

8:00 am Traditional Service

Call to Worship: Psalm 84:5-8

The Church's One Foundation #547 (v. 1-4)

My Hope is in the Lord #78 (v. 1-4)

Announcements Video

Prayer Requests & Praises: Ken Gennicks

What a Friend We Have in Jesus #466 (v. 1-3)

Acts of Worship: Gospel Quartet
Anthony Bolton, Hank Daubs, Curt Reichling, Gerry Turner

Sermon: Ken Gennicks
“People of the Bible: ‘EXCEL in this Grace of Giving,
The Rich Fool”
(Luke 12:13-21; 2 Corinthians 8:7)

Invitation Hymn:
O Jesus I Have Promised #402 (v. 1 & 3)

Communion & Offering Hymn:
Living for Jesus #462 (v. 1 & 4)

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

9:15 & 10:30 am Contemporary Service

Welcome

This is Our God

King of Kings

Trust in God

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Acts of Worship:
Nathania Laier & Krista Summers-McCormick

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Invitation Hymn: Let It Be Real

The Blessing

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

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INTRODUCTION

Our Bible studies focus on *People of the Bible*, inspiring life lessons about living for Jesus. Every Sunday we study and apply God’s Word. Today we study the life of a guy called, *The Rich Fool* (Luke 12), surfacing practical Bible guidance on how to manage our lives productively so we can give back generously, bless others, and support Christ’s cause in our church and in our world. Let these biblical guidelines empower you to *EXCEL in this grace of giving* (2 Cor. 8:7):

I. Do your _____ as unto the _____
(Col. 3:23; 2 Thess. 3:10)

II. _____ you make
(Phil. 4:11; 1 Tim. 6:8; Eccl. 5:10)

III. Build an _____
(Pr. 6:6-8; 13:11; 27:23-24)

IV. Increase your _____
(Pr. 11:24; 2 Cor. 8:7-8; 9:6-8; Mal. 3:10)

V. Establish a _____
(Lk. 14:28-30; Pr. 3:9-10)

VI. Get _____, keep _____
and _____
(Lam. 3:40; Heb. 13:5; 1 Tim. 3:4; Gal. 6:9)

CONCLUSION

Our ultimate debt was paid in full by Jesus Himself! Let Him lead you out of sin and out of debt so you can experience the joy of becoming a generous giver, a blessing to others, and a faithful financial supporter of the Lord’s work in your church and throughout your world now! *See that you also EXCEL in this grace of giving* (2 Cor. 8:7).

Prayer Requests

At Memorial: Rosalie Ingram (Brad’s step-mom)
At St. John’s: Ben Williams (Pat Basso’s friend)
At Lincoln Memorial: Mike Felix (Jo Ellen Croft’s relative/PT)
At CO hospital: Holly Wagner (Barb’s d-in-law)
Tests: Larry Fitschen, Dave Magee, Al Keller, Andrew Combs (surgery/Nov.4/WI), Marilyn Castles, Dwayne Rudolph (radiation), Jan Canterbury, Rhonda Leinberger (radiation/infusion), Pat Halberstadt (ablation/Nov. 18), Laurie Ingram’s brother (radiation), Barb Wagner, Mark/Kathy Becker’s neighbor, Hudson Davis, Albert McCarthy, Ruth Novy, David Primm, Rena Hiatt, Tony Snow, Todd Snow, Isabella Link (knee/27th), Kay Sill’s sister, Barb Snow’s granddaughter (surgery/27th), Laura Stille (Jeff Helmkamp’s relative/cancer), Harold Noel (Dwayne Rudolph’s friend), Jim Bruns (dialysis/kidney transplant/Pat McNeal’s friend)
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 (hospice), Jerry Basso, Linda Weidhuner
Touched by death: Glenna Cheffey family (Don Squires’ cousin), Carolyn Bryant family, Jacqueline Mosley family (Melinda Gastorf’s mother)
Transitions: Curt Reichling’s mom, Amanda Helmkamp’s cousin, Bev Nolting’s cousin, Bonnie Russell (St. Clara’s), Dick & Elaine Bachman/Steve Gutierrez/Charles “Butch” Mester/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
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: 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 26, 2025



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COMPLETE EARNESTNESS AND IN YOUR LOVE
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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:

<u>Elders:</u>	<u>GriefShare Ministry:</u>
Jeremy McDaniel/217-971-9416	Carla Knox/
Curt Reichling/217-636-9252	217-415-5032
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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 16 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 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!



