

Athens Christian Church

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

Worship Services

October 5, 2025

Then those who were in the boat worshipped Jesus and said, "Truly you are the Son of God!"

VERSE of the WEEK

Matthew 14:33

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:

Elders:

Jeremy McDaniel/217-971-9416

Curt Reichling/217-636-9252

Doug Wendler/217-652-2133

Jack Brown/217-741-0381

GriefShare Ministry:

Carla Knox/217-415-5032

Mary Ellen Buch/217-899-7598

Ministry Contacts:

Ken Gennicks, Senior Minister/217-415-5724

Shane Baker, Associate Minister/217-415-9035

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Josh Harris, Preaching Intern 217-971-8371

Stephen Ministers:

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or contact the church office/217-636-8463



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8:00 am Traditional Service

Call to Worship: Psalm 84: 1-4

One Day #22 (v. 1-5)

O That Will be Glory for Me #132 (v. 1-3)

Announcements Video

Ken Gennicks:

Prayer Requests & Praises

Introducing Fall Preaching Intern, Josh Harris

Grace Greater Than Our Sin #105 (v. 1-4)

Minister Appreciation

ACC Elders & Silas McCormick

Sermon: Tyler Basso

“Will You Step Out of the Boat?” (Matthew 14:22-33)

Invitation Hymn: Jesus is Calling #434 (v. 1 & 4)

Communion & Offering Hymn: Abide With Me #500 (v. 1 & 2)

Communion & Offering Meditation: Josh Harris

Quietly move to Communion & Offering tables before exiting.

9:15 & 10:30 am Contemporary Service

Welcome

Glorious Day • I’ve Witnessed It • Who Else

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Invitation Hymn: O Come to the Altar

Jesus Paid It All

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AM Sermon Notes

Guest Speaker, Tyler Basso

“Will You Step Out of the Boat?” (Matthew 14:22-33)



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!

Stay Connected

This fall, we're doing a discipleship journey to help our ACC family stay more connected—beyond just Sundays. Whether it's receiving weekly updates, downloading the app, or giving online, these tools help us stay grounded in faith and community all week long.

Here's what we're working toward as a church family:

Double ACC Weekly email subscribers (93 → 186)

Double app downloads (495 → 1,000)

Double online giving participation (73 → 146)

Our hope is that this challenge won't just help us develop new habits—but that it will draw us closer together, strengthen our routines, and remind us that church is more than a building. It's a family, and staying connected helps us grow together.



Scan to get started!

Prayer Requests

Tests: Gail Frank (Gary's mom), Larry Fitschen, Dave Magee/Al Keller (radiation), Andrew Combs (surgery/14th), Marilyn Castles, Dwayne Rudolph (scan), Jan Canterbury, Rhonda Leinberger, Sarah Gennicks, Pat Halberstadt (ablation/Nov. 4), Neveah Battle, Laurie Ingram's brother/sister, Barb Wagner, Jody Robertson (Mark/Kathy Becker's neighbor), Hudson Davis (Curtis/Jen's son), Leslie Dinora (Larry Barregarye's daughter), Albert McCarthy (Cassie Sokolis' grandpa), Marlene Stepp, Madison Austin

At home: Terry Wunderle, Nancy Nale's mom, Morgan Setzer, Annetta Books, Deb Claypool's friend, Tom/Ruth Novy, Wanda Stott, Jill Cleer (Arcadia), Kathy Becker, Kevin/Carrie Lee/Colton Ingham, Cyndee Blakeman, Janice Bollman, Roberta Clark

Touched by death: Velma Fraase family (Patti Tobias' aunt), Jane Ransom family (DeeDee Gellerman's mother)

Transitions: Dick/Elaine Bachman (Villa/Oct. 1), Bev Nolting's cousin, Bonnie Russell (St. Clara's), Sara Murry/Steve Gutierrez/Charles “Butch” Mester/Rosalie Ingram/Al Betz/Joann Kirchgessner (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

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

ICOM Mission Conference: Nov. 20-22/Atlanta

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

Christ In Youth Conf.: July 6-10, 2026/number by Oct. 7?

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.

