

ATHENS CHRISTIAN CHURCH
8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 AM
WORSHIP SERVICES
November 16, 2025



“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 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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Youth
SUNDAY

8:00, 9:15 & 10:30

Welcome

Wind of Love

You Will Be Saved

What a Beautiful Name

Announcements Video

Prayer Requests & Praises: Ken Gennicks

Acts of Worship: Youth Worship Team

Sermon: Youth Team

Kenneth Baker, Nathan Hesson, Brayden Seman,

Josh Harris & Evan Noggle

“People of the Bible:

‘EXCEL in this Grace of Giving,
Barnabas: Built to Support’”
(Acts 4: 32-37, 9:23-28, 11:19-24)

Invitation Hymn: Sinking Deep

Living Hope

Communion & Offering Meditation: Josh Harris

Quietly move to Communion & Offering
tables before exiting.

Youth Worship & Tech Team: Ella Armitage,
Kenley Combs, Kaylee Ferrill, Ava Gennicks,
Karli Halsey, Emma Harris, Avery Jockisch,
Leilah Link, Izzy Sokolis,
Announcement Video: Ellen Wiker

Youth Greeters & Communion Prep: Ava Bee,
Jace Bosie, Adalyn Bruning, Leah Clayton,
Max Cook, Mollee Cook, Olivia Enno, Harper
Gorbett, Maddison Harlan, Jarred Harris, Ella
Hesson, Emily Marcum, Ryan McCoy, Austin
Roeder, Colin Smith, Kael Tobias, Zeke
Tobias, Olivia Walter, Ellen Wiker, Alyssa
Wiley

AM Sermon Notes

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INTRODUCTION (Nathan Hesson)

Our Bible studies throughout 2025 focus on “*People of the Bible*,” biographical sketches and timeless lessons from their lives. We continue in our “series within a series” as we pray to follow the words of 2 Corinthians 8:7 and “*EXCEL in this grace of giving*.” Today we will examine the life of Barnabas from the Book of Acts and see how he built his life on the foundation of supporting others.

1. Barnabas gave those in _____ his _____ support. (Acts 4:32-37/Evan Noggle)
2. Barnabas gave _____ his _____ support. (Acts 9:23-28/Kenneth Baker)
3. Barnabas gave _____ his _____ support. (Acts 11:19-24 /Brayden Seman)

APPLICATION (Josh Harris)

When we give support like Barnabas... We will:

- A. _____ towards _____
- B. _____ to a new _____
- C. _____ our earthly _____

CONCLUSION (Josh Harris)

Barnabas was willing to give his support for the sake of spreading the Gospel. He gave his support to other believers by sharing his wealth, time, and encouragement. We should follow Barnabas’ example and seek to have lives that are built to support others around us!

Before you leave today, please be sure to stop by the lobby and sign the greeting cards for friends and family of ACC.

Prayer Requests

At Memorial: Craig Fitschen (Larry’s son), Barb Hopps (Kyle Hopps’ grandma/hospice)

At St. John’s: Derrick Stevens (after by-pass)

Tests: Don Klor (shoulder replacement), Dave Magee (surgery), Al Keller, Dwayne Rudolph (bone scan/biopsy/ radiation), Rhonda Leinberger (cancer treatments), Pat Halberstadt (ablation/18th), Laurie Ingram’s brother (radiation), Barb Wagner, Hudson Davis, Albert McCarthy, David Primm, Rena Hiatt, Kay Sill’s sister, Jim Bruns (Pat McNeal’s friend), Greg Hoffman (Linda’s son), Dave Westerfield (Alice Lasswell’s brother), John Hines (surgery/18th), Tammy Garner, Brandon Keppler’s uncle (cancer), Bob Lott, Sophia Pence, Ron Jeanblanc, Ruth Novy (shoulder replacement/Dec. 15), Butch Henson (Sherry Orme’s friend), Crystal Kerr (Lorrie Sleight’s sister/knee surgery), Sally Wilhite (Lorrie Sleight’s mom), Robin Power (after knee replacement), Bobbie Benton (Sierra Lowers’ mom), Larry Wilhite (Lorrie Sleight’s dad/after heart surgery)

At home: Bonnie Russell, Terry Wunderle, Nancy Nale’s mom, Morgan Setzer, Annetta Books, Deb Claypool’s friend, Tom Novy, Wanda Stott, Jill Cleer (Arcadia), Kevin/Carrie Lee/Colton Ingham, Cyndee Blakeman, Roberta Clark, Nancy Oliver (hospice), Jerry Basso, Janice Bollman, Isabella Link, Ben Williams (Pat Basso’s friend), Rhonda Becker (Jack/Betty Ethell’s daughter), Roy Hinds, Mark/Mikayla Thomas (healthy pregnancy), Andrew Combs (after surgery)

Touched by death: Sally Vespa’s family (aunt passed away), Dave Smock family (Katherine Monroe’s friends), Lisa Ruth Schmedeke family (Ericka McCoy’s relatives)

Transitions: Sally Vespa’s parents (to assisted living), Curt Reichling’s mom, Bev Nolting’s cousin, Dick & Elaine Bachman/Steve Gutierrez/Charles “Butch” Mester/Al Betz/Rosalie Ingram (Villa), Joann Kirchgesner (Springfield Suites), 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), Gerald “Jerry” Brown (Susan VanNattan’s relative/hospice/Jacksonville), Cory Craig, Jr. (Ozark Christian College), Israel

ACC’s holiday outreach to people of our region

Fall Preaching Intern: Josh Harris (till 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

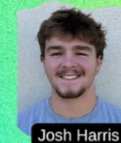
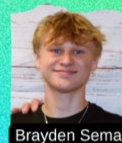
Capital Stewardship Campaign: Let Your Light Shine (2023-2025)

Capital Stewardship Campaign: EXCEL (2026-2028)

Our missionaries/military/terrorism/nation

Each other/unspeaken needs

Today is Youth SUNDAY
GUEST SPEAKERS AT
8:00, 9:15 & 10:30



YOUTH WILL ALSO BE GREETING, RUNNING THE SOUND BOOTH, LEADING WORSHIP, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND COMMUNION!