 **SENIOR TRIP**
Friday, November 21

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



October is Minister Appreciation Month

TRUNK OR TREAT TODAY 2:00-3:30 PM
in the Athens Christian Church Parking Lot



Hosted by ACC Kids Club, FUSE After School Program, & Athens PTO

 **PACK A SHOEBOX**
OCTOBER 26 - NOVEMBER 9
Begins Today!
PICK UP A BOX IN THE LOBBY TODAY AND RETURN IT BY NOV. 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

- ALL 1ST-6TH GRADERS WELCOME
- SUNDAYS IN NOVEMBER (NOV. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30) 2:00-3:30PM IN KIDS' WING, WORSHIP CENTER
- SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 9:00-10:30AM

 **REGISTER NOW**

WELCOMING...
GUEST WORSHIP LEADER
Joe Effinger



NOVEMBER 2 (TIME CHANGE SUNDAY!)
8:00, 9:15 & 10:30AM
SERMON BY SHANE BAKER

Veterans' Pictures Needed

We will honor all veterans and active military on Sunday, November 9

Any New Photos need to be at the church office or emailed to ashley@athenschristian.net by Sunday, November 2.



- ### Applying Today's Sermon to Your Life
- Our 2025 Bible studies focus on *People of the Bible* and inspiring life lessons about following Jesus today. Our *Verse-of-the-Week* is 2 Corinthians 8:7, "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." By His very nature, God Himself is a "Giver." What is the greatest gift God ever gave (Jn. 3:16)? Are you more of a giver or a taker? Explain your answer.
 - When did you first become familiar with the Bible concept that God owns everything, and you are merely entrusted by Him temporarily with what you possess to manage for His glory, and that you will one day give an accounting to Him?
 - A "steward" who manages well is entrusted by God to manage more. What does this look like in someone's daily life over time?
 - Answer the following as TRUE or FALSE:
 T F All that I possess is temporarily entrusted to me from God.
 T F I will be held accountable by God as a steward or manager.
 T F I worked hard for what I have, so it is all mine and mine alone.
 T F God has been generous with me.
 T F God is a Giver by His very nature.
 T F My prayer is that I excel in this grace of giving.
 T F He who dies with the most toys wins.
 T F You don't have to have money to be rich.
 T F Materialism is a philosophy, an attitude toward life.
 - I'd rate my current giving for Jesus with an: A B C D F (circle one).
 - The New Testament says, "See that you also EXCEL in this Grace of Giving" (2 Corinthians 8:7), and goes on to say that our giving "tests the sincerity of our love" (2 Corinthians 8:8). Does your giving pass the test? If you were on trial for being a Christian, is there enough evidence in your checkbook record to convict you?
 - What's the first thing you do when the oxygen masks fall from the overhead compartment in a plane? Why? Why is doing so not selfish? How might this "order of importance" relate to getting your financial house in order? Explain.
 - Imagine living today 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 faith, your Jesus, your prayers, your church family? Will you ask Jesus to make His appeal to them through you?
 - I will put today's Bible study into action now by:

Today & This Week

TODAY, 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:
 » 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 Trunk or Treat (ACC parking lot)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27 HEBREWS 7
 7:15 am Monday Morning High School Gathering
 9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28 HEBREWS 8
 8:00 am Men's Bible Study (Rm. 223)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29 HEBREWS 9
 9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)
 5:00 pm Help set up for Wednesday Night Connection
 5:40-6:15 pm Dinner (shredded chicken sandwich, cheesy hashbrowns, peaches, salad)
 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 30 HEBREWS 10

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31 HEBREWS 11
Church Office Closed
 9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)
 7:00 pm ROUGH EDGES Dinner (Virginia, IL)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1
 8:00 am ImpactLife Blood Drive (ACC FLC)
 5:45 pm Jr./Sr. High to LSCA "Fall Night Out" (Meet at ACC)
 6:30 pm Lake Spfld. Christian Assem. "Fall Night Out" (Chatham)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2 - TIME CHANGE SUNDAY
 Joe Effinger Guest Worship Leader in all Services
 7:30 am Prayer with the Pastors (WC)
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 1:00 pm Pick-Up Basketball for Ages High School-Adult (FLC)
 2:00 pm Kids' Christmas Musical Practice (Kids Wing/WC)