

Athens Christian Church  
8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 am  
Worship Services  
*April 20, 2025*



Jesus told them,  
“The Christ will suffer and rise  
from the dead on the third day,  
and repentance and forgiveness  
of sins will be preached in His  
name to all nations!”  
*Luke 24:46*

**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:**

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7:00 am Traditional Service

Call to Worship  
*Christ the Lord is Risen Today* #289 (v. 1-4)  
*Were You There?* #287 (v. 1,4)  
Announcements Video  
Acts of Worship: Hank Daubs  
Sermon: Ken Gennicks  
“People of the Bible:  
‘Overlooked Easter Characters’”  
(Mt. 26:6-13; Mk. 15:21-24, 39; Jn. 19:38-42; Lk. 8:2-3; 24:10-12)

Communion & Offering Meditation: Ken Gennicks  
Quietly move to Communion & Offering  
tables before exiting.

8:00 am Traditional Service

Call to Worship: 1 Corinthians 15:19-23  
*Christ Arose* #298 (v. 1-3)  
*Christ the Lord is Risen Today* #289 (v. 1-4)  
Announcements Video  
Prayer Requests & Praises: Ken Gennicks  
*He Lives* #299 (v. 1-3)  
Acts of Worship: Gospel Quartet  
(Anthony Bolton, Hank Daubs, Curt Reichling, Gerry Turner)  
Sermon: Ken Gennicks  
“People of the Bible:  
‘Overlooked Easter Characters’”  
(Mt. 26:6-13; Mk. 15:21-24, 39; Jn. 19:38-42; Lk. 8:2-3; 24:10-12)

Invitation Hymn  
*Softly and Tenderly* #432 (v. 1 & 3)  
Communion & Offering Hymn  
*I'd Rather Have Jesus* #650 (v. 1 & 3)  
Communion & Offering Meditation: Shane Baker  
Quietly move to Communion & Offering  
tables before exiting.

9:15 & 10:30 am Contemporary Service

Welcome  
*Rattle*  
*Glorious Day*  
*Living Hope*  
Announcements Video  
Prayer Requests & Praises: Ken Gennicks  
Acts of Worship: *Jesus Paid It All*  
Sermon: Ken Gennicks  
“People of the Bible:  
‘Overlooked Easter Characters’”  
(Mt. 26:6-13; Mk. 15:21-24, 39; Jn. 19:38-42; Lk. 8:2-3; 24:10-12)

Invitation Hymn: *Holy Forever*  
*How Great Is Our God*  
Communion & Offering Meditation: Shane Baker  
Quietly move to Communion & Offering  
tables before exiting.

AM Sermon Notes

People of the Bible:  
‘Overlooked Easter Characters’”

(Mt. 26:6-13; Mk. 15:21-24, 39; Jn. 19:38-42; Lk. 8:2-3; 24:10-12)

INTRODUCTION  
Our Bible studies focus on “People of the Bible,” timeless life lessons from biographies of real life people (1 Cor. 10:11; Rom. 15:4). Our Easter Sunday Bible study surfaces five lesser known side characters who deserve our attention, because God found room for them in His story. These ‘Overlooked Easter Characters’ include:

- I. Simon the Leper: \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
(Mt. 26:6-13; 8:1-5; Mk. 14:3-10)
- II. Simon of Cyrene: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
the cross (Mk. 15:21-24)
- III. The Roman Centurion: \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus  
as the \_\_\_\_\_ of God (Mk. 15:39)
- IV. Joseph of Arimathea: from \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ to public \_\_\_\_\_ (Jn. 19:38-42)
- V. Joanna: \_\_\_\_\_ it all for the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Lk. 24:10-12; 8:2-3)

CONCLUSION  
Jesus is the star of the Easter story, the theme of the Bible, and our only hope of Heaven! But these ‘Overlooked Easter Characters’ prove:

1. God uses some people in the \_\_\_\_\_.
2. God uses some people in the \_\_\_\_\_.
3. God wants to use \_\_\_\_\_ in His ever  
\_\_\_\_\_!

Surrender what's left of your life to Jesus' service now and to His glory forever!

Prayer Requests

**At Memorial:** Gary Halford (ICU), Wanda Stott  
**At St. Johns:** Hank/Parker Morgan (Alec/Jenna's twins), Linda Kill (Angie Steinkamp's aunt)  
**At Peoria hospital:** Kevin Zeeb  
**At St. Louis hospital:** Jina Ballard's niece  
**At TN hospital:** Susan VanNattan's brother  
**Tests:** Al/Joyce Betz, Steve/Cindy Nance's granddaughter, Kevin Ingham, Tammy Garner, Richard Sandidge, Andrea Maxson, Jessica Parziale, Diane McCormick (hip/22nd), Bo Lowder, Donna Combs, Teresa Harrison, Ken Barba, Dave Magee (radiation), Jeff VanNattan, Joni O'Connor (knee/18th), Earl (Sue) Furlong (surgery May 5), Joyce Cary's granddaughter (surgery), Jennifer McIntyre (kidney failure)  
**At home:** Nancy Rudolph, Craig Tobias, Nancy Nale's mom, Morgan Setzer, Lissa Shafer, Pat Basso's niece, Roberta Clark, Steve Gutierrez (surgery?), Glen Baum, Bob Sandidge (hospice), Annetta Books, Terry/Jeanne Wunderle, Deb Claypool's friend, George Nielsen, Barb Siddons, Tom/Ruth Novy, Betty Primm, Charlie Nance, Charlie Budinger, Janice Bollman, Todd Snow, Cory Fanter  
**Touched by death:** June Rose family (Colette Knoles'/Heather Witmer's mother), Pat Yeates family (Dwayne/Kathryn's friends)  
**Transitions:** Joan Wasilewski (Sunny Acres), Erna Weatherby (Countryside), Mary Roszhart's sister, Wil Reiter, Caleb Breazeale/Bryce Honea/John Nelson (military), Carolyn Cole (Concordia), Marge Ray/Vivian Rankin (Vonderlieth), Mary Ann (Albert) Gellerman (Havana), Norman Woolsey (Barb Snow's brother), Cory Craig, Jr./Cole Halsey (Ozark Christian College), Israel

**Preaching Intern:** Cory Craig, Jr. (May 18-Aug. 10)  
**VBS:** June 9-13, 6:00 p.m.: “Magnified”/Ps. 34:3  
**15 to ACC DR Mission Trips:** June 2-8, 22-29  
**70 to Christ In Youth Conference:** July 7-11/NE  
**ICOM Mission Conference:** Nov. 20-22/Atlanta  
**Blake Canterbury:** facebook.com/monroechurchplant  
**Kyle Gennicks:** wearegospelcity.churchcenter.com  
**Capital Stewardship Campaign:** Let Your Light Shine (2023-2025)  
**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.*





### Join Us This Morning in Our Family Life Center

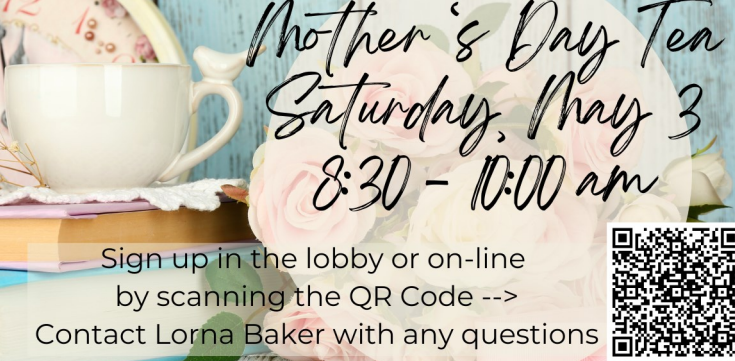
### for a Free Hot Easter Breakfast.

*served from 7:30-11:00 am*

### Sausage, egg, & cheese casserole and biscuits & gravy

### Everyone is welcome!






### Mother's Day Tea

### Saturday, May 3

### 8:30 - 10:00 am

Sign up in the lobby or on-line by scanning the QR Code -->

Contact Lorna Baker with any questions



### Sunday, May 4,

### 2-4pm

### Athens Christian Church

### Room 105



Scan the QR Code to register online.....>

(griefshare.org/findagroup) and sign up in the lobby

Contact Carla Knox at ck15501@outlook.com with questions or call the church office at 217-636-8463

### Parent-Child Dedication

### SUNDAY, MAY 11

### 8:00 OR 10:30 AM SERVICES

All parents are invited to dedicate themselves to raise their child (of any age) in a Godly way - prayerfully - until he or she can make this decision on his or her own to follow God.

PLEASE SUBMIT A CHILD PHOTO AND FAMILY PHOTO BY WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, WHEN YOU REGISTER ONLINE.



### Senior Sing Along

### Tuesday, May 13

### 9:30 Free Blood Pressure checks

### 10:00 Sing Along & Trivia led by Ashley Cantrall, ACC Worship Minister

### 11:00 Free Walking Taco Lunch

### Devotion by Ashley Cantrall





### VBS 2025

### JUNE 9 - 13, 6-8PM

### REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

- JUNE 9-12: VBS AT ACC, 6:00-8:00 PM
- JUNE 13: FAMILY FUN NIGHT, 6:00-8:00 PM
- JUNE 15: VBS CLOSING PROGRAM, 10:30 AM

### HELP US GET READY!!

### TODAY: Supplies Due Back

### May 1 & 6, 6-8pm: Decorations work nights

### May 22 & 28, 9-11am: Craft work days

### May 28, 6-8pm: Decoration work night

### VBS IS FOR 4 YRS. THRU ADULT!

### GRADUATE RECOGNITION

### SUNDAY, MAY 18

### 8:00, 9:15, 10:30AM SERVICES

### FOR ALL 8TH GRADE, HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE, TRADE SCHOOL AND TRAINING PROGRAM GRADUATES



Register today on the church website or ACC app. Submit a baby photo, childhood, and current photo by May 7 when you register.

Questions: evan@athenschristian.net

### ACC will welcome Cory Craig, Jr. as Summer Preaching Intern at ACC this summer!

Cory is currently a ministry student at Ozark Christian College in Joplin, Missouri. ACC is his home church, and he's excited to serve, grow and learn with our church family in this internship opportunity this summer!



### Sunday, May 18, to Sunday, August 10

### WORSHIP THROUGH

General Fund and/or Building Fund

CASH OR CHECK TO ATHENS CHRISTIAN CHURCH

ONLINE: \*ATHENSCHRISTIAN.NET/GIVING

\*ACC APP: 

### Easter Offering

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



- ### 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 Bible people challenges us to examine our lives and commitment to faithfully follow God, in season and out. Our Verse-of-the-Week on Easter Sunday is Luke 24:46, "Jesus told them, 'The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in His name to all nations!'"
  - Our Bible study on Easter Sunday surfaces five "Overlooked Easter Characters." List all of the primary Easter characters involved in the story.
  - I'd grade my activity as a character in Jesus' story with an:  
A B C D F
  - God uses some people in the "spotlight," but He uses even more people in the "background." How is God using you in this season of your life in His ever unfolding story?
  - Answer the following True or False:  
T F Simon the Leper was transformed from isolation to socialite.  
T F Simon of Cyrene refused to carry Jesus' cross but found a volunteer.  
T F The Roman Centurion refused to confess Jesus as God's Son.  
T F Joseph of Arimathea changed from secret disciple to public follower.  
T F Joanna had much to lose by letting it be known she loved Jesus.  
T F Pilate refused to give Jesus' body to Joseph of Arimathea.  
T F God uses all people in the identical, same ways.  
T F I don't see myself as a participant in God's unfolding story today.  
T F I'm one of the people God uses in the spotlight.  
T F I'm one of the people God uses in the background.  
T F Jesus' death, burial and resurrection has changed my life.  
T F Honoring and obeying Jesus is my highest priority.
  - Billy Graham preached from today's Bible text in Mark 15:21-24 and asked, "Have you helped Jesus carry the cross or were you one of those putting nails in His hands?" What did Billy Graham mean with this question? How would you answer him today, and why?
  - How would you describe the way the death of Jesus has impacted your life, lifestyle, priorities, and whole system of values?  
A. A little bit  
B. A whole lot  
C. Not as much as it should  
D. A lot more than it use to  
E. Not much  
F. I'm not sure
  - I will apply today's Bible study by:

### Today & This Week

### EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20

VBS Supplies due

7:00 am Traditional Worship Service (30-min.)

7:30-11 am Free Hot Easter Breakfast (FLC)  
(egg/sausage/cheese casserole, biscuits & gravy)

8:00 am Traditional Worship Service  
(nursery birth-2 yrs/3-5 yrs)

9:15 am Contemporary Worship Service

9:15 am Sunday School for all Ages:

- NO Adult Classes
- Jr. High/High School (Youth Rm.)
- 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

### MONDAY, APRIL 21

9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)

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

### TUESDAY, APRIL 22

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

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23

9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)

5:30 pm Kids' Choir Practice (FLC/Kids' Wing/Worship Center)

6:30 pm ACC Mission Trip Meeting (Rm. 112)

### THURSDAY, APRIL 24

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

5:30 pm Praise Team Practice (WC)

6:30 pm Pickleball Thursday (FLC)

### FRIDAY, APRIL 25

Church Office Closed

9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)

### SATURDAY, APRIL 26

9:00 am Kids' Choir Practice (FLC/Kids' Wing/WC)

10:30 am "Go Public for Life" (Two Heart Pregnancy Resource Ctr./Spfld.-formerly Spfld. Right to Life)

### SUNDAY, APRIL 27

### Acts of Worship - Kids' Choir

8:00 am Traditional Worship Service (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. High/High School
- 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 age 13+ (FLC)

2:00 pm ACC Visitor Ministry Meeting (Rm. 105)

