

8:00 am Traditional Service

Call to Worship: Psalm 84:9-12

Heaven Came Down and Glory Filled My Soul
#657 (v. 1-3)

Trust and Obey #454 (v. 1-4)

Announcements Video

Prayer Requests & Praises: Ken Gennicks

God Will Take Care of You #56 (v. 1-4)

Acts of Worship: Larry Barregarye & Elynor Nance

Sermon: Ken Gennicks

“EXCEL in this Grace of Giving:
The Widow’s Oil”

(2 Kings 4:1-7; 2 Corinthians 8:7; Romans 15:4; I Corinthians 10:11)

Invitation Hymn:

Jesus Calls Us O’er the Tumult #399 (v. 1 & 4)

Communion & Offering Hymn:

I’d Rather Have Jesus #650 (v. 1 & 3)

Communion & Offering Meditation: Josh Harris
Quietly move to Communion & Offering
tables before exiting.

9:15 & 10:30 am Contemporary Service

Welcome

Who Else

Worthy of it All

Heart of Worship

Announcements Video

Prayer Requests & Praises: Ken Gennicks

Acts of Worship: Angie Fritz

Sermon: Ken Gennicks

“EXCEL in this Grace of Giving:
The Widow’s Oil”

(2 Kings 4:1-7; 2 Corinthians 8:7; Romans 15:4; I Corinthians 10:11)

Invitation Hymn: Hymn of Heaven

I Surrender All

Communion & Offering Meditation: Josh Harris
Quietly move to Communion & Offering
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AM Sermon Notes

“EXCEL in this Grace of Giving:
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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. ‘*These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us*’ (I Cor. 10:11). Today’s Bible study begins a “series within a series” as we pray to “EXCEL in this grace of giving”: ‘*But just as you excel in everything: in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us, see that you also excel in this grace of giving*’ (2 Cor. 8:7). So let’s start with a desperate, unnamed widow and how God came through for her, and what we can learn about God from this Scripture:

I. Her _____ (2 Kings 4:1b, 2b)

II. Her _____ (2 Kings 4:1a)

III. Her _____ (2 Kings 4:3-4)

IV. Her _____ (2 Kings 4:5)

V. Her _____ (2 Kings 4:6)

VI. Her _____ (2 Kings 4:7)

CONCLUSION

Our study of this desperate, unnamed widow inspires us to:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

‘*For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope*’ (Rom. 15:4). Can we EXCEL in this Grace of Giving without fear or regret when we are confident God will provide? Can you joyfully EXCEL in this?

Prayer Requests

At St. John’s: Mike Felix (Jo Ellen Croft’s relative/fell)

At DeKalb hospital: Curt Reichling’s mom (cancer)

Tests: Gail Frank, Larry Fitschen, Dave Magee, Al Keller, Andrew Combs (surgery/Nov.4/WI), Marilyn Castles, Dwayne Rudolph (radiation), Jan Canterbury, Rhonda Leinberger, Pat Halberstadt (ablation/Nov. 18), Laurie Ingram’s brother/sister, Barb Wagner, Mark/Kathy Becker’s neighbor, Hudson Davis (Curtis/Jen’s son), Albert McCarthy, Ruth Novy (shoulder/Dec.), David Primm, Rena Hiatt, Tony Snow, Todd Snow, Isabella Link (knee/27th), Kay Sill’s sister Kim, Amy Bolton’s mom

At home: Terry Wunderle, Nancy Nale’s mom, Morgan Setzer, Annetta Books, Deb Claypool’s friend, Tom Novy, Wanda Stott, Jill Cleer (Arcadia), Kathy Becker, Kevin/Carrie Lee/Colton Ingham, Cyndee Blakeman, Janice Bollman, Roberta Clark, Nancy Oliver (Chris Oliver’s mom/hospice/Pawnee), Jerry Basso, Linda Weidhuner

Touched by death: Ed O’Connor family (Joni’s husband), Merritt Foulk (Jeremy’s grandfather)

