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of the

WEEK

Athens Christian Church

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

Worship Services

January 18, 2026

“But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

Matthew 6:33

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 103:8-12

Jesus Saves #667 (v. 1-4)

Are You Washed in the Blood #259 (v. 1-4)

Announcements Video

Prayer Requests & Praises: Shane Baker

Great is Thy Faithfulness #98 (v. 1-3)

Acts of Worship: Gospel Quartet

Sermon: Evan Noggle

“People of the Bible:
‘Haggai: Sent with Priority Mail’”
(Haggai 1-2)

Invitation Hymn:
Let Jesus Come Into Your Heart #433 (v. 1 & 4)

Communion & Offering Hymn:
Nothing but the Blood #266 (v. 1 & 4)

Communion & Offering Meditation: Evan Noggle

Quietly move to Communion & Offering
tables before exiting.

9:15 & 10:30 am Contemporary Service

Welcome

Graves into Gardens

Come Thou Fount

This is the Kingdom

Announcements Video

Prayer Requests & Praises: Shane Baker

Acts of Worship: Nathania Laier

Sermon: Evan Noggle

“People of the Bible:
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(Haggai 1-2)

Make Room

The Blessing

Communion & Offering Meditation: Evan Noggle

Quietly move to Communion & Offering
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AM Sermon Notes

“People of the Bible:
‘Haggai: Sent with Priority Mail’”
(Haggai 1-2)

INTRODUCTION

Our Bible studies throughout 2026 focus on “People of the Bible,” real people whose stories we see in the pages of these books. Today, we will take a look at the prophet Haggai and his message to the Israelites who needed to check their priorities as they returned from exile.

BIBLE STUDY

Current Problem	Haggai's Message
1a. Israel chose	1b. God reclaims
(Haggai 1:1-6)	(Haggai 1:7-12)
2a. Israel felt	2b. God promises
(Haggai 2:3-5)	(Haggai 2:6-9)
3a. Israel brought	3b. God brings
(Haggai 2:10-14)	(Haggai 2:18-19)

APPLICATION

T: _____ through _____

E: _____ your _____

M: _____ bold _____

P: _____ patient _____

L: _____ human _____

E: _____ God's _____

CONCLUSION

Haggai's message was for Israel to check where their priorities lay when it came to rebuilding God's Temple. While this message wasn't for us today, we can learn a lot about what God desires from us! We have the choice: Prioritize Jesus or Prioritize ourselves.

Prayer Requests

At Missouri Hospital: Bruce (Paula) Kennett's sister Sharon

A FL hospital: Kieren Ward (Sarah Rempel's premature relative)

Tests: 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, Kim Purcell (surgery/19th), Michelle Richards, Peggy Schmidgall (Patty Squires' sister/surgery/22nd), Jo Shuck

At home: Mary Wells/Wanda Stott/Albert McCarthy/Roger Bock (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, Stephanie Norton's mom (knee surgery), Chris Finley, Dalton Worthington (Jamie Thomas' friend/accident), Linda Caldwell

Touched by death: Kenny Bounds family (Jack Brown's neighbor), Gay Rolofson family (Sharon Schirding's uncle)

Transitions: Marlene Wegner (Sunny Acres), Nadra Rolfs (Stefanie Fricke's friend), 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

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



Before you leave today, please be sure to stop by the lobby to sign the greeting cards for friends who are in our prayers.

ACC OUTDOORS

Indoor Archery Begins Tomorrow at Athens Christian Church

MONDAY EVENINGS
January 19-March 23
6-8 pm

For more information visit our website

free!

ACC OUTDOORS 9TH ANNUAL SPORTSMAN'S DINNER
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TROPHIES OF GRACE

LSCA's Junior High
WinterBlast
January 31-February 2, 2025

Who: 6th-8th grade
When: Jan. 30 at 5:30pm - Feb. 1 at 12pm
Where: Lake Springfield Christian Assembly
Cost: \$145

Join ACC's Youth Minister, Evan Noggle at LSCA's Junior High Winter Blast!

