

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

August 31, 2025



“Cast your cares on the Lord  
and He will sustain you;  
He will never let the righteous  
be shaken.”

YOUTH Sunday

Psalm 55:22

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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YOUTH  
Sunday

8:00, 9:15, 10:30 AM

Welcome

Take You at Your Word

You Will Be Saved

What a Beautiful Name

Announcements Video

Prayer Requests & Praises: Ken Gennicks

Acts of Worship: Youth Group

Sermon: Youth Team

(Nathan Hesson, Brayden Seman, Kenneth Baker, Avery Jockisch)

“People of the Bible:  
‘David: Facing Giant Problems’”  
(1 Samuel 17)

Invitation Hymn: *Sinking Deep*

*Living Hope*

Communion & Offering Meditation: Nathan Hesson  
Quietly move to Communion & Offering  
tables before exiting.

Youth Praise Team: Ella Armitage, Kenneth Baker, Ava Gennicks, Avery Jockisch, Leilah Link  
Youth Tech Team: Kenley Combs, Karli Halsey, Emma Harris, Michael Mitchell  
Announcement Video: Ellen Wiker  
Youth Greeters & Communion Prep: Meredith Avart, Ava Bee, Maddison Harlan, Ella Hesson, Sawyer Hill, Karlee Lewis, Austin Roeder, Katy Sinnott, Kael Tobias, Olivia Walter, Audri Walters, Evie Walters, Ellen Wiker, Alyssa Wiley, Madelyn Womble, Teagan Woodrum

AM Sermon Notes

“People of the Bible:  
‘David: Facing Giant Problems’”  
(1 Samuel 17)

INTRODUCTION (Nathan Hesson)

Our Bible studies throughout 2025 focus on “People of the Bible”, biographical sketches and timeless lessons from their lives. Today we look at the life of young David and how he trusted God when facing his giant problems.

1. Like David... \_\_\_\_\_ often stand in \_\_\_\_\_  
way. (1 Samuel 17:1-11/Brayden Seman)

2. Like David...God \_\_\_\_\_ us to \_\_\_\_\_  
our problems. (1 Samuel 17:32-40/Kenneth Baker)

3. Like David...We \_\_\_\_\_ over our problems  
when we \_\_\_\_\_ in God. (1 Samuel 17:41-50/  
Avery Jockisch)

CONCLUSION (Avery Jockisch)

No one knows more about facing problems than young David! From his experience with fighting Goliath, we can follow his example and trust in God even when it is hard. Jesus has already fought the biggest battles in our life, we just have to be willing to face our giant problems while trusting in Him!

5TH QUARTER  
AT ACC AFTER THE AHS FOOTBALL GAME  
THIS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5  
7th - 12th grade 9:30-11:30 PM  
Join us for Food, Fun, and Fellowship  
Wear your camo!

MONDAY MORNING HIGH  
SCHOOL GROUP  
RESUMES SEPT. 8-DEC. 15  
(WHEN ATHENS SCHOOL IS IN SESSION)  
7:15 - 7:30 AM BREAKFAST  
7:30-8:00 AM PRAYER & STUDY  
AT ATHENS CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Prayer Requests

**At Memorial:** Sara Murry (Cole Halsey's great-grandma), Bob Lott, Albert McCarthy (Cassie Sokolis' grandpa)

**At St. John's:** Mary Jo Lobemaster (Rhonda Briest's friend), Charlie Jones (Schirdings' friend)

**At St. Louis:** Regan Morris (Lorna Baker's friend), Yvonne Dobey (Sue Bishop's sister)

**At Tennessee hospital:** Debbie Harmening (Barbi Gimondo's sis-in-law)

**At Iowa City:** Asher (Maxson's friend/NICU)

**Tests:** Larry Fitschen, Dave Magee/Al Keller (radiation), Earl/Sue Furlong, Ken Barba, Linda Caldwell, Debbie Richardson, Andrew Combs, Curt Reichling's mom, Kathy Peacock, Marilyn Castles, Jeff VanNattan, Aidan Good, Bruce Kennett, Dwayne Rudolph, Chris Finley, Donna Sandidge, Julie Klor, Steve Gutierrez (Villa), Valerie Woodrum's mom, Kathryn Monroe's mother/friends, Suren Gummadi's dad (India), Adam Kershaw (Ryan Knox's friend/Williamsville coach), Dale Beadle (Deanna Clark's cousin), Madison Austin, Ruth Novy (shoulder MRI), Lyndsey Bosie's relative

**At home:** Terry Wunderle, Nancy Nale's mom, Morgan Setzer, Annetta Books, Deb Claypool's friend, Tom/Ruth Novy, Charlie Nance, Wanda Stott, Laurie Ingram's sister/brother, Brian/Kim Briggs' son, Jill Cleer (Arcadia), Betty Ethell, Kathy Becker, Roberta Clark, Kevin/Carrie Lee/Colton Ingham, Dick/Elaine Bachman, Cyndee Blakeman, RJ Wehmhoff's grandparents, Julie Zara (Bill Peterman's sis-in-law/accident/broken ankle)

**Touched by death:** Donna Kruger family (Michael's grandma), Gary Woods family (Doug Nolting's cousin), Merle Messersmith family, Arlene Woodrum family (Jane Schirding's mother), Pastor Bill Burton family (Sue Bishop's friend)

**Transitions:** Joann Kirchgesner (Mary Ellen Buch's mom/Assisted Living/Villa/Sept. 8), Blake Ross (Bev Nolting's cousin), Bonnie Russell (St. Clara's), Wayne Rottinghaus/Charles “Butch” Mester/Rosalie Ingram/Al Betz (Villa), Bill Pullin (hospice), Mary Prior/Erna Weatherby (Countryside), Wil Reiter, Carolyn Cole (Concordia/hospice), Gene/Kathy Apel/Marge Ray/Vivian Rankin (Vonderlieth), Debbie Spangler (Carlinville), Chuck VanHuss (Jacksonville), Kenny Bounds (Taylorville), Cory Craig, Jr. (Ozark Christian College), 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](https://facebook.com/monroechurchplant)

**Kyle Gennicks:** [wearegospelcity.churchcenter.com](https://wearegospelcity.churchcenter.com)

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

**Our missionaries/military/terrorism/nation**

**Each other/unspoken needs**



Today 11:30-1:00

Kids Wing Volunteer

Appreciation Lunch & Training

Lunch provided

Training for Kids Wing

Childcare Provided

ACC Kids Club

Young at Heart

Dominican Republic

Tuesday, September 9

9:30: Free Blood Pressure checks

10:00: Dominican Republic Mission Team Highlights

11:00 lunch: pulled pork, baked beans, coleslaw, chips, desserts

Devotion by Terry Henrikson

MAKE A MEAL BAGS

Food Drive for meal to make for Wash. ST Mission Food Pantry for those transitioning to homes.

ACC WILL COLLECT THESE FOOD ITEMS ON SUNDAYS, 9/7 & 14. PLACE ITEMS IN THE CHURCH LOBBY.

15 oz. can chili with beans

15 oz. can diced tomatoes

1 lb. box elbow macaroni

can openers

Mission Sunday, September 21

8:00am Traditional Service with Gabe Rutledge from Little Galilee Christian Camp Preaching

9:15-10:15am (No Worship Service, Sunday School, Kids classes) Missions and breakfast in the Family Life Center. Come enjoy breakfast (pigs in a blanket, hash brown patty, walking S'mores, trail mix, cupcakes) and see the 17 missions ACC supports! You can visit with some of our local missions, and we will end our time praying over these missions!

10:30am Contemporary Service with Gabe Rutledge from Little Galilee Christian Camp Preaching

OZARK

CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

We are excited to host a representative from Ozark Christian College today at ACC! We are extending a special invite to all high school students, young adults, and anyone considering college courses to learn more about Ozark's online and campus degrees! Lunch will be provided.

