

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



September 21, 2025



Philip found Nathanael
and told him, "We have
found the One...
Come and see."

John 1:45-46

Pray pray Serve Love

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 73:24-28

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation #557 (v. 1-4)

I Will Sing the Wondrous Story #618 (v. 1-4)

Announcements Video

Prayer Requests & Praises: Ken Gennicks

O Master Let Me Walk With Thee #442 (v. 1-4)

Missions Team: Lorna Baker

Acts of Worship: Missions Video

Sermon: Gabe Rutledge

"Come and See" (John 1:43-51)

Invitation Hymn:

Lead Me to Calvary #407 (v. 1 & 4)

Communion & Offering Hymn:

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus #621 (v. 1 & 3)

Communion & Offering Meditation: Shane Baker

Quietly move to Communion & Offering
tables before exiting.

9:15 am Missions & Breakfast

Join us in the Family Life Center for breakfast
and visit with some of our missions.

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

10:30 am Contemporary Service

Welcome

Trust in God | Firm Foundation | Same God

Announcements Video

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"Come and See" (John 1:43-51)

Invitation Hymn: *Lord I Need You*

Living Hope

Communion & Offering Meditation: Shane Baker

Quietly move to Communion & Offering
tables before exiting.

AM Sermon Notes

Guest Speaker, Gabe Rutledge

"Come and See" (John 1:43-51)

INTRODUCTION

Our Bible study today is the story of two friends: one already knew Jesus, and one was skeptical. When we don't know what to say or how to answer the skeptic, we don't need to worry! Sometimes the best thing disciples of Christ can do is extend Christ's invitation to others. Let's dig into our text this morning and see this interaction in John 1:43-51.

Bible Study:

I. Disciples _____.

II. A simple invitation is a _____.

III. But what if they _____?

IV. Jesus _____ and _____ the _____.

APPLICATION

1. Is there someone in your life you can invite to "come and see" who Jesus is?
2. Let's be Philip to those people and invite them to come and see. Who has He put on your heart to invite to "come and see" for themselves?
3. Athens Christian Church, will you be a "Come and See" congregation? Will you be people who invite your community to come and see? Every single mission represented here today at some level is a "Come and See" mission. Can you give your money generously to your church to help support those on the front lines asking people to Come, See, and Experience Jesus?
4. Will you join us in this mission?

CONCLUSION

No one has a real encounter with Jesus and stays the same. He loves us, heals us, knows us, sets us free, challenges us, and transforms us for good. His purposes are always good. Because of this, we can't keep Him to ourselves. When you've been invited into the family of God, it only makes sense to invite others into the wholeness of life you've been given. They need to *Come and See!* Jesus will meet them there.

Prayer Requests

Memorial: Albert McCarthy (Cassie Sokolis' grandpa)

At St. John's: Barb Wagner

At St. Louis: Regan Morris (Lorna Baker's friend)

At Iowa City: Asher (John/Gaye Maxson's friend)

Tests: Larry Fitschen, Dave Magee/Al Keller (radiation), Andrew Combs, Curt Reichling's mom, Kathy Peacock, Marilyn Castles, Dwayne Rudolph, Donna Sandidge, Valerie Woodrum's mom, Deanna Clark's cousin, Ruth Novy, Jan Canterbury, Bobbi Jo Hill, Rhonda Leinberger, Jeff VanAttann, Sarah Gennicks (23rd), Bob Lott, Pat Halberstadt, Neveah Battle (surgery/26th), Mike Smythe (Susan VanAttann's brother), Jerry Talkington (Paula Kennett's friend/vision)

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, Cyndee Blakeman, Velma Fraase (Patti Tobias' aunt)

Touched by death: Charlie Kirk family

Transitions: Yvonne Dobey (Sue Bishop's sister/PT), Blake Ross (Bev Nolting's cousin), Bonnie Russell (St. Clara's), Sara Murry/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), Josh McCoy (housefire), 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.

Today is Mission Sunday!

