

Athens Christian Church  
8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 am  
Worship Services  
*July 13, 2025*



“When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze.”  
*Isaiah 43:2*

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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8:00 am Traditional Service

Call to Worship: Psalm 65:1-4

*Victory in Jesus* #82 (v. 1-3)

*I Will Sing the Wondrous Story* #618 (v. 1-4)

Announcements Video

Prayer Requests & Praises: Ken Gennicks

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* #258 (v. 1-4)

Acts of Worship: CIY Recap Video

Sermon: Shane Baker

“Summer Is Hot, But Somewhere Is Hotter  
‘People of the Bible - Shadrach, Meshach & Abednego:  
The Fire That Stalls’” (Daniel 3)

Invitation Hymn:

*Softly and Tenderly* #432 (v. 1 & 3)

Communion & Offering Hymn:  
*Calvary Covers it All* #250 (v. 1)

Communion & Offering Meditation: Shane Baker  
Quietly move to Communion & Offering  
tables before exiting.

9:15 & 10:30 am Contemporary Service

Welcome

*Firm Foundation* • *Another in the Fire* • *Holy Spirit*

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Invitation Hymn: *Make Room*

*Trust in God*

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AM Sermon Notes

SUMMER IS HOT,  
BUT SOMEWHERE IS HOTTER  
“People of the Bible - Shadrach, Meshach &  
Abednego: The Fire That Stalls”  
(Daniel 3)

INTRODUCTION

Our Bible studies throughout 2025 focus on “People of the Bible,” biographical sketches and timeless lessons from their lives. Every Sunday we study and apply God’s Word. This week we look at Shadrach, Meshach & Abednego: The Fire That Stalls.

Bible Study

I. The \_\_\_\_\_ (3:1-7)

II. The \_\_\_\_\_ (3:8-23)

III. The \_\_\_\_\_ (3:24-30)

Application

1. \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ from my life.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ to God.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ when I am in the \_\_\_\_\_.

CONCLUSION

There is only one God. When we try to be God, things don’t go well. Instead of living for ourselves and our own glory, let’s live for God and His glory. And let’s trust His Son Jesus when we’re walking through the fires of life.

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:** Charles “Butch” Mester, Sharon Mester (broken hip), John VanMeter (Donna Brown’s cousin)

**At St. John’s:** Mary Janet Borden (Deb Weil’s mother), Lori Richardson, Terry Wunderle, Roberta Clark

**At Peoria hospital:** Kevin Zeeb (new heart)

**Tests:** Pat Hinds, Larry Fitschen (chemo/radiation), Kevin Ingham, Tammy Garner, Donna Combs, Dave Magee, Earl/Sue Furlong, Billy Howard, Andrea Maxson, Penny Glick, DeeDee Gellerman, Matt Richter, Kathy Peacock (heart), Al Keller, Dawn Medley, Ken Barba, Dick Bachman’s nephew, Mike Hall (Erika McCoy’s friend), Brenda Willis (Cyndee Blakeman’s relative), Linda Caldwell, Linda Laws’ brother, Wayne Schafer (eye/23rd), Wayne Rottinghaus, Greg Smith (Anne’s son), Doug Wendler’s bro-in-law, Debbie Richardson, Kyle Monroe, Stacy Popejoy (knee/30th)

**At home:** Nancy Nale’s mom, Morgan Setzer, Pat Basso’s niece, Annetta Books, Deb Claypool’s friend, Tom/Ruth Novy, Charlie Nance, Hank/Parker Morgan, Wanda Stott, Laurie Ingram’s sister/brother, Sara Melton, Andy Briggs (Brian/Kim’s son/FL), Jill Cleer (Aperion), Mike Sleight  
**Touched by death:** Patricia Starwalt family (Pam Poock’s mother), Judith Keller family (Beverly Nolting’s sister), Raymond Harris family (Jane’s dad)

