

Athens Christian Church

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

Worship Services

August 17, 2025

“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”

Joshua 1:9

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:

Elders:

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www.facebook.com/athenschristianIL

8:00 am Traditional Service

Call to Worship: Psalm 68:3-5

God of Grace and God of Glory #528 (v. 1-4)

Blessed Assurance #67 (v. 1-3)

Announcements Video

Prayer Requests & Praises: Ken Gennicks

Make Me a Blessing #473 (v. 1-3)

Acts of Worship: Gospel Quartet

(Anthony Bolton, Hank Daubs, Curt Reichling, Gerry Turner)

Sermon: Shane Baker

“People of the Bible - Joshua: Starting Something New”

(Joshua 1)

Invitation Hymn:

Reach Out to Jesus #430 (v. 1 & 2)

Communion & Offering Hymn:

Be Thou My Vision #468 (v. 1 & 2)

Communion & Offering Meditation: Shane Baker

Quietly move to Communion & Offering tables before exiting.

9:15 & 10:30 am Contemporary Service

Welcome

Trust in God • Oceans • King of Kings

Announcements Video

Prayer Requests & Praises: Ken Gennicks

Acts of Worship:

Nathania Laier & Krista Summers-McCormick

Sermon: Shane Baker

“People of the Bible - Joshua: Starting Something New”

(Joshua 1)

Invitation Hymn: Lord I Need You

Jesus Paid It All

Communion & Offering Meditation: Shane Baker

Quietly move to Communion & Offering tables before exiting.

AM Sermon Notes

“People of the Bible - Joshua: Starting Something New”

(Joshua 1)

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 Joshua from the book of Joshua, chapter 1.

Bible Study

I. God’s \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ (1-9)

A. It’s your \_\_\_\_\_.

B. I am \_\_\_\_\_ you.

C. Follow my \_\_\_\_\_.

D. Don’t be \_\_\_\_\_.

E. I am \_\_\_\_\_ you.

II. Joshua’s \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ (10-15)

A. \_\_\_\_\_ !

B. God’s \_\_\_\_\_ .

C. Do the \_\_\_\_\_ .

III. People’s \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ (16-18)

A. We’re \_\_\_\_\_ .

B. Be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ .

Application

1. \_\_\_\_\_ today.

2. God is \_\_\_\_\_ you.

3. Follow \_\_\_\_\_ Word.

4. Don’t be \_\_\_\_\_.

5. God’s \_\_\_\_\_ .

6. Do the \_\_\_\_\_ .

7. Others may \_\_\_\_\_ be on \_\_\_\_\_.

8. God is \_\_\_\_\_ you.

CONCLUSION

This year is not just about surviving, but about thriving in the calling God has given you. Remember — He is with you wherever you go.

Prayer Requests

At Memorial: Dale Beadle (Deanna Clark’s cousin/throat cancer), Donna Sandidge, Bob Lott

At Vanderbilt: Lyndsey Bosie’s relative

At St. Louis: Regan Morris (Lorna Baker’s friend), Wayne Rottinghaus

Tests: Larry Fitschen, Donna Combs, Dave Magee (radiation), 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, Dawn Medley, Steve Buche (Stefanie Fricke’s friend/cancer), Pat Hinds, Aidan Good, Vickie Freeland’s son, Bruce Kennett, Dwayne Rudolph, Virginia Heinzel (diabetes/vision), Judy Witmer (Russ’s mom), Mike Sleight, Chris Finley

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, Wanda Stott, Laurie Ingram’s sister/brother, 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), Roberta Clark, Penny Schuecking, Kevin/Carrie Lee/Colton Ingham, Julie Klor (auto accident), Dick/Elaine Bachman, Sharon Mester, Cyndee Blakeman (after knee replacement), Stacy Popejoy (knee replacement was Wednesday)

Touched by death: Janet Ethell family (Garry’s wife), Phyllis Kern family (Carla Finley’s mom/Vandalia)

Transitions: Bonnie Russell (St. Clara’s/Lincoln), 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

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

wednesday night  
**CONNECTION** **SEPTEMBER 3-NOVEMBER 12**  
Supper: 5:40-6:15 pm Study: 6:30-7:30 pm

**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

**GRIEF SHARE**  
*You don't have to grieve alone.*

LED BY CARLA KNOX & MARY ELLEN BUCH (6:30-8:00 PM)

\$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**

LED BY ERIC & JANELLE LINK, ANTHONY BOLTON

**EPHESIANS**

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

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

**HEBREWS**

Jr High Students 7th & 8th Grade *Rooted* Sr High Students 9th-12th Grade

**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.

LED BY MORGAN WELLS & KENNEDY HALE

**WOMEN'S STUDY**

FIND YOUR PEOPLE BY JENNIE ALLEN

LED BY SHELLEY ROAT & CARRIE CANTRAIL

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.

**MARRIAGE**

LED BY SHANE & LORNA BAKER, KEITH & RACHEL GENNICKS

**BETTER TOGETHER MARRIAGE COURSE**

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

**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 Joshua 1:9: *"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."* Are you trusting God enough to live out this verse?
2. How can you relate your situation to Joshua's situation in Joshua chapter 1?
3. What is your favorite part of God's message in verses 1-9?
4. Why do you think Joshua was so confident to begin leading in verses 10-15?
5. How did the people's response in verses 16-18 encourage Joshua?
6. What part of the application is hardest for you to believe?
7. What part of the application do you need to believe so you can be your best for God?
8. I will apply today's Bible study by:

Today & This Week

**TODAY, 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  
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

2:00-9:00 pm Powerlight Fest at IL State Fairgrounds

**MONDAY, AUGUST 18**

2 CORINTHIANS 12

9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)

**2:00 pm FUSE After School Program Resumes:**  
(Monday through Friday when school is in session: FLC, Kids' Wing, and all classrooms east of the ACC library are restricted areas while the After School Program is in session.)

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

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 19**

2 CORINTHIANS 13

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

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20**

GALATIANS 1

9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)

6:00 pm Praise Team Practice (WC)

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 21**

GALATIANS 2

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 22**

GALATIANS 3

Church Office Closed

9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 23**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 24**

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:

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**DESSERT TEAM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

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

**Kids Wing Volunteer Appreciation Lunch & Training**  
Sunday, August 31, 11:30-1:00

- Lunch provided
- Training for Kids Wing
- Childcare Provided
- Sign up in lobby or online (indicate # of kids for childcare)

ACC Kids Club

*Worship at the Railyard*

**Wednesday, August 27**  
**6:00 PM**  
Worship led by Athens Christian Church Praise Team

2242 S. 6<sup>th</sup> ST, Springfield

**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!

**5TH QUARTER**

**AT ACC AFTER THESE HOME GAMES**

September 5, September 26, October 24

7th -12th grade 9:30-11:30 PM

Join us for Food, Fun, and Fellowship!

**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](mailto: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!