Pray 🙏 Serve 🍲 Love 💕

- **Worship Services at 8:00 and 10:30 am only today with Gabe Rutledge, Director of Little Galilee Christian Camp preaching.**
- **9:15-10:15am Missions & Breakfast in the Family Life Center (No Worship Service, Sunday School, or Kids classes)**
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!



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

We are excited to host representatives 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.

Stop by the **MISSIONS OF HOPE** table today in the Family Life Center. Information is available on several children in need of support.



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



5TH QUARTER
for ALL 7th-12th grade
AT ACC AFTER THE HOME GAME
FRIDAY, 9/26, 9:30-11:30 PM
Join us for Food, Fun, and Fellowship
WEAR A SPORTS JERSEY!



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

PRAISE at the PATCH
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 1-3 PM

BOMKE'S PATCH

WORSHIP LED BY MEMBERS OF ACC
665 COUNTRY LAKE RD, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62711

AGES 2 & UNDER: FREE
AGES 3 - 65: \$10
AGES 65+ & MILITARY: \$7

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

MEN'S STUDY

LED BY MATT HARRIS & JOHN SCHOENHERR

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

You don't have to grieve alone.

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 & ERIC/JANELLE LINK

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.

YOUNG 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
7th & 8th Grade

6:30-8:00 PM

Sr High Students
9th-12th Grade

HEBREWS

Rooted

ACC Kids C.L.U.B.

Nursery: Birth-3 years

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

Misunderstood
4-6 Grades

Young at Heart



Jack Rooney



Barb Siddons

History of Cherry Coal Mine Disaster

Tuesday, October 14

9:30: Free Blood Pressure checks

10:00: Presentation on the History of Cherry Coal Mine Disaster by Jack Rooney

11:00 lunch: Sleight corn dogs, chili, and fruit

Devotion by Barb Siddons



SHADY CREST MARKET

SENIOR TRIP

Saturday, October 4

The Great Pumpkin Patch & Shady Crest Market

- Meet at ACC at 9:00 AM
- Cost: Pumpkin Patch \$6, your meal & shopping
- Seniors only
- Sign up in the lobby



1098 Zepher Dr (off of Rt. 29)
Athens, IL

*New guidelines for
Maximum Monthly Gross
Income based on
household size:

1	\$3,913	6	\$10,788
2	\$5,288	7	\$12,163
3	\$6,663	8	\$13,538
4	\$8,038	9	\$14,913
5	\$9,413		

The Athens Area Food Pantry is a non-profit organization which provides food assistance to income eligible households primarily living in the Athens community and school district. A monthly distribution takes place the 3rd Saturday of each month, 8:30-10:30 am, and the following Monday, 5:30-7:00 pm. ACC supports the Food Pantry by participating each November in the Drive Away Hunger food drive. All food collected is donated to the Athens Area Food Pantry.

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.

Today & This Week

TODAY, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

- 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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

1 THESSALONIANS 4

- 7:15 am Monday Morning High School Study (Youth Rm.)
- 9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)
- 11:00 am Prophecy Watch Study Praise Gathering for Feast of Trumpets (Rm. 106/Everyone is Welcome)
- 6:00 pm Athens Area Food Pantry Monthly Distribution (Rt. 29)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

1 THESSALONIANS 5

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

2 THESSALONIANS 1

- 7:30 am Jr. High/High School "See You at the Pole" (Athens HS)
- 9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)
- 5:00 pm Help set up for Wednesday Night Connection
- 5:40-6:15 pm Dinner (pork loin, baked beans, coleslaw)
- 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 25

2 THESSALONIANS 2

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

2 THESSALONIANS 3

- Fri.-Sat. Ladies' Retreat at Little Galilee Christian Camp (Clinton)
Church Office Closed
- 9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)
- 9:30 pm 5th Quarter for Jr./Sr. High at ACC (FLC)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

- Ladies' Retreat at Little Galilee Christian Camp (Clinton)
- 12:30 pm Jr. High to "Praise at the Patch" (Bomke's/Spfld.)
- 1:00 pm ACC Team Leads "Praise at the Patch" (Bomke's/Spfld.)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

- 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.