

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



September 28, 2025

19 “Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Matthew 28:19-20

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 71:22-24
- I Stand Amazed* #223 (v. 1-4)
- Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* #87 (v. 1-3)
- Announcements Video
- Prayer Requests & Praises: Ken Gennicks
- Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* #318 (v. 1-3)
- Acts of Worship: Larry Barregarye
- Sermon: Ken Gennicks
“People of the Bible:
“The Gospel According to Paul”
(Acts 9)
- Invitation Hymn:
Let Jesus Come Into Your Heart #433 (v. 1 & 4)
- Communion & Offering Hymn:
Just a Closer Walk With Thee #591(v. 1 & 2)
- Communion & Offering Meditation: Ken Gennicks
Quietly move to Communion & Offering
tables before exiting.

9:15 & 10:30 am Contemporary Service

- Welcome
- Who Else*
- I Speak Jesus*
- What a Beautiful Name*
- Announcements Video
- Prayer Requests & Praises: Ken Gennicks
- Acts of Worship:
Shane Baker, Michael Cantrall, Mike Sleight
- Sermon: Ken Gennicks
“People of the Bible:
“The Gospel According to Paul”
(Acts 9)
- Invitation Hymn: *Holy Forever*
- How Great Is Our God*
- Communion & Offering Meditation: Ken Gennicks
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AM Sermon Notes
“People of the Bible:
“The Gospel According to Paul”
(Acts 9)

- INTRODUCTION
- Our Bible studies focus on “*People of the Bible*,” timeless life lessons from real people who point us to Jesus. *The Gospel According to Paul* starts in Acts 9 on that famous *Road to Damascus*:
- I. His _____ against the _____ of God (9:1-2)
- II. His _____ of the _____ of God (9:3-6)
- III. His _____ by the _____ of God (9:10-19)
- IV. His _____ by a _____ of God (9:26-28)
- V. His _____ for the _____ of God (Acts “29”; 2 Cor. 11:23-28; Paul’s letters)

- CONCLUSION
- Acts 9 is proof positive that if God would want a guy like Saul, you can be confident God wants you! Like Saul, in spite of your past and in spite of your current weaknesses, your life can be full of victories for the Savior, thanks to His abounding grace! His grace is sufficient for *YOU*, because walking with Christ answers life’s consequential questions:
- A. _____: _____ did we _____?
- B. _____: _____ are _____?
- C. _____: _____ are we _____?
- D. _____: _____ should we _____?
- E. _____: _____ are we _____?

- Prayer Requests
- At Memorial:** Albert McCarthy (Cassie Sokolis’ grandpa), Doris Bagby (Kristi Umbach’s grandma)
- Tests:** Larry Fitschen, Dave Magee/Al Keller (radiation), Andrew Combs (surgery/14th), Kathy Peacock, Marilyn Castles, Dwayne Rudolph (PET Scan/30th), Ruth Novy, Jan Canterbury, Rhonda Leinberger, Sarah Gennicks, Pat Halberstadt, Neveah Battle, Susan VanNattan’s husband/brother, Jerry Talkington (Paula Kennett’s friend), Barb Wagner, Isabella Link, Jody Robertson (Mark/Kathy Becker’s neighbor)
- 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, Kevin/Carrie Lee/Colton Ingham, Dick/Elaine Bachman, Cyndee Blakeman, Janice Bollman, Velma Fraase (Patti Tobias’ aunt)
- Touched by death:** Dale Abeln family, Asher Angotti family (Maxsons’ friends’ baby), Norman Woolsey family (Barb Snow’s brother/West Frankfort), Kenneth Krause family (Noah’s great-uncle)
- Transitions:** Sue Bishop’s sister, Bev Nolting’s cousin, Bonnie Russell (St. Clara’s), Sara Murry/Steve Gutierrez/Charles “Butch” Mester/Rosalie Ingram/Al Betz/Joann Kirchgerner (Villa), Bill Pullin (hospice), Mary Prior/Erna Weatherby/Bob Moore (Countryside), 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.

CHRIST IN YOUTH 2026

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Registration is open for all students currently in 8th grade through high school seniors to join us in Lincoln, NE July 6-10, 2026 for CIY. We already have over 75 youth registered to go!! We're now planning for a second charter bus full of excited teens. Tickets become available October 7! They sell out fast, so we need to be ready with our numbers. Register now and pay \$100 non-refundable deposit to secure your spot!

25 SPOTS REMAIN!!!

Register and pay at
athenschristian.net/ciy

OR  SCAN ME!


July 6-10, 2026
Lincoln, NE

High School ONLY Trip to ...





WE ARE TAKING A TRIP TO RADER FAMILY FARMS IN BLOOMINGTON, IL TO GO THROUGH A NON-SCARY NIGHT CORN MAZE! MEET AT THE CHURCH & LEAVE ON THE BUS AT 5:30... BACK BY 10:00PM. \$10 ENTRANCE. BRING EXTRA MONEY FOR FOOD & DRINKS. REGISTER ONLINE!

