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

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"It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery."

Galatians 5:1

### 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 71: 15-18

Why Do I Sing About Jesus #635 (v. 1-3)

*In My Heart There Rings a Melody* #633 (v. 1-3)

Announcements Video

Prayer Requests & Praises: Ken Gennicks

It is Well With My Soul #495 (v. 1-3)

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

> Sermon: Shane Baker "People of the Bible - 'Peter: Now You See Me, Now You Don't!" (Acts 12:1-19)

Invitation Hymn: Have Thine Own Way, Lord #400 (v. 1 & 4)

> Communion & Offering Hymn: *Jesus Paid it All* #273 (v. 1 & 3)

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

# 9:15 & 10:30 am Contemporary Service

# Welcome

Who You Say I Am Goodness of God Great Are You Lord

Announcements Video

Prayer Requests & Praises: Ken Gennicks

Acts of Worship: Ashley Cantrall

Sermon: Shane Baker "People of the Bible - 'Peter: Now You See Me, Now You Don't!"" (Acts 12:1-19)

Invitation Hymn: Cornerstone

Build My Life

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

# **AM Sermon Notes**

"People of the Bible - 'Peter: Now You See Me, Now You Don't!"" (Acts 12:1-19)

#### INTRODUCTION

Bible Study

We continue in 2025 with our Bible studies focusing on "People of the Bible," biographical sketches and timeless lessons from their lives. Every Sunday, we study and apply God's Word to our lives. This week, our Bible Study comes from the New Testament book of Acts, chapter 12, verses 1-19. In these verses, we'll see Peter's amazing escape from prison with God's help.

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### **CONCLUSION**

work.

Peter escaped from a literal prison. Some of us may experience prison in our lifetime. But according to the Bible, at one point, all of us will be prisoners of sin during our lives. Fortunately for us, Jesus has given us a way to be released from the penalty of our sin. If He hasn't done that in your life, I would urge you to accept the free gift He offers you. If you have been released from the penalty of your sin, with our freedom, let's serve God with all our heart, soul and strength!

**Prayer Requests** 

**At Memorial:** Albert McCarthy (Cassie Sokolis' grandpa)

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

At Iowa City: Asher (John/Gaye Maxson's friend/NICU) Tests: Larry Fitschen, Dave Magee/Al Keller (radiation), Andrew Combs, Curt Reichling's mom, Kathy Peacock, Marilyn Castles, Bruce Kennett, Dwayne Rudolph, Chris Finley, Donna Sandidge, Julie Klor, Valerie Woodrum's mom, Deanna Clark's cousin, Ruth Novy, Jan Canterbury, Bobbi Jo Hill (foot), Lottie Ley (Brad Ferrell's friend), Rhonda Leinberger, Angie Fritz's friends, Jeff Vanattann (heart cath), Sarah Gennicks (surgery/23rd), Bob Lott, Pat Halberstadt

At home: Terry Wunderle, Nancy Nale's mom, Morgan Setzer, Annetta Books, Deb Claypool's friend, Tom Novy, Wanda Stott, Laurie Ingram's sister/brother, Jill Cleer (Arcadia), Kathy Becker, Roberta Clark, Kevin/Carrie Lee/Colton Ingham, Dick/Elaine Bachman (Villa?), Cyndee Blakeman, Velma Fraase (Patti Tobias' aunt)

Touched by death: Amanda Bennett family (Leslie Clifton's sister), Jim Elmore family

**Transitions:** Barbi Gimondo's sis-in-law, Blake Ross (Bev Nolting's cousin), Bonnie Russell (St. Clara's), Steve Gutierrez/Charles "Butch" Mester/Rosalie Ingram/Al Betz/Joann Kirchgesner (Villa), Bill Pullin (hospice), Mary Prior/Erna Weatherby (Countryside), Wil Reiter, Carolyn Cole (Concordia/hospice), Gene/Kathy Apel/Marge Ray/Vivian Rankin (Vonderlieth), Kenny Bounds (Taylorville), Chuck VanHuss (Jacksonville), Cory Craig, Jr. (Ozark Christian College), Israel **Fall Preaching Intern:** Josh Harris (Sept. 29-Dec. 24)

ICOM Mission Conference: Nov. 20-22/Atlanta 20 to Young Adult 'Passion Conf': Dec. 31/TX Christ In Youth Conf.: July 6-10, 2026/number by Oct. 7? Blake Canterbury: facebook.com/monroechurchplant Kyle Gennicks: wearegospelcity.churchcenter.com

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

Capital Stewardship Campaign: EXCEL (2026-2028) Our missionaries/military/terrorism/nation Each other/unspoken needs

Before you leave today, please be sure to stop by the lobby and sign the greeting cards for friends and family of ACC.

# Next Week is Mission Sunday!

- 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 of 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



We are excited to host representatives from Ozark Christian College today at ACC! We are extending a

I unch with special invite to all high school students, young adults, and anyone considering college courses to learn more about Ozark's online and campus 12:45 PM degrees! Lunch will be provided.



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

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- 15 oz. can diced
- 1 lb. box elbow macaroni · can openers

# **CHRIST IN YOUTH 2026 REGISTRATION IS OPEN!**

Registration is open now for all high school students wishing to join us.

Register now at athenschristian.net/ciy

MONDAY MORNING HIGH SCHOOL GROUP 7:15 - 7:30 AM BREAKFAST 7:30-8:00 AM PRAYER AND STUDY

AT ACC EVERY MONDAY THRU DEC. 15 WHEN ATHENS SCHOOL IS IN SESSION

SEE YOU AT THE POLE Jr & Sr High Wed., September 24 7:30 am @ AHS

Junior High Trip Bomke's Patch Sat., 9/27, 12:30-3:30pm

AT ACC AFTER THE HOME GAME FRIDAY, 9/26 9:30-11:30 pm for ALL 7th -12th grade loin us for Food, Fun, and Fellowship WEAR A SPORTS JERSEY!



Charville Historic Sig. Clayville Fall Festival, Pleasant Plains, IL Fall Festival Clavville Historic Site & Lunch

· Meet at ACC at 9 AM

- Cost: your meal/shopping
- Seniors only
- Sign up in the lobby

# wednesday night CONNFETION

SEPTEMBER 3 THRU NOVEMBER 12!

6 ADULT ROOTED KIDS C.L.U.B. CLASSES

MEN'S STUDY

LED BY MATT HARRIS &

### **HOUSE OF DAVID BY GREG LAURIE**

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

Learn how to work past the busyness of life to find true deep connection with others in Christ.

# GRIEF SHARE

LED BY CARLA KNOX & MARY ELLEN BUCH

Our group is led by caring people who have experienced grief and want to help you through difficult days.

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

GENERAL BIBLE STUDY LED BY ANTHONY BOLTON

**EPHESIANS:** 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

Aims to build a lasting marriage, covering trust, honor, faith, intimacy, home, finances, and spiritual warfare.

# OUNG ADULTS

LED BY MORGAN WELLS & KENNEDY HALE

### FACING ANXIETY BY JONATHAN POKLUDA:

Peace can be found on this side of eternity. JESUS IN OUR GENERATION BY BEN STUART:

Discover God's timeless wisdom

Jr High Students

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Nursery: Birth-3 years Old Testament Heroes 4 yrs. - Kindergarten &

1st - 3rd Grade

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# 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 5:1: "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery." Has Jesus set you free from your sin? If so, what will you do with that freedom?
- 2. Based on the verses at the beginning of Acts 12, what do you think Peter was feeling when he was imprisoned?
- 3. Why do you think Peter at first thought he was having a vision?
- 4. After chapter 12, we catch back up with Peter in Acts 15. How do we see him continuing God's work?
- 5. Do you have sin in your life? What sin? Is it controlling your life?
- 6. How can Jesus release you from the past, present and future sin in your life?
- 7. If you've been set free through the blood of Jesus, how are you doing the work He has left for you to do? Think Matthew 28:19-20.
- 8. I will apply today's Bible study by:

# Stay Connected In September, we're doing a 4-week discipleship journey to help our ACC family

stay more connected—beyond just Sundays. Whether it's receiving weekly updates, downloading the app, or giving online, these tools help us stay grounded in faith and community all week long.

Here's what we're working toward as a church family: Double ACC Weekly email subscribers (93 → 186) Double app downloads (495 → 1,000)

Double online giving participation (73 → 146)

Our hope is that this challenge won't just help us develop new habits—but that it will draw us closer together, strengthen our routines, and remind us that church is more than a building. It's a family, and staying connected helps us grow together.

# Todav & This Week

#### **TODAY, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14**

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
- 4:00 pm Elders' Meeting
- 5:30 pm Prayer Gathering led by Evan Noggle

#### **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15**

7:15 am Monday Morning High School Study (Youth Rm.) 9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)

### **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16**

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

### **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**

9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)

5:00 pm Help set up for Wednesday Night Connection 5:40-6:15 pm Dinner (spaghetti, garlic bread, salad, mixed veggie, applesauce)

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

7:45 pm Praise Team Practice

# **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18**

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# **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19**

Church Office Closed

9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)

Set up for Missions Sunday (FLC)

## **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20**

Set up for Missions Sunday (FLC)

9:00 am Senior Trip to Clayville Fall Festival

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

6:00 pm Trivia Night at Little Galilee Christian Camp (Clinton)

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 - MISSIONS 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 Missions and Breakfast in the Family Life Center

(No Worship Service, Sunday School, or Kids' Classes)

10:30 am Contemporary Worship Service

•Kids C.L.U.B. for K-6th grade/Childcare for birth-4yrs.

11:30 am Lunch with Ozark Christian College Representatives