**Transitions:** Allison/Barry Mesecher (Jo Ellen Croft’s friends/housefire), Steve Gutierrez/Rosalie Ingram/Mary Ann Gellerman/Al & Joyce Betz (Villa), Bill Pullin (hospice), Mary Prior/Erna Weatherby (Countryside), Wil Reiter, Carolyn Cole (Concordia), Marge Ray/Vivian Rankin (Vonderlieth), Barb Snow’s brother, Chuck VanHuss (Jacksonville), Kenny Bounds (Taylorville), Nicole Muench (mission til 31st), Israel

**Preaching Intern:** Cory Craig, Jr. (til Aug. 10)

**ICOM Mission Conference:** ‘Driven’/2 Cor. 5:11-21/Nov. 20-22/Atlanta

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

**Blake Canterbury:** [facebook.com/monroechurchplant](https://facebook.com/monroechurchplant)

**Kyle Gennicks:** [wearegospelcity.churchcenter.com](http://wearegospelcity.churchcenter.com)

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

**Our missionaries/military/terrorism/nation  
Each other/unspoken needs**



TEN LITTLE FINGERS, TEN PERFECT TOES, FILL OUR HEARTS WITH  
*love that overflows*

Friends of Matt and Kristin Armitage invite all ladies from the church to a baby shower in the Family Life Center this afternoon, July 13, from 1-3pm. They are expecting a baby girl and are registered at [>> https://my.babylist.com/kristin-armitage](https://my.babylist.com/kristin-armitage) or [sarahmrempel@gmail.com](mailto:sarahmrempel@gmail.com)

RSVP: Sarah Rempel 217-671-2448



**MOVE**  
IN BETWEEN

Calling high school students to lives of Kingdom work to utilize the gifts, talents, and abilities that God has given them.

**Tonight, July 13, 5:30 PM**  
Join us for the Monthly Prayer Gathering in the Youth Room led by the CIY students and leaders.

**...then at 6:00 PM tonight**  
Hear testimonies from students who attended CIY and enjoy ice cream afterwards!

**Summer Camp**  
FUSE

REGISTRATION FEE: \$50  
WEEKLY FEE: \$130

**REGISTER NOW!**



• Wild Life: July 28-August 1  
• Mission Deep Dive: August 4-8  
• I Wonder: August 11-15

Contact: Tsoetsy Harris  
[tsoetsy@athenschristian.net](mailto:tsoetsy@athenschristian.net)

Hours: 7:30am-5:30pm

**NOW ENROLLING FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR**

**FUSE**  
After School Program

• K-6TH GRADE  
• AFTER SCHOOL UNTIL 5:30PM  
• MONDAY-FRIDAY

Athens Christian Church

REGISTER NOW



CONTACT **MORGAN WELLS** FOR MORE INFORMATION  
[morgan@athenschristian.net](mailto:morgan@athenschristian.net) or 217-636-8463

**FREE!** REGISTER TODAY FOR:  
*Sunday, August 3*  
**Summer Connection**  
*11:30am - 1:30pm*

**AT ATHENS CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

11:30AM - 12:30 PM  
• SERVE POTLUCK WITH ACC MEN PROVIDING PULLED PORK AND CORNDOGS  
• EVERYONE BRING A DESSERT OR SIDE DISH TO SHARE.  
• SIGN UP IN THE LOBBY!

12:00 - 1:30 PM  
• CAR/TRACTOR SHOW  
• PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT OUTSIDE BY PLAYGROUND  
• PLAYGROUND, GAGA BALL, 9-SQUARE  
• 3 ON 3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT  
• GAME ROOM (INDOOR)

12:15 - 12:45 PM  
• MISSION TRIP UPDATE AND PHOTOS IN WORSHIP CENTER

12:45-1:30 PM  
• KIDS WATER GAMES (BRING CLOTHES TO GET WET & TOWELS)

**NOON - 1:30 PM**

WE INVITE ANYONE WHO ATTENDS ACC AND HAS AN ANTIQUE TRACTOR, SHOW CAR, OR JEEP TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR CAR SHOW!

