

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

September 7, 2025



“For God so loved the world that  
He gave His one and only Son that  
whoever believes in Him shall not  
perish but have eternal life.”

John 3:16



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 71:19-21

*Revive Us Again* #574 (v. 1-4)

*Heaven Came Down* #657 (v. 1-3)

Announcements Video

Prayer Requests & Praises: Ken Gennicks

*He Hideth My Soul* #120 (v. 1-4)

Acts of Worship: FUSE Summer Camp Video

Sermon: Ken Gennicks

“People of the Bible:

‘Abraham, Living the Life of Worship’”

(Genesis 22:1-18)

Invitation Hymn:

*Cleanse Me* #425 (v. 1 & 4)

Communion & Offering Hymn:

*Alas and Did My Savior Bleed* #274 (v. 1 & 4)

Communion & Offering Meditation: