

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

August 10, 2025

“So I say, walk by the Spirit,
and you will not gratify the
desires of the flesh.”

Galatians 5:16



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 67:1-4

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee #377 (v. 1-4)

Come, Thou Almighty King #341 (v. 1-4)

Announcements Video

Prayer Requests & Praises: Ken Gennicks

There Shall be Showers of Blessing #580 (v. 1-4)

Acts of Worship: Video

Sermon: Cory Craig, Jr.

“Fuel the Pursuit - Not the Passion:
‘People of the Bible - Timothy’”
(2 Timothy 2:22)

Invitation Hymn:

Under His Wings #412 (v. 1 & 3)

Communion & Offering Hymn:

Let Us Break Bread Together #564 (v. 1 & 3)

Communion & Offering Meditation: Cory Craig, Jr.
Quietly move to Communion & Offering
tables before exiting.

9:15 & 10:30 am Contemporary Service

Welcome

Firm Foundation • How Great Is Our God • Worthy of It All

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Invitation Hymn: *Here I Am to Worship*

Holy Forever/Agnus Dei

Communion & Offering Meditation:
9:15: Cory Craig, Jr. • 10:30: Evan Noggle
Quietly move to Communion & Offering
tables before exiting.

AM Sermon Notes

“Fuel the Pursuit - Not the Passion:
‘People of the Bible - Timothy’”
(2 Timothy 2:22)

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 2 Timothy 2:22, *Fuel the Pursuit, Not the Passion*.

Bible Study

I. Your life is being determined by what you're running
_____. (2 Timothy 2:22a)

II. Your life is being determined by what you're running
_____. (2 Timothy 2:22b)

III. Your life is being determined by who you're running
_____. (2 Timothy 2:22c)

Application

1. You need a _____.
2. You need a _____.
3. You need a _____.

CONCLUSION

What are you pursuing in your life today? Is it money, a person, a dream, or just another idol from the world distracting you from what you should truly be pursuing, which is to be like our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ?!

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: Dale Beadle (Deanna Clark’s cousin/cancer)

At St. John’s: Bonnie Russell (fell/surgery)

At Lincoln Memorial: Dick Bachman, Sharon Mester

At Vanderbilt: Lyndsey Bosie’s relative

Tests: Larry Fitschen, Donna Combs, Dave Magee, Earl/Sue Furlong, Billy Howard, Penny Glick, Matt Richter, Al Keller (radiation), Ken Barba, Mike Hall (Erika McCoy’s friend), Linda Caldwell, Linda Laws’ brother, Doug Wendler’s bro-in-law, Debbie Richardson, Andrew Combs, Curt Reichling’s mom, Kathy Peacock, Marilyn Castles, Jeff VanNattan, Susan Turner’s friends, Cyndee Blakeman (knee/13th), Dawn Medley, Steve Buche (Stefanie Fricke’s friend/cancer), Pat Hinds, Aidan Good, Vickie Freeland’s son, Bruce Kennett

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), Jill Cleer (Arcadia), Mary Kluckman (Don Squires’ friend), Lori Richardson, Betty Ethell, Kathy Becker, John VanMeter (Donna Brown’s cousin), Elaine Bachman, Mary Janet Borden, Roberta Clark, Penny Schuecking (after surgery), Kevin/Carrie Lee/Colton Ingham

Transitions: Charles “Butch” Mester/Steve Gutierrez/Rosalie Ingram/Al & Joyce Betz (Villa), Bill Pullin (hospice), Mary Prior/Erna Weatherby (Countryside), Wil Reiter, Carolyn Cole (Concordia), Gene/Kathy Apel/Marge Ray/Vivian Rankin (Vonderlieth), Chuck VanHuss (Jacksonville), Kenny Bounds (Taylorville), Israel

Preaching Intern: Cory Craig, Jr. (concludes today)

ICOM Mission Conference: Nov. 20-22/Atlanta

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

2026 Christ In Youth Trip: number to plan for?

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

TODAY IN THE FAMILY LIFE

CENTER 11:30 AM -12:30 PM

FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR

CORY CRAIG, JR.



Hugs and prayers

• DESSERTS & DRINKS

• SPECIAL PRAYER FOR CORY

• LOVE OFFERING TOWARD BIBLE COLLEGE EXPENSES AT OZARK CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

WE'LL MISS YOU

ATHENS CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Senior Ministry

SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY

The Senior Ministry at ACC will resume this fall with our first *Young at Heart* fellowship on Tuesday, September 9. Free blood pressure checks will be available starting at 9:30 am, followed by a special program at 10:00 am featuring members of the mission team who served in the Dominican Republic this past July.



Terry Henrikson will share a brief devotion before we enjoy a free lunch of pulled pork, baked beans, cole slaw, chips, and desserts. Be sure to join us!

wednesday night

CONNECTION

ATHENS CHRISTIAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 3 - NOVEMBER 12

Supper: 5:40-6:15 pm

Study: 6:30-7:30 pm

DESSERT TEAM

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Please sign up below if you would be willing to provide desserts for our WNC dinners!

Young Adults

PASSION

2026

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!

