ATHENS CHRISTIAN CHURCH 8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICES november 2, 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

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# 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 fover 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: Joe Effinger

The Solid Rock #92

Holy, Holy, Holy #322

Announcements Video

Prayer Requests & Praises: Ken Gennicks

Rock of Ages #108

Acts of Worship: Joe Effinger

Sermon: Shane Baker

"People of the Bible: 'EXCEL in this Grace of Giving, The Macedonian Churches" (2 Corinthians 8:1-7)

> **Invitation Hymn:** My Jesus, I Love Thee #456

Communion & Offering Hymn: I Need Thee Every Hour #443

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

# 9:15 & 10:30 am Contemporary Service

Welcome: Joe Effinger

Lord I Need You

A Thousand Hallelujahs

Great Are You Lord

Announcements Video

Prayer Requests & Praises: Ken Gennicks

Acts of Worship: Joe Effinger

Sermon: Shane Baker

"People of the Bible: 'EXCEL in this Grace of Giving, The Macedonian Churches" (2 Corinthians 8:1-7)

Invitation Hymn: Worthy of It All

Goodness of God

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

# **AM Sermon Notes**

"People of the Bible: 'EXCEL in this Grace of Giving, The Macedonian Churches" (2 Corinthians 8:1-7)

# INTRODUCTION

We continue in 2025 with our Bible studies focusing on "People of the Bible," biographical sketches and timeless lessons from their lives. Every Sunday we study and apply God's Word to our lives. The past couple of weeks, Ken has been talking about Excelling in the Grace of Giving, which comes from 2 Corinthians 8:7. This morning, I would like you to open your Bibles to 2 Corinthians, chapter 8, and we will look at the 6 verses leading up to verse 7 and verse seven, as we discover what it looked like for the Macedonian Churches to *Excel in this Grace of Giving*. And then... continue to discover how we can Excel in this Grace of Giving.

# **Bible Study**

I.The Macedonian churches gave	
	(vs. 1-3)
II.The Macedonian churches gave	(vs. 4)
III.The Macedonian churches gave	 (vs. 5)

How do we know we are excelling in the Grace of Giving?		
1.	When we give _	(vs. 1-3)
2.	When we give _	(vs. 4)
3.	When we give _	(vs. 5)
4.	When we give _	(vs. 7)
5.	When we give _	(vs. 8-12)

# CONCLUSION

We are striving to pay off this building that God has blessed us with to do ministry. We are excited about what God has done through Athens Christian Church and the possibilities of what He is going to do in the future. We want to invite you as Paul did the Corinthian Church, "to excel in this grace of giving" for the benefit of God's Kingdom.

# **Prayer Requests**

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 (surgery/13th), Al Keller, Andrew Combs (surgery/Nov. 4/WI), Dwayne Rudolph (radiation), Jan Canterbury, Rhonda Leinberger (cancer treatments), Pat Halberstadt (ablation/Nov. 18), Laurie Ingram's brother (radiation), Barb Wagner, Hudson Davis, Albert McCarthy, David Primm, Rena Hiatt, Kay Sill's sister, Barb Snow's granddaughter, Laura Stille (Jeff Helmkamp's relative), Jim Bruns (transplant/Pat McNeal's friend), Gail Frank (ablation), Greg Hoffman (Linda's son/Nov. 3), Dave Westerfield (Alice Lasswell's brother/cancer), John Hines (surgery/Nov. 18), Tammy Garner

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, Roberta Clark, Nancy Oliver (hospice), Jerry Basso, Linda Weidhuner, Brian O'Neill family (auto accident/MN), Janice Bollman, Isabella Link, Ben Williams (Pat Basso's friend), Rhonda Becker (Jack/Betty Ethell's daughter/Graves Disease)

Touched by death: Bill Pullin family (Goshen, IN/Pam's husband/our pastor in the 1970's)

**Transitions:** Curt Reichling's mom, Bev Nolting's cousin, Bonnie Russell (St. Clara's), Dick & Elaine Bachman/Steve Gutierrez/Charles "Butch" Mester/Al Betz/Joann Kirchgesner/Rosalie Ingram (Villa), 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: till Sun., Nov. 9 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 pm/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.





# PACK A SHOEBOX

Now- November 9

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

# ACC Christmas Kids' Musical popie 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



# SENIOR TRIP Friday, November 21

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





# **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





Sunday, November 16 - Sunday, December 7! Look for the bin in the lobbu! Contact Jackie Hines at 217-416-3422

# DRIVE AWAY HUNGER SUNDAY



# Applying Today's Sermon to Your Life

- 1. 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." This has been our verse of the week for the past three weeks during our recent sermon series. Has this verse had any impact on how you handle your finances?
- 2. In verse 3, Paul said the Macedonian churches "gave beyond their ability." Have you ever given to God in excess of what you thought you could do? What happened?
- 3. Would "giving enthusiastically" describe your giving? If not, what word would you use to describe your giving to the church?
- 4. In what areas of your life could you give yourself more fully to God?
- 5. Paul was encouraging the Corinthian Church to excel in the grace of giving. Do you believe God cares about this part of your life?
- 6. Do you feel pressured to give to the church? Or do you see it as a way you can worship God with that which He blessed you?
- 7. Is God more concerned with how much you give or the manner in which you give it?
- 8. I will apply today's Bible study by:

# PROTECTIVE BOLLARDS **BEING INSTALLED**

At Athens Christian Church we are always observing and studying everyone's safety and security. You will soon notice that we are installing protective bollards (posts to prevent traffic from entering an area) at our playground and at our main glass lobby.

Please pardon any inconvenience as we do a few upgrades now. Thank you.

# Today & This Week

### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2 - TIME CHANGE SUNDAY**

Guest Worship Leader, Joe Effinger & Team in all Services

Operation Christmas Child 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.

1:00 pm Pick-Up Basketball for Ages High School-Adult (FLC)

2:00 pm Kids' Christmas Musical Practice (Kids Wing/WC)

# **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3**

**HEBREWS 12** 

7:15 am Monday Morning High School Gathering 9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)

#### **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4**

**HEBREWS 13** 

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

#### **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5**

JAMES 1

9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)

5:00 pm Help set up for Wednesday Night Connection

5:40-6:15 pm Dinner (pork loin sandwiches, cheesy hashbrowns, green 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, NOVEMBER 6**

JAMES 2

JAMES 3

# **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7** Church Office Closed

9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8** 

#### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9 - VETERANS DAY SUNDAY**

Return Operation Christmas Child Boxes

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)

•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 Kids' Christmas Musical Practice (Kids Wing/WC)

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

5:30 pm Prayer Gathering led by Terry & Sandy Knoles (WC)