If you have any concerns about the cost, please let us know! Questions: Evan Noggle at 217-415-5644 or evan@athenschristian.net

Register Here!

Super Start!
THE MYSTERIOUS TRUTH
January 30-31
Bloomington, IL

Please be praying for everyone going:

- Students: Addy, Alaska, Alexander, Aliah, Ava, Beckett, Carlee, Cora, Delilah, Everly, Faly, Grace, Grayson, Henry, Hunter, Isabella, Jackson, Jay, Kipton, Levi, Lillie, Nevaeh, Nolan, Penelope
- Leaders: Shane & Lorna Baker, Terry & Sandy Knoles, & Morgan Wells

HIGH SCHOOL MORNING BIBLE STUDY
NOW ON WEDNESDAYS!

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS
AT ACC THRU MAY 6
WHEN SCHOOL IS IN
SESSION 7:15-8:00 AM

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

WEDNESDAYS THRU MARCH 25

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

GROUP STUDY

THE American Heritage SERIES

led by Anthony Bolton & Gerry Turner

WOMEN

WARRIOR WOMEN DEBORAH
The Cost of Control

led by Shelly Roat & Carrie Cantrall

YOUNG ADULTS

FAITH FOUNDATIONS

led by Kennedy Hale & Morgan Wells

MEN

GOD, JUST TELL ME

led by Michael Cantrall & Matt Armitage

GENERAL BIBLE STUDY

Evangelize Like an Apostle
Matthew 10

led by Darin Fritz & Dan Haynes

GRIEF SHARE

GRIEF SHARE
You don't have to grieve alone.
6:30-8:00 pm

led by Carla Knox & Mary Ellen Buch

ROOTED JR./SR. HIGH

REBUILT
STUDY OF NEHEMIAH
6:30-8:00pm

KIDS C.L.U.B.

4 yrs-3rd gr. Psalms: The Big Book of Emotions
4th-6th gr. Spyence Mission X

Even if you haven't signed up yet,
it's never too late to join us for an evening of
good food, warm fellowship,
and shared time in God's Word!

**Loved Beyond Measure*
Father-Daughter Valentine Dinner

Saturday, February 7
5-6:30 PM

Dinner - Games - Devotion
Dinner: Ham, Mac & Cheese,
green beans, roll & cookies

Register Today!

- 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 Matthew 6:33, "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." What are "all these things" that this verse is talking about?

2. Haggai isn't typically our "go-to" book of the Bible... However, there are a lot of solid truths that come from studying it! What jumped out to you from our study on this book?

3. Israel needed to reevaluate their priorities. What is one thing you have been making more of a priority than God?

4. Of Israel's "current problems," which one do you identify with most?

5. The temple needed to be the priority for the Israelites returning from exile. Our application section has an acrostic that represents what actions we can take to return our priorities to God. What application action step do you need to work on most this week?

6. What is one thing you can do today, not tomorrow, that will make God more of a priority in your life?

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Today & This Week

TODAY, SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 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.

1:00 pm Pick-Up Basketball for Aged 13+ (FLC)
6:00 pm High School Sunday Funday (FLC)

MONDAY, JANUARY 19 MATTHEW 11
9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)
6:00 pm Indoor Archery (ACC building)
6:00 pm Athens Area Food Pantry Monthly Distribution (Rt. 29)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20 MATTHEW 12
8:00 am Men's Bible Study (Rm. 223)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21 MATTHEW 13
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 (chicken nuggets, mac & cheese, 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 22 MATTHEW 14
10:00 am Prophecy Watch Study (Rm. 106)
6:00 pm Pickleball (FLC)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23 MATTHEW 15
Church Office Closed
9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25
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
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12:00 pm Worship Lunch & Vision Meeting (Rm. 223)
1:00 pm Pick-Up Basketball for Aged 13+ (FLC)