## October is Minister Month Appreciation



**KEN GENNICKS** SENIOR MINISTER  
**SHANE BAKER** ASSOCIATE MINISTER  
**LORNA BAKER** CHILDREN'S MINISTER  
**ASHLEY CANTRALL** WORSHIP/TECH MINISTER  
**EVAN NOGGLE** YOUTH MINISTER

Every October we make a special effort to thank God for the ministers and their families whom He has provided to serve with us at Athens Christian Church. Plan to celebrate with us all month, and ask God how you could demonstrate your gratitude to our ministers and families throughout October! If you need ideas, ask one of our ministers how you might volunteer or help them in their ministry! It's always helpful to know their favorite things and what they enjoy. Minister Appreciation brochures with favorites of each minister are in the lobby if you're looking for ideas to show your appreciation. Also available are envelopes to contribute to a love offering for our ministers. Both are available all month!

Today is Minister Appreciation Sunday. We will celebrate our ministers and hear from special guest speakers, Tyler Basso and Silas McCormick! Tyler is a Timothy and former youth minister from ACC. He now serves as Director of Student Ministries at Okolona Christian Church.



Silas McCormick, Executive Director of Lincoln Christian Institute, will also speak and help us celebrate.



## All Month of October in Our Lobby lift a leader

SERVING THOSE WHO SERVE US



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- Choose a minister & a month
- Do one act of kindness that blesses them during your chosen month
- Ideas: Write a thank-you card, bring a meal or gift card, help with a home or yard project, or simply ask, "Is there something I could do this month to serve you?"

## CHRIST IN YOUTH 2026

Tickets become available this Tuesday, October 7!  
**WE NEED TO BE READY!**

Tickets sell out within a couple of hours, so we need to be ready with our numbers! We want to take as many high schoolers as we can. Register now and pay \$100 non-refundable deposit to secure your spot.

Register and pay at  
[athenschristian.net/ciy](https://athenschristian.net/ciy) or scan

**MOVE ONLY 22 SPOTS REMAIN!!!**  
July 6-10, 2026  
Lincoln, NE



WASHINGTON STREET  
MISSION SERVICE DAY  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11



7:30AM-10:30AM



SIGN UP IN THE LOBBY OR  
EMAIL  
[MORGAN@ATHENSCHRISTIAN.NET](mailto:MORGAN@ATHENSCHRISTIAN.NET)



**History of Cherry Coal Mine Disaster**  
Tuesday, October 14

**9:30: Free Blood Pressure checks**

**10:00: Presentation on the History of Cherry Coal Mine Disaster by Jack Rooney**

**11:00 lunch: Sleight corn dogs, chili, and fruit**

Devotion by Barb Siddons



## 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

Saturday, 10/18, 8:30-10:30

Monday, 10/20, 5:30-7:00



**ATHENS AREA FOOD PANTRY**

1098 Zepher Dr (off of Rt. 29)  
Athens, IL

\*New guidelines for  
Maximum Monthly Gross  
Income based on  
household size:

1	\$3,913	6	\$10,788
2	\$5,288	7	\$12,163
3	\$6,663	8	\$13,538
4	\$8,038	9	\$14,913
5	\$9,413		

The Athens Area Food Pantry is a non-profit organization which provides food assistance to income eligible households primarily living in the Athens community and school district.

**A monthly distribution takes place the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month, 8:30-10:30 am, and the following Monday, 5:30-7:00 pm.**

ACC supports the Food Pantry by participating each November in the *Drive Away Hunger* food drive. All food collected is donated to the Athens Area Food Pantry.

**STAY PROTECTED THIS FLU SEASON**  
Influenza and COVID-19 vaccines will be made available at Athens Christian Church  
Sun., Oct. 19, 7:00 am-noon  
Wed., Oct. 22, 5:00-7:00 pm  
Room 202

Stay healthy

**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!

JR/SR HIGH TRIP TO LSCA FOR...  
**FALL NIGHT OUT**  
SAT., NOV. 1, LEAVE CHURCH 5:45-RETURN 8:45PM

SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN-UP TODAY!

LSCA 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!

## Today & This Week

### TODAY, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5 - MINISTER APPRECIATION

Guest Speakers All Services: Tyler Basso & Silas McCormick  
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 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.

2:00 pm Life Chain Sunday (Springfield)

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 6

1 TIMOTHY 6

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

9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7

2 TIMOTHY 1

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

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8

2 TIMOTHY 2

9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)

5:00 pm Help set up for Wednesday Night Connection

5:40-6:15 pm Dinner (Breakfast Casserole, Hash Browns, Fruit)

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 9

2 TIMOTHY 3

10:00 am Prophecy Watch Study (rm. 106)

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

2 TIMOTHY 4

Church Office Closed

9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

7:30 am Washington Street Mission Service Day (Springfield)

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

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)

•Jr./Sr. High School (Rm. 113/114)

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

5:30 pm Prayer Gathering led by Carla Knox (Worship Center)