by Ashley Cantrall

MONDAY, JANUARY 12

9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13

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

10:00 am Young at Heart (FLC)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14

7:15 am Wednesday Morning High School Study (Youth Rm.)

9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)

5:00 pm Help set up for Wednesday Night Connection

5:40-6:15 pm Dinner (vegetable soup, chicken salad or ham & cheese on roll, chips, salad, desserts)

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

7:45 pm Praise Team Practice (WC)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15

6:00 pm Pickleball (FLC)

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16

Church Office Closed

9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)

5:15 pm Lake Spfld. Christian Assembly H.S. Winter Retreat thru 12:00 pm Sunday

6:00 pm Little Galilee H.S. Winter Retreat thru 11:00 am Sunday

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17

9:00 am Athens Area Food Pantry Monthly Distribution (Rt. 29)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

7:30 am Prayer with the Pastors (WC)

8:00 am Traditional Worship Svc. (nursery birth-2 yrs/3-5 yrs.)

9:15 am Contemporary Worship Service

9:15 am Sunday School for all Ages

10:30 am Contemporary Worship Service

- Kids C.L.U.B. for K-6th grade/Childcare for birth-4yrs.

1:00 pm Pick-Up Basketball for Aged 13+ (FLC)

6:00 pm High School Sunday Funday (FLC)