SIGN UP IN THE LOBBY



**YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY**  
AUGUST 3, ALL THREE SERVICES

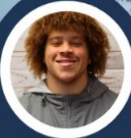
CORY CRAIG JR  
ZAKK EDWARDS  
ASHER FRANK  
JOSH HARRIS  
GRANT PURCHIS

**FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR CORY CRAIG, JR**  
SUN, AUG 10, 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM  
FAMILY LIFE CENTER

• CUPCAKES & DRINKS  
• SPECIAL PRAYER FOR CORY  
• LOVE OFFERING TOWARD TUITION

Hugs and prayers

**WE'LL MISS YOU**



- 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 Isaiah 43:2: *"When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze."* How have you seen God at work in the difficult times of your life?
  2. In what ways are you like King Nebuchadnezzar? What things have you tried to build in your life to build yourself up?
  3. In what ways have you been faithful to God in your life?
  4. What are some times that you felt God's presence in your life when you've "walked through the fire"?
  5. In what areas of your life do you think more highly of yourself than you ought to?
  6. How can you remain faithful to God in your life even when you are walking through the fire (difficult times)?
  7. What do you think it means to fully trust in Jesus? On a scale of 1-10, how well would you say you do that? How well would others say you do that?
  8. I will apply today's Bible study by:

**ACC OUTDOORS** **1ST ANNUAL FISH FRY**  
FRIDAY, AUGUST 8  
4:00 - 8:00 PM  
3D ARCHERY FOR ALL AGES  
SUGGESTED DONATION: \$10 PER DINNER  
ATHENS CHRISTIAN CHURCH 1411 E STATE RT 29

ENJOY FRIED FISH, BAKED BEANS, COLESLAW, BREAD & ONION. DRIVE THROUGH OR EAT ON-SITE!

*wednesday night* **CONNECTION**  
WEDNESDAYS BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 3!

Supper: 5:40-6:15 pm → Study: 6:30-7:30 pm

6 ADULT CLASSES (GRIEF SHARE 6:30-8)  
ROOTED Jr./Sr. High 6:30-8:00  
KIDS C.L.U.B. birth-6th grade



**Today & This Week**

**TODAY, SUNDAY, JULY 13**  
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 Baby Shower for Kristin & Matt Armitage (FLC)  
3:00 pm Lake Spfld. Christian Assembly Jr. High Week begins with Evan Noggle & Cory Craig, Jr.  
4:00 pm Elders' Meeting (Rm. 105)  
5:30 pm Prayer Gathering hosted by CIY Students (Youth Rm.)  
6:00 pm CIY Report Night & Ice Cream Social (WC/FLC)

**MONDAY, JULY 14** 1 CORINTHIANS 3  
9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)

**TUESDAY, JULY 15** 1 CORINTHIANS 4  
8:00 am Men's Bible Study (Rm. 223)

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 16** 1 CORINTHIANS 5  
9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)

**THURSDAY, JULY 17** 1 CORINTHIANS 6  
10:00 am Prophecy Watch Study (Rm. 106)  
6:00 pm Praise Team Practice

**FRIDAY, JULY 18** 1 CORINTHIANS 7  
Church Office Closed  
9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)

**SATURDAY, JULY 19**  
9:00 am Athens Area Food Pantry Monthly Distribution (Rt. 29)

**SUNDAY, JULY 20**  
7:30 am Prayer with the Pastors (WC)  
8:00 am Traditional Worship Svc. (nursery birth-2 yrs/3-5 yrs.)  
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•Childcare for birth-3 years  
10:30 am Contemporary Worship Service  
•Kids C.L.U.B. for K-6th grade/Childcare for birth-4yrs  
6:30 pm High School "How to Study Your Bible" (Rm. 112-114)