Transitions: Amanda Helmkamp’s cousin, Bev Nolting’s cousin, Bonnie Russell (St. Clara’s), Dick & Elaine Bachman/Steve Gutierrez/Charles “Butch”

Mester/Rosalie Ingram/Al Betz/Joann Kirchgesner (Villa), Bill Pullin (hospice), Mary Prior/Erna Weatherby/Bob Moore (Countryside), Carolyn Cole (Concordia/hospice), Gene/Kathy Apel/Marge Ray/Vivian Rankin (Vonderlieth), Kenny Bounds (Taylorville), Chuck VanHuss (Jacksonville), Cory Craig, Jr. (Ozark Christian College), Israel

Operation Christmas Child: Oct. 26-Nov. 9

Fall Preaching Intern: Josh Harris (through Dec. 24)

ICOM Mission Conference: Nov. 20-22/Atlanta

20 to Young Adult ‘Passion Conf’: Dec. 31/TX

112 to Christ In Youth Conf.: July 6-10/Lincoln, NE

Blake Canterbury: facebook.com/monroechurchplant

Kyle Gennicks: wearegospelcity.churchcenter.com

Capital Stewardship Campaign: Let Your Light Shine (2023-2025)

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 and sign the greeting cards for friends and family of ACC.

ATHENS CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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

WORSHIP SERVICES

October 19, 2025



“BUT JUST AS YOU EXCEL IN EVERYTHING:
IN FAITH, IN SPEECH, IN KNOWLEDGE, IN
COMPLETE EARNESTNESS AND IN YOUR LOVE
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GRACE OF GIVING.”

2 Corinthians 8:7

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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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. Because we want to take as many high schoolers from our area as we can, ACC has stepped out in faith and purchased

112 tickets for CIY 2026!!

ONLY 18 SPOTS REMAIN!!!

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



OPEN TO
MEN OF
ALL AGES



NOTE TIME
CHANGE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31, 7:00 PM

19125 RUPPEL LANE, VIRGINIA, IL 62691

FREE DINNER - PRIME RIB, BAKED POTATO, GREEN BEANS, SALAD

GUEST SPEAKERS:

DEAN HULCE - GOD'S GREAT OUTDOORS

MICAH CRAMER - THE LIGHTHOUSE YFC

SPECIAL GUEST: BEAR MAN

REGISTER AT: [HTTPS://THEBEARMAN.COM/ROUGH-EDGES-REGISTRATION/](https://THEBEARMAN.COM/ROUGH-EDGES-REGISTRATION/)

JR/SR HIGH TRIP TO LSQA FOR...

FALL NIGHT OUT

SAT., NOV. 1, LEAVE CHURCH 5:45-RETURN 8:45PM



SCAN THE QR CODE TO
SIGN-UP TODAY!



LSQA IS HOSTING THEIR FALL NIGHT OUT!

WE ARE TAKING A GROUP OF JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOLERS TO ENJOY THIS FREE EVENT, WHICH INCLUDES A WEENIE ROAST, HAY RACK RIDES, CARAMEL APPLES, AND MORE!

SIGN UP TO GO & SAVE YOUR SEAT ON THE BUS!



SENIOR TRIP
Friday, November 21

- Sign up in the lobby by **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2.**
- Meet at ACC at 4 PM
- Cost: \$75 (includes show, dinner, coffee, tea, soda, and \$7 gratuity)
- Seniors only



October is Minister Appreciation Month

**PICK-UP BASKETBALL
RESUMES TODAY AT ACC**

Sundays, 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Oct. 19, Nov. 2-30, Dec. 7, 14, 21

Ages High School and Up

questions: see Russ Witmer

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5TH QUARTER

AT ACC AFTER THE HOME GAME ON

**Friday,
October 24**

7th -12th grade 9:30-11:30 PM
Join us for Food, Fun, and Fellowship!



TRUNK OR TREAT

Sunday, Oct. 26, 2:00-3:30 PM in ACC Parking Lot

Hosted by ACC Kids Club, FUSE After School Program, and

Athens PTO



Donations of candy and Christian toys/trinkets are appreciated!
You can drop off your donations in the lobby from October 5-22.