Lunch with Ozark Rep 11:30 AM-12:45 PM

Pray Serve Love

wednesday night CONNECTION BEGINS THIS WEDNESDAY!!  
Supper 5:40-6:15 pm  
Studies for all ages 6:30-7:30 pm:

ADULT STUDIES

MEN'S STUDY

LED BY MATT HARRIS & JOHN SCHOENHERR

HOUSE OF DAVID BY GREG LAURIE  
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DIVE INTO THE LIFE OF KING DAVID AND STRENGTHEN YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

WOMEN'S STUDY

LED BY SHELLY ROAT & CARRIE CANTRALL

FIND YOUR PEOPLE BY JENNIE ALLEN  
In a world that's both more connected and more isolating, 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.

Register at <https://www.griefshare.org/groups>  
\$20 FOR WORKBOOK

LED BY CARLA KNOX & MARY ELLEN BUCH

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

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.

YOUNG ADULTS (AGES 18-28)

LED BY MORGAN WELLS & KENNEDY HALE

FACING ANXIETY BY JONATHAN POKLUDA: THIS SERIES HELPS US SEE THAT PEACE CAN BE FOUND ON THIS SIDE OF ETERNITY.  
JESUS IN OUR GENERATION BY BEN STUART: DISCOVER GOD'S TIMELESS WISDOM FOR THIS GENERATION AND TRUTHS THAT WILL ANCHOR US IN CHRIST.

Jr High Students 7th & 8th Grade

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

Sr High Students 9th-12th Grade

Rooted

HEBREWS

ACC Kids C.L.U.B.

Nursery: Birth-3 years

Old Testament Heroes 4 yrs. - Kindergarten & 1st - 3rd Grade

Misunderstood 4-6 Grades

Even Jesus was misunderstood - and that's something we can all relate to. 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 Psalm 55:22, "Cast your cares on the Lord and He will sustain you; He will never let the righteous be shaken." How can you cast your cares on the Lord in your day-to-day life?

2. What is the most consistent problem that stands in your life?

3. Can you think of a time when you were prepared for a problem you weren't expecting to face? How much do you think Jesus impacted that preparation?

4. David stood up against King Saul when he was told he couldn't fight. David didn't want to fight for himself, but for God. How can we fight for God when dealing with difficult people?

5. Why do we not always "triumph" over our problems when we try to fix them on our own? What steps do we need to take to fully trust God in our problems?

6. I will apply today's Bible study by:

Clayville Historic Site

Fall Festival

September 20&21 2025

SENIOR BUS TRIP

Saturday, September 20

Clayville Fall Festival

Pleasant Plains, IL

Mall & Lunch

Meet at ACC at 9 AM

Cost: your meal/shopping

Seniors only

Sign up in the lobby

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3. Enter your email address

4. Select "subscribe"

5. Every Monday, you'll receive ACC Weekly in your email! Very simple!

Today & This Week

TODAY, SUNDAY, AUGUST 31 - YOUTH 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 Kids Wing Volunteer Appreciation Lunch/Training (FLC)

4:00 pm Elders' Meeting (Rm. 105)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

Church Office Closed

EPHESIANS 3

LABOR DAY

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

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

EPHESIANS 4

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)

5:00 pm Help set up for Wednesday Night Connection

5:40-6:15 pm Dinner (Chicken Bacon Ranch Mac & Cheese, Salad, Green Beans, Peaches, Dessert)

6:30-7:30 pm Classes for all Ages (Jr./Sr. High Youth Group/ GriefShare til 8:00)

7:45 pm Praise Team Practice

EPHESIANS 5

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

12:30 pm Merle Messersmith Funeral Dinner (FLC)

EPHESIANS 6

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Church Office Closed

9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)

9:30 pm 5<sup>th</sup> Quarter for All Area Jr. High/High School (ACC FLC)

PHILIPPIANS 1

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

8:00 am ImpactLife Blood Drive (FLC)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

7:30 am Prayer with the Pastors (WC)

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## Athens Christian Church

# YOUTH

### 7th-12th Grade Youth Opportunities

- A Place to belong.
- A Place to grow.
- A place to serve.