YOUNG ADULTS

AGES 18-25

REGISTER HERE



ATHENS CHRISTIAN CHURCH

2025 FALL SEASON

SEPTEMBER 3 - NOVEMBER 12

wednesday night CONNECTION

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

MEN'S STUDY

LED BY JOHN SCHOENHERR & MATT HARRIS

HOUSE OF DAVID BY GREG LAURIE

DIVE INTO THE LIFE OF KING DAVID AND STRENGTHEN YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

WOMEN'S STUDY

FIND YOUR PEOPLE BY JENNIÉ ALLEN

LED BY SHELLY ROAT & CARRIE CANTRALL

IN A WORLD THAT'S BOTH MORE CONNECTED AND MORE ISOLATING THAN EVER BEFORE, WE'RE OFTEN TEMPTED TO DO LIFE ALONE. STUDY HOW TO WORK PAST THE BUSYNESS OF LIFE & HOW RELATIONSHIPS FEEL RISKY AND HARD TO FIND TRUE DEEP CONNECTION WITH OTHERS IN CHRIST.

GRIEF SHARE

You don't have to grieve alone.

LED BY CARLA KNOX & MARY ELLEN BUCH

\$20 for workbook Register at <https://www.griefshare.org/groups>

A SEMINAR AND SUPPORT GROUP TO HELP YOU REBUILD YOUR LIFE AFTER LOSING A LOVED ONE. OUR GROUP IS LED BY CARING PEOPLE WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED GRIEF AND WANT TO HELP YOU THROUGH DIFFICULT DAYS.

GENERAL BIBLE STUDY

EPHESIANS

LED BY ERIC & JANELLE LINK, ANTHONY BOLTON

STUDY THE BOOK OF EPHESIANS, FOCUSING ON THE BELIEVER'S IDENTITY AND WALK IN CHRIST. EMPHASIZING UNITY WITHIN THE CHURCH AND A TRANSFORMED LIFE LIVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GOSPEL

MARRIAGE

BETTER TOGETHER MARRIAGE COURSE

LED BY SHANE & LORNA BAKER, KEITH & RACHEL GENNICKS

THE COURSE AIMS TO BUILD A LASTING MARRIAGE, COVERING TRUST, HONOR, FAITH, INTIMACY, HOME, FINANCES, AND SPIRITUAL WARFARE.

YOUNG ADULTS

AGES 18-28

Facing Anxiety: by Jonathan Pokluda: WITH REAL-LIFE STORIES FROM PEOPLE FACING VARIOUS KINDS OF ANXIETY, THIS SERIES HELPS US SEE THAT PEACE CAN BE FOUND ON THIS SIDE OF ETERNITY.

Jesus in Our Generation: by Ben Stuart: DISCUSS THE MAJOR AREAS IN OUR LIVES THAT ARE DIRECTLY IMPACTED BY MODERN CULTURE. DISCOVER GOD'S TIMELESS WISDOM FOR THIS GENERATION AND TRUTHS THAT WILL ANCHOR US IN CHRIST.

6:30-8:00 PM, Songs, Lesson, Games, & Small Groups

HEBREWS

Jr High Students 7th & 8th Grade

Sr High Students 9th-12th Grade

ACC Kids C.L.U.B.

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

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

Misunderstood 4th - 6th Grade

Our students are in for an EPIC journey through the Old Testament as they meet some of the greatest Heroes of the Bible!

Even Jesus was misunderstood! Come discover how Jesus' final days teach us about love, humility, and true victory, even when things seem confusing.

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 Galatians 5:16, “*So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.*” Do you feel as if you are walking with the Spirit?
2. How are you inviting the Spirit to walk with you in your everyday life?
3. What do you feel God is calling you to run from in your life?
4. What do you think God is calling you to run toward in your life?
5. Who in your life do you feel is helping you run this race?
6. Do you have a Paul? If so, who?
7. Do you have a Timothy and Barnabas? If so, who?
8. I will apply today's Bible study by:

NOW ENROLLING FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

FUSE

After School Program

ATHENS CHRISTIAN CHURCH

REGISTER NOW



SCAN HERE

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

JOIN US AT CANTRALL PARK

FOR MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT

Thursday August 14 5:30-7:00pm

ALL FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN IN CES & CIS WELCOME!

Come learn more about FUSE

After School Program. Hot dogs, chips & cookies provided.



Today & This Week

TODAY, SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

- 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
- 11:30-12:30 Farewell Reception for Cory Craig, Jr. (FLC)
- 5:30 pm Prayer Gathering led by Harry Schirding (WC)
- 6:30 pm High School “How to Study Your Bible”

FUSE Summer Camp/7:30-5:30/Mon.-Fri.

MONDAY, AUGUST 11

2 CORINTHIANS 7

9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)

5:30 pm Ministry Support Ministry Meeting (Rm. 106)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12

2 CORINTHIANS 8

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

6:00 pm Missions Team Meeting (Rm. 203)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13

2 CORINTHIANS 9

9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)

5:30 pm WNC 1st-3rd Teachers' Planning Meeting (Rm. 204)

6:00 pm Jr./Sr. High Leaders' Meeting (Rm. 112)

6:00 pm Praise Team Practice (WC)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14

2 CORINTHIANS 10

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

5:30-7:00 pm FUSE at “Meet the Teacher” (Cantrall Park)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15

2 CORINTHIANS 11

Church Office Closed

9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

- 9:00 am Athens Area Food Pantry Distribution (Rt. 29)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

- 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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 - Kids C.L.U.B. for K-6th grade/Childcare for birth-4yrs
- 2:00-9:00 pm Powerlight Fest at IL State Fairgrounds