

Athens Christian Church

8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 am

Worship Services

July 27, 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

VERSE of the WEEK

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 66:1-4

Crown Him With Many Crowns #345 (v. 1-4)

O Worship the King #336 (v. 1-4)

Announcements Video

Prayer Requests & Praises: Ken Gennicks

Beneath the Cross of Jesus #253 (v. 1-3)

Acts of Worship: Gospel Quartet
(Anthony Bolton, Hank Daubs, Curt Reichling, Gerry Turner)

Sermon: Shane Baker & Cory Craig, Jr.
“Summer Is Hot, But Somewhere Is Hotter:
Isaiah: The Fire That Hauls ”
(Isaiah 6:1-8)

Invitation Hymn:
Jesus, I Come #401 (v. 1 & 4)

Communion & Offering Hymn:
He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought #606 (v. 1 & 3)

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

9:15 & 10:30 am Contemporary Service

Welcome

Praise • Who You Say I Am • Goodness of God

Announcements Video

Prayer Requests & Praises: Ken Gennicks

Acts of Worship: Nathania Laier

Sermon: Shane Baker & Cory Craig, Jr.
“Summer Is Hot, But Somewhere Is Hotter:
Isaiah: The Fire That Hauls ”
(Isaiah 6:1-8)

Invitation Hymn: Run to the Father

Same God

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

AM Sermon Notes

SUMMER IS HOT,
BUT SOMEWHERE IS HOTTER:
“People of the Bible - Isaiah: The Fire That Hauls ”
(Isaiah 6:1-8)

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 will be looking at “Isaiah: The Fire That Hauls.”

Bible Study - Shane Baker

I. Isaiah’s _____ (6:1-4)

II. Isaiah’s _____ (6:5)

III. Isaiah’s _____ (6:6-7)

IV. Isaiah’s _____ (6:8)

Application - Cory Craig, Jr.

1. God _____

2. God _____

3. God _____

4. God _____

CONCLUSION

Isaiah knew he was a sinful man and was riddled with shame. But God forgave him, taking away all the shame and guilt. Then God gave Isaiah a higher calling. What shame and guilt do you need to ask God to forgive so He can give you a higher calling today?

Prayer Requests

At Memorial: Dick Bachman, Charles “Butch” Mester, Kenny Bounds (Jack Brown’s neighbor)

At Lincoln Memorial: Sharon Mester

At Vanderbilt: Lyndsey Bosie's relative

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 Rottinghaus, Anne Smith’s son, Doug Wendler’s bro-in-law, Debbie Richardson, Kyle Monroe, Stacy Popejoy (knee/postponed), Andrew Combs, Alicia Becker (Schirdings’ friend), Curt Reichling’s mom (cancer), Kathy Peacock, Marilyn Castles (Jo Ellen Croft’s mom), Jeff VanNattan, Bob Pritchard/Mike LeSeuer (Susan Turner’s friends)

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, John VanMeter (Donna Brown’s cousin), Elaine Bachman, Mary Janet Borden (Deb Weil’s mom)

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), Nicole Muench (mission til 30th), 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

Coming Up at Athens Christian Church . . .

YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY AUGUST 3, ALL THREE SERVICES

CORY CRAIG JR. ZAKH EDWARDS ASHER FRANK JOSH HARRIS GRANT PURCHIS

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!

12:00 - 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)

Nicole Muench Cru Mission Campus Crusade for Christ
Olivia Baker Dominican Republic
Matt Harris Dominican Republic
Brad Lasswell Dominican Republic

Join us at 12:15 pm to hear updates, see a recap video, and listen to testimonies from our summer mission trips! You'll hear stories from ACC's teams in the Dominican Republic and from Nicole Muench, who served in Ocean City, New Jersey, with Cru. Come be encouraged and celebrate how God is working through our church family around the world!

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!

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

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

Hugs and prayers

NOW ENROLLING FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

FUSE
After School Program

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

REGISTER NOW
SCAN HERE

CONTACT MORGAN WELLS FOR MORE INFORMATION
morgan@athenschristian.net or 217-636-8463

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. 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!

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• Current Lifeline
• Upcoming sermon title
• Link to past sermons
• Links for registrations
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2025 FALL SEASON SEPTEMBER 3 - NOVEMBER 12
Supper: 5:40-6:15 pm Study: 6:30-7:30 pm

MEN'S STUDY **WOMEN'S STUDY** **YOUNG ADULTS**

MARRIAGE **GENERAL BIBLE STUDY** **GRIEF SHARE**

Rooted **HEBREWS** **ACC Kids C.L.U.B.**

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

Pre K - Kindergarten & 1st - 3rd Grade 4th - 6th Grade

Old Testament Heroes Mis-understood

- 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 used fire to cleanse Isaiah. How has God refined you in the fire?
 2. What strikes you the most about what Isaiah saw in his vision in verses 1-4?
 3. Do you feel your sin is too much for Jesus to handle? Sometimes feelings can be deceiving. Could you truthfully say what Jesus did on the cross wasn't enough to cover your sin?
 4. Are you willing to go where God calls you?
 5. In what ways do you think God is trying to speak to you?
 6. What are you trying to keep hidden from God in your life?
 7. Do you need to seek God's forgiveness or forgive someone else?
 8. What do you think God is currently calling you to do?
 9. I will apply today's Bible study by:

Today & This Week

TODAY, 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
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 Judith Keller funeral (Roselawn/Beverly Nolting's sister)

MONDAY, JULY 28 1 CORINTHIANS 13
9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)

TUESDAY, JULY 29 1 CORINTHIANS 14
8:00 am Men's Bible Study (Rm. 223)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30 1 CORINTHIANS 15
9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)
6:00 pm Praise Team Practice (WC)

THURSDAY, JULY 31 1 CORINTHIANS 16

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1 2 CORINTHIANS 1
Church Office Closed
9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2
11:00 am Lake Spfld. Christian Assembly "End of Summer Bash" Fundraising Event

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