

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

August 3, 2025

“But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”  
1 Corinthians: 15:57

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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YOUNG ADULT  
SUNDAY  
AUGUST 3, 2025  
8:00, 9:15, 10:30 AM

Welcome

Holy Forever

What A Beautiful Name

Gratitude

Announcements Video

Prayer Requests & Praises: Ken Gennicks

Acts of Worship: Baptisms Video

Sermon: Young Adult Team  
Cory Craig, Jr., Josh Harris, Grant Purchis, Asher Frank

Invitation Hymn: *Goodness of God*

The Blessing

Communion & Offering Meditation: Zakk Edwards  
Quietly move to Communion & Offering tables before exiting.

Other Young Adults Participating

|                  |               |                  |
|------------------|---------------|------------------|
| PRAISE TEAM      | ANNOUNCEMENTS | COMMUNION PREP   |
| Ellie Alderman   | Jaelyn Lasley | Lilly Alderman   |
| Olivia Baker     | SOUND BOOTH   | McKenna Clark    |
| Isabella Link    | Anthony Hale  | GREETERS         |
| Alex Marcum      | Kennedy Hale  | Courtney Faugust |
| Addie Stadsholt  | Nicholas      | Nicole Muench    |
| (along with      | McDaniel      | Brodee Rector    |
| Shane Baker &    | Bailey Shipp  | Caleb Thompson   |
| Ashley Cantrall) |               | Reese Woodrum    |

AM Sermon Notes

“People of the Bible:  
Lessons From The Life of Gideon”  
(Judges 7:1-23)

INTRODUCTION (Cory Craig, Jr.)  
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 “*Lessons From The Life of Gideon.*”

Bible Study

I. We should not \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_. (7:1-3)  
(Josh Harris)

II. \_\_\_\_\_ seems \_\_\_\_\_ against us. (7:4-8)  
(Grant Purchis)

III. God’s \_\_\_\_\_ always \_\_\_\_\_ wins. (7:19-23)  
(Asher Frank)

Application (Cory Craig, Jr.)

1. Allow God's \_\_\_\_\_.

CONCLUSION (Cory Craig, Jr.)  
We see God challenge Gideon to give up the comfortability of knowing he has many men fighting this battle with him. God did this because He wanted the people of Israel to know He was with them and that He was the reason they were victorious. What do you feel is making you uncomfortable that God is trying to remove so He can make you victorious?

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

At Lincoln Memorial: Dick Bachman, Sharon Mester

At Vanderbilt: Lyndsey Bosie’s relative

Tests: Larry Fitschen (chemo/radiation), Kevin Ingham, 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), Linda Caldwell, Linda Laws’ brother, Doug Wendler’s bro-in-law, Debbie Richardson, Andrew Combs, Alicia Becker, Curt Reichling’s mom, Kathy Peacock, Marilyn Castles, Jeff VanNattan, Bob Pritchard/Mike LeSeur (Susan Turner’s friends), Cyndee Blakeman (knee replacement/13th), Dawn Medley, Pat Hinds, Steve Buche (Stephanie Fricke’s friend/cancer meds)

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)

Touched by death: Aaron Cullen family (Brandon’s brother), David Wheeler family (Shawn’s dad), Nancy Thompson family (Patti Squires’ aunt)

Transitions: 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. (til Aug. 10)

ICOM Mission Conference: ‘Driven’/2 Cor. 5/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](http://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



# Join Us Today for Summer Connection

11:30am – 1:30pm

## At Athens Christian Church

### 11:30AM – 12:30 PM

- Potluck with ACC men providing pulled pork and corn dogs
- everyone bring a dessert or side dish to share.

### 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)



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!



## 1ST ANNUAL FISH FRY

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



SIGN UP IN  
LOBBY OR  
SCAN QR CODE

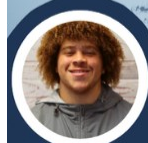


**FRIDAY, AUGUST 8**  
**4:00 - 8:00 PM**  
**3D ARCHERY FOR ALL AGES**

SUGGESTED DONATION: \$10 PER DINNER

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## FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR CORY CRAIG, JR



Hugs and  
prayers

SUN, AUG 10, 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM  
FAMILY LIFE CENTER

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

WE'LL  
MISS  
YOU

## NOW ENROLLING FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

# FUSE

After School Program

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



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.



ARLINGTON,  
TEXAS  
DEC. 31-JAN.3

# PASSION 2026

YOUNG  
ADULTS  
AGES 18-25  
REGISTER  
HERE



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!

## Wednesday Night Connection Dessert Team

Please sign up in the church lobby if you would be willing to help provide desserts for the WNC dinners! Also, please check the box if you are able to help plate the treats on the night you bring your dessert at 5:00 pm.



2025 FALL SEASON  
SEPTEMBER 3 -  
NOVEMBER 12

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

wednesday night

## MEN'S STUDY WOMEN'S STUDY YOUNG ADULTS



LED BY MATT HARRIS & JOHN SCHOENHERR



LED BY SHELLY ROAT & CARRIE CANTRALL



LED BY KENNEDY HALE & MORGAN WELLS



LED BY SHANE & LORNA BAKER, KEITH & RACHEL GENNICKS



LED BY ERIC & JANELLE LINK, ANTHONY BOLTON



LED BY CARLA KNOX & MARY ELLEN BUCH

Rooted  
Jr High  
Students  
7th & 8th  
Grade

wednesday night CONNECTION  
**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 Misunderstood

## 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 1 Corinthians: 15:57 *"But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."* God gave the Israelites victory. Where has God made you victorious in your own life?
2. What in your life do you feel you boast about too much?
3. Are you boasting because of pride? If so, what is it that you are prideful about?
4. How has life been stacked against you in your life today?
5. What is something you feel is holding you back from having a better relationship with God?
6. When have you tried to push against God's will and failed? Do you feel better now that His will was done?
7. What is God currently trying to prune out of your life?
8. I will apply today's Bible study by:

## Today & This Week

### TODAY, SUNDAY, AUGUST 3 - YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY

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 am-1:30 pm Summer Connection at ACC

2:00 pm Potential Ministry Meeting (Rm. 105)

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

### MONDAY, AUGUST 4

2 CORINTHIANS 2

9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 5

2 CORINTHIANS 3

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

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6

2 CORINTHIANS 4

9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)

6:00 pm Praise Team Practice (WC)

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 7

2 CORINTHIANS 5

6:30 pm Finance Team Meeting (Rm. 106)

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 8

2 CORINTHIANS 6

Church Office Closed

9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)

4:00 pm ACC Outdoors' Fish Fry until 8:00 pm

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 9

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

7:30 am Prayer with the Pastors (WC)  
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11:30 am Cory Craig Jr. Farewell Reception (Family Life Center)

5:30 pm Prayer Gathering led by Harry Schirding (Worship Ctr.)

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