**Grieving a loss?
Know someone
who is?**



**Surviving
the Holidays**
Encouragement, support, and valuable tools to
navigate the challenges of the season.

Today, Nov. 16
2:00–4:00 pm
Athens Christian
Church
Room 105
contact Carla Knox at
ck15501@att.net for
information

**BEGINNING TODAY
IN OUR LOBBY!**

Menard County **ANGEL TREE**
Sunday, Nov. 16 - Sunday, Dec. 7!
**ALL GIFTS DUE BACK
by Sunday, December 14**
For questions, contact Jackie Hines
at 217-416-3422

Sunday, November 16 - Sunday, December 7!
TOYS FOR TOTS
Look for the bin in
the lobby!
Contact Jackie Hines at
217-416-3422
with any questions

**ACC Christmas Kids' Musical
& Cookie Fellowship**
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7 | 4PM
Cookie fellowship to follow!

PRACTICE SCHEDULE

- ALL 1ST-6TH GRADERS WELCOME
- SUNDAYS IN NOVEMBER (TODAY, 11/16, 23, 30) 2:00–3:30PM
- SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 9:00–10:30AM

FRIENDSGIVING
A FUN NIGHT OF FRIENDSHIP & THANKSGIVING

JOIN US
WEDNESDAY,
NOVEMBER 19,
6-8 PM

7th-12th
Grade

DINNER & GAMES
AT ATHENS
CHRISTIAN CHURCH
ALL FREE!

DRIVE AWAY HUNGER SUNDAY

BRING NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS TO TRUCKS IN THE ACC PARKING LOT FOR THE ATHENS AREA FOOD PANTRY.

OR...

NOVEMBER 23
7:30 - 11:00AM

SUPPORT THE CENTRAL IL FOOD BANK WITH MONETARY DONATION ENVELOPES (IN OUR LOBBY) NOVEMBER 2-NOVEMBER 23

You're Invited to Celebrate Linda Ethell!
Next Sunday,
November 23
11:30-12:30 at ACC

We are excited to celebrate Linda's incredible 32 years of service as Treasurer of ACC with a reception. Join us for sandwiches, fruit, chips, and desserts as we thank Linda for her many years of dedication and faithful service!

Thursdays, December 4 - March 26
6:00-8:00 PM
Family Life Center
Ages 13 +
Led by Curt Reichling & Austin Montgomery

PICKLEBALL THURSDAYS

Red Kettle Bell Ringing spots will be available at Athens Casey's November 23-Dec 6.

questions or to receive the link to sign up:
text Anne 217-652-1519 or Jackie 217-416-3422

All money collected stays in Menard County.

- Applying Today's Sermon to Your Life
- Our 2025 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 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."* How did Barnabas "excel in this grace of giving"? How can we learn from that example?
 - Which kind of support are you best at giving? Why?
 - Which kind of support do you struggle with most to give? How can you seek to improve this week in this kind of support?
 - Believers in Jesus are called to offer their support to other believers. Why do you think it is hard for believers to do this in their day-to-day lives?
 - Read Acts 15:36-41. What does this story tell us about Barnabas? Do believers always agree on the type of support that is given to each other? Is that a good or bad thing?
 - When we apply the lessons of Barnabas' life to our own lives, we will choose to give support like he did. When we do that, our actions will naturally change. What makes our hearts change when we choose to give support like Barnabas?
 - What is one small change you can make today to live more like Barnabas?

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



Today & This Week
TODAY, YOUTH SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2025
Angel Tree & Toys for Tots in ACC Library
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)
- 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 Ages High School-Adult (FLC)
2:00 pm GriefShare's Surviving the Holidays (Rm. 105)
2:00 pm Kids' Christmas Musical Practice (Kids Wing/WC)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17 I PETER 4
7:15 am Monday Morning High School Gathering
9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)
5:30 pm FUSE Staff Meeting (Rm. 223)
6:00 pm Athens Area Food Pantry Monthly Distribution (Rt. 29)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18 I PETER 5
8:00 am Men's Bible Study (Rm. 223)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19 2 PETER 1
9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)
6:00 pm FRIENDSGIVING for Jr.High/High School (FLC)
6:00 pm Praise Team Practice (WC)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20 2 PETER 2
6:00 pm Missions Meeting (Rm. 203)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21 2 PETER 3
Church Office Closed
9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)
4:00 pm Seniors Leave for Barn III Dinner Theater (Goodfield IL)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

7:30 am Drive Away Hunger til 11:00 am (ACC parking lot)
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:

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 - Deep Divers, led by Anthony Bolton (Rm. 106)
- Jr. High/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 Farewell Reception for Linda Ethell (FLC)
2:00 pm Kids' Christmas Musical Practice (Kids Wing/WC)