

Athens Christian Church
8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 am
Worship Services

July 20, 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 65:5-8

When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder (v. 1-3)

When We All Get to Heaven #123 (v. 1-4)

Announcements Video

Prayer Requests & Praises: Ken Gennicks

Sweet Hour of Prayer #439 (v. 1-2)

Acts of Worship: Larry Barregarye

Sermon: Cory Craig, Jr.

Summer Is Hot, But Somewhere Is Hotter:

“Elijah: The Fire That Falls”
(1 Kings 18:16-39)

Invitation Hymn:

The Savior is Waiting #435 (v. 1-2)

Communion & Offering Hymn:

I Need Thee Every Hour #443 (v. 1 & 4)

Communion & Offering Meditation: Cory Craig, Jr.

Quietly move to Communion & Offering
tables before exiting.

9:15 & 10:30 am Contemporary Service

Welcome

This Is Our God • Great Are You Lord • Gratitude

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Acts of Worship: Ashley Cantrall

Sermon: Cory Craig, Jr.

Summer Is Hot, But Somewhere Is Hotter:

“Elijah: The Fire That Falls”
(1 Kings 18:16-39)

Invitation Hymn: I Surrender All

Holy Spirit

Communion & Offering Meditation: Cory Craig, Jr.

Quietly move to Communion & Offering
tables before exiting.

AM Sermon Notes

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BUT SOMEWHERE IS HOTTER:
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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 *Elijah: The Fire That Falls*.

Bible Study

I. _____ Faith (18:16-21)

II. _____ Faith (18:22-26a)

III. _____ Faith (18:26b-29)

IV. _____ Faith (18:30-31, 36-39)

Application

1. _____ plus _____ is powerful.

2. Have faith _____ all _____.

CONCLUSION

Elijah had full faith and confidence in the Lord’s identity! Due to this faith and confidence, he beat the odds stacked against him. Will we have the same faith and confidence?

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, Kathy Peacock

At Lincoln Memorial: Sharon Mester, Mary Janet Borden (Deb Weil’s mom)

At Taylorville Memorial: John VanMeter (Donna Brown’s cousin)

Tests: Pat Hinds (29th/Prairie Heart), Larry Fitschen (chemo/radiation), Kevin Ingham, Tammy Garner, Donna Combs, Dave Magee, Earl/Sue Furlong, Billy Howard, Andrea Maxson, Penny Glick, Matt Richter, Al Keller (radiation), Ken Barba, Mike Hall (Erika McCoy’s friend), Cyndee Blakeman’s relative, Linda Caldwell, Linda Laws’ brother, Wayne Schafer (eye/23rd), Wayne Rottinghaus, Anne Smith’s son, Doug Wendler’s bro-in-law, Debbie Richardson, Kyle Monroe, Stacy Popejoy (knee/30th), Andrew Combs, Alicia Becker (Schirdings’ friend), Curt Reichling’s mom (cancer)

At home: Terry Wunderle, 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 (Arcadia), Mike Sleight, Mary Kluckman (cancer/Don Squires’ friend), Lori Richardson, Betty Ethell, Kathy Becker, Kevin Zeeb

Touched by death: Jeff MacKay family (Jeff Helmkamp’s dad)

Transitions: Gene/Kathy Apel (Vonderlieth/Apt. 5/Mt. Pulaski), Roberta Clark (Sunny Acres), 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

Kyle Gennicks: wearegospelcity.churchcenter.com

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

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

Summer Camp

FUSE

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

Contact: Tsoetsy Harris
tsoetsy@athenschristian.net

REGISTER NOW!

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

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 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

- POTLUCK WITH ACC MEN PROVIDING PULLED PORK AND CORNDOGS
- EVERYONE BRING A DESSERT OR SIDE DISH TO SHARE.
- SIGN UP IN THE LOBBY!

12:15 - 12:45 PM

- MISSION TRIP UPDATE AND PHOTOS IN WORSHIP CENTER

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)

12:45-1:30 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!

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- Etc.....!!!

YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY

AUGUST 3, ALL THREE SERVICES

CORY CRAIG JR

ZACH EDWARDS

ASHER FRANK

JOSH HARRIS

GRANT PURCHIS

ACC OUTDOORS

1ST ANNUAL FISH FRY

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

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

SIGN UP IN LOBBY OR SCAN QR CODE

FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR CORY CRAIG, JR

SUN, AUG 10, 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

FAMILY LIFE CENTER

WE'LL MISS YOU

- DESSERTS & DRINKS
- SPECIAL PRAYER FOR CORY
- LOVE OFFERING TOWARD TUITION

Hugs and prayers

PASSION 2026

YOUNG ADULTS AGES 18-25 REGISTER HERE

ARLINGTON, TEXAS DEC. 31-JAN.3

SEE MORGAN WELLS FOR MORE INFORMATION OR EMAIL HER AT MORGAN@ATHENSCHRISTIAN.NET

Passion 2026 is the gathering of a generation, united by one desire: the name and renown of Jesus. From across the country and around the world, young adults are coming together, lifting one voice, declaring one name—JESUS. Our Young Adult Group is excited for Passion 2026 in TEXAS and we want YOU to join us!! Spots fill up quickly so register now!

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.*” God was with Elijah in the fire. How have you felt God during the difficult times in your life?
2. Have you ever fallen victim to false prophets?
3. How are you being challenged or challenging others to grow in faith?
4. What was the last thing you asked God for, and how did He answer your prayer?
5. How often do you call on the Lord to help those who are misguided by worldly prophets?
6. Do you have a confident faith in the Lord even when things don’t look to be in your favor?
7. What in your life do you need to let God’s power speak for itself?
8. I will apply today’s Bible study by:

2025 FALL SEASON
SEPTEMBER 3 - NOVEMBER 12

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

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CONNECTION

MEN'S STUDY
HOUSE OF DAVID
LED BY JOHN SCHOENHERR & MATT HARRIS

WOMEN'S STUDY
FIND YOUR PEOPLE
JENNIE ALLEN
LED BY SHELLY ROAT & CARRIE CANTRALL

YOUNG ADULTS
FACING THE CITY
JESUS IN GENERATION
LED BY KENNEDY HALE & MORGAN WELLS

MARRIAGE
BETTER TOGETHER
MARRIAGE COURSE
LED BY SHANE & LORNA BAKER, KEITH & RACHEL GENNICKS

GENERAL BIBLE STUDY
The Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the Ephesians
LED BY ERIC & JANELLE LINK, ANTHONY BOLTON

GRIEF SHARE
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LED BY CARLA KNOX & MARY ELLEN BUCH

Rooted

Jr High Students 7th & 8th Grade

HEBREWS

Songs, Lesson, Games, & Small Groups

6:30-8:00 PM

Sr High Students 9th-12th Grade

wednesday night CONNECTION ACC Kids C.L.U.B.

Birth-3 years / 4 years-Kindergarten / 1-3 Grades / 4-6 Grades

Pre K - Kindergarten & 1st - 3rd Grade
Old Testament Heroes

4th - 6th Grade
Mis-understood

Today & This Week

TODAY, SUNDAY, JULY 20

- 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
- 6:30 pm High School “How to Study Your Bible” (Rm. 112-114)

MONDAY, JULY 21

- 1 CORINTHIANS 8
- 9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)
- 6:00 pm Athens Area Food Pantry Monthly Distribution (Rt. 29)

TUESDAY, JULY 22

- 1 CORINTHIANS 9
- 8:00 am Men's Bible Study (Rm. 223)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23

- 1 CORINTHIANS 10
- 9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)
- 6:00 pm Praise Team Practice (WC)

THURSDAY, JULY 24

- 1 CORINTHIANS 11

FRIDAY, JULY 25

- 1 CORINTHIANS 12
- Church Office Closed
- 9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)

SATURDAY, JULY 26

SUNDAY, JULY 27

- 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
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- 1:00 pm Judith Keller funeral (Roselawn/Beverly Nolting's sister)