Rooted



Youth Minister, Evan Noggle

I have now been at ACC for over a year, and it has been a blessing to see how God is moving in the lives of our Junior High and High School students! Some of the highlights include attending a weekend conference at Ozark Christian College, hosting "5th Quarter" events that averaged 60 students for games and a gospel message, studying the book of Acts together at WNC, and taking 73 students and leaders to CIY Move where many made first-time decisions to follow Christ. It has been very cool to see students take ownership of their faith and be so committed to bringing their friends to follow Jesus. I am looking forward to seeing all God will continue to do in the year ahead!

### Weekly Youth Events at ACC

**Sunday Mornings, 9:15-10:15am**

Jr. High/High School Sunday School

**Monday Mornings 7:15-8:00am**

Monday Morning High School Study - begins September 8

Monday mornings when Athens Schools are in session.

(breakfast 7:15/study begins at 7:30)

**Wednesday Night Connection Sept. 3 - Nov. 13**

Supper 5:40-6:15pm/Classes 6:30-7:30pm studying **HEBREWS**/  
Games in Family Life Center 7:30-8:00pm

### Special Upcoming Youth Events

**Friday, September 5:** Camo Themed 5th Quarter at ACC  
after Athens High School football game (9:30-11:30pm)

**Sunday, September 21:** Ozark Christian College  
Information Luncheon at ACC (11:30-12:45pm)

**Wednesday, September 24:** "See You at the Pole" at  
Athens High School/breakfast afterwards (7:15-8:00am)

**Friday, September 26:** Sports Jersey Themed 5th Quarter  
at ACC after Athens High School football game (9:30-11:30pm)

**Saturday, September 27:** Jr. High trip to Bomke's "Praise  
at the Patch" (12:30-3:30pm)

**Saturday, October 4:** High School to Rader Family Farms  
Night Corn Maze in Bloomington IL (5:30-10:00pm)

**Friday, October 24:** 5th Quarter Bonfire at ACC after Athens  
High School football game (9:30-11:30pm)

**Saturday, November 1:** Lake Springfield Christian Assembly  
"Fall Night Out" (5:45-8:45pm)

**Thursday-Saturday, November 6-8:** High School to "The Event"  
at Ozark Christian College, Branson, MO

**Wednesday, November 19:** "Friendsgiving" dinner with games &  
prizes at ACC (6:00-8:00pm)

## HERE ARE WAYS YOU CAN PRAY FOR THE ACC YOUTH MINISTRY



1. Pray for students to have the boldness to live out their faiths among their peers.
2. Pray that upperclassmen can become confident student-leaders.
3. Pray that leaders can make connections that deeply affect the students' lives.
4. Pray that we teach biblical truths that are heard and understood well by everyone.



### PRAY FOR OUR YOUTH VOLUNTEERS:

Lorna Baker, Shane Baker, Olivia Baker, Glen Bell,  
Elise Fritz, Anthony Hale, Kennedy Hale, Cole Halsey,  
Josh Harris, Tsoetsy Harris, Layne Hill, Laurie Ingram,  
Janelle Link, Jeremy McDaniel, Nicholas McDaniel,  
Melisa Mizeur, Austin Montgomery, Emma Noggle,  
Nick Pierson, Grant Purchis, Curt Reichling, Cassie  
Sokolis, Morgan Wells



*Heavenly Father,*

*We thank You for the gift of youth—their energy,  
passion, creativity, and hope.*

*Guide them as they grow in faith and in life. Protect  
their hearts and minds from the pressures and  
distractions of the world. Surround them with godly  
friends, wise mentors, and a church family that loves  
and supports them.*

*Lord, give them courage to stand firm in their faith,  
strength to choose what is right, and compassion to  
serve others in love. May they discover their purpose in  
You and use their gifts to bring glory to Your name.  
Bless their studies, their friendships, their families, and  
their future.*

*Help them know they are never alone, for You walk  
beside them every step of the way. In Jesus' name...*

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