**PACK A
SHOEBOX**

OCTOBER 26 - NOVEMBER 9

Pick up a box in the lobby and
return it by November 9

Send Good News, Great Joy in Jesus' Name!

**ACC Christmas Kids' Musical
& Cookie Fellowship**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7 | 4-6PM | WORSHIP CENTER
Cookie fellowship to follow!

PRACTICE SCHEDULE

- SUNDAYS IN NOVEMBER (NOV. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30)
2:00-3:30PM IN KIDS' WING, FLC, WORSHIP CENTER
- SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 9:00-10:30AM



Applying Today's Sermon to Your Life

1. If the Bible is a library of 66 books, 39 in the Old Testament and 27 in the New Testament, does the word *Old* mean *unimportant* or *insignificant* to Christians? Why, or why not? Commit these 66 books to memory in order this week. Our verse-of-the-week is 2 Corinthians 8:7, "*But just as you excel in everything: in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us, see that you also excel in this grace of giving.*" Commit this verse to memory.
2. Romans 15:4, in the New Testament, speaks of the Old Testament, saying, *For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.* What specific values to the Christian today are surfaced in this verse?
3. Read and underline 2 Corinthians 8:7 in your Bible, "*But just as you excel in everything: in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us, see that you also excel in this grace of giving.*" Which six words make up the ultimate command in this verse? How is God the ultimate Giver?
4. Circle the following as TRUE or FALSE, then explain your answer:
T F The Bible is just too complicated for me to read and study.
T F I would be too self-conscious to study the Bible with others.
T F The word *Old* in *Old Testament* means *unimportant*.
T F The New Testament contains hundreds of Old Testament quotations, allusions and echoes, none of which we'll fully grasp apart from saturating ourselves in Jesus' Bible, the Old Testament.
5. What is one of your most inspiring or helpful Old Testament texts? Why?
6. Our Bible study today focused on an unnamed, desperate widow. Read 2 Kings 4:1-7 again.
A. How is this story like Elijah with the widow at Zarephath (1 Kings 17:7-6)?
B. Why so many Bible stories about widows? What do widows represent?
C. What does 2 King 4:1-7 tell you about God?
D. How do these seven verses enhance your relationship with Christ?
7. How does your faith and your actions compare to this woman in 2 Kings 4:6? Are you as confident in God's provision as she was? Why, or why not? Are you desperate enough to seek God as she did? What's the value of desperation?
8. In light of today's Bible study, I will:

Today & This Week

TODAY, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

7:30 am Prayer with the Pastors (WC)

7:30 am-noon Vaccines Available in Room 202

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 Ambassadors, led by Dan Haynes (Rm. 223)

» Christian Living, led by Harry Schirding & Doug Wendler (Rm. 203)

» Kingdom Seekers, led by Terry Henrikson & Nancy Winterbauer (Rm. 105)

» Deep Divers, led by Anthony Bolton (Rm. 106)

•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 High School-Adult (FLC)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20

HEBREWS 2

7:15 am Monday Morning High School Gathering

9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)

6:00 pm Athens Area Food Pantry Monthly Distribution (Rt. 29)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21

HEBREWS 3

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22

HEBREWS 4

9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)

5:00 pm Vaccines Available in Room 202

5:00 pm Help set up for Wednesday Night Connection

5:40-6:15 pm Dinner (ham & cheese sliders, potato chips, baked beans, desserts)

6:30-7:30 pm Classes for all Ages (Jr./Sr. High Youth Group/ GriefShare til 8:00)

7:45 pm Praise Team Practice

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23

HEBREWS 5

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24

HEBREWS 6

Church Office Closed

9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)

9:30 pm 5th Quarter Bonfire for all Jr./Sr. High (ACC)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

Operation Christmas Child Kick-off in ACC Lobby

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 (Rms. 105, 106, 203, 223)

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2:00 pm Trunk or Treat (ACC parking lot)