Saturday, Oct 4, 5:30 - 10:00PM

TRUNK OR TREAT

Sunday, Oct. 26, 2:00-3:30 PM in ACC Parking Lot

Hosted by ACC Kids Club, FUSE After School Program, and Athens PTO



Donations of candy and Christian toys/trinkets are appreciated! You can drop off your donations in the lobby from October 5-22.

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.

October is Minister Appreciation Month



KEN GENNICKS
SENIOR MINISTER

SHANE BAKER
ASSOCIATE MINISTER

LORNA BAKER
CHILDREN'S MINISTER

ASHLEY CANTRALL
WORSHIP/TECH MINISTER

EVAN NOGGLE
YOUTH MINISTER

Every October we make a special effort to thank God for the ministers and their families whom He has provided to serve with us at Athens Christian Church. Plan to celebrate with us all month, and ask God how you could demonstrate your gratitude to our ministers and families throughout October! If you need ideas, ask one of our ministers how you might volunteer or help them in their ministry! It's always helpful to know their favorite things and what they enjoy. Minister Appreciation brochures with favorites of each minister are in your bulletin today, along with an envelope for a love offering. Both are available all month in our lobby.

Next Sunday, October 5

We will celebrate our ministers and hear from special guest speakers, Tyler Basso and Silas McCormick! Tyler is a Timothy and former youth minister from ACC. He now serves at Okolona Christian Church as Director of Student Ministries. Silas McCormick, Executive Director of Lincoln Christian Institute, will also speak and help us celebrate.

Arthur, Illinois



SHADY CREST MARKET

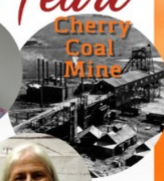
SENIOR TRIP

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

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

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. The Gospel According to Paul shows up in Acts 9 and then follows throughout the New Testament. Our Verse-of-the-Week today is Jesus’ words in Matthew 28:19-20, “Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” Why is this verse called “The Great Commission?” How was this commission meaningful in Paul’s life?

2. Read Acts 9. Answer the following as True or False:

T F God would not use a person with a tainted past.

T F The Gospel won’t help people who make threats.

T F Saul had a religious vendetta against the saints.

T F Paul was readily accepted after surrendering to Christ.

T F Paul’s coming to Christ included repentance and baptism.

T F Paul’s life was much easier as a Christian.

T F God used existing believers to protect and develop Paul.

T F Paul wrote nearly half of our New Testament.

T F Paul started many churches then wrote to them.

T F A man named Ananias was suspicious of Paul.

T F The Christians in Jerusalem were suspicious of Paul.

T F Ananias reluctantly explained the Gospel to Paul.

T F Barnabas reluctantly spoke up for Paul.

T F God prepares people’s paths to intersect.

T F Some individuals are too far gone for grace.

T F Any person on earth can enjoy victories for the Savior!

3. Is it common for God to choose and use someone with such a checkered past as Saul’s? If so, why? Make a list of other tainted people who were called by God. What does this tell us?

4. How did God use Ananias (Acts 9:10f) and Barnabas (Acts 9:27f) to develop Paul for God’s use? What if either Ananias or Barnabas were unavailable to the Lord? Does God want to use you to develop someone in the Lord? Are you available?

5. What does Acts 9 tell you about God? Make a list!

6. Imagine living without faith, without knowing Jesus, without knowing how to pray, and without a supportive church family. Now think about your neighbors, your coworkers, your relatives, your classmates, your friends, and people in your circle of acquaintance. Who needs your touch, your outreach, your invitation? Will you pray, reach out, and invite this week?

7. In light of today’s Bible study, I will:

Today & This Week

TODAY, 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.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

1 TIMOTHY 1

7:15 am Monday Morning High School Study (Youth Rm.)

9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)

5:30 pm FUSE After School Team Mtg. (Rms. 202,203,220,223)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

1 TIMOTHY 2

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1

1 TIMOTHY 3

9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)

5:00 pm Help set up for Wednesday Night Connection

5:40-6:15 pm Dinner (Mostaccioli, Breaksticks, Salad)

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, OCTOBER 2

1 TIMOTHY 4

8:00 am Little Galilee Senior Saints Day (Clinton)

9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)

5:30 pm Celebrate Recovery 10th Anniversary Celebration (Living Faith Baptist, Sherman)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3

1 TIMOTHY 5

Church Office Closed

8:00 am Little Galilee Senior Saints Day (Clinton)

9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)

5:30 pm Celebrate Recovery 10th Anniversary Celebration (Living Faith Baptist, Sherman)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

9:00 am Little Galilee Ladies' Day (Clinton)

9:00 am Senior Trip to Pumpkin Patch & Shady Crest Market (Arthur, IL)

5:30 pm High School to Rader Farms Night Corn Maze (Bloomington)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5 - MINISTER APPRECIATION SUNDAY

Guest Speakers All Services: Tyler Basso & Silas McCormick

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 (Rms. 105, 106, 203, 223)
- 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

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2:00 pm Life Chain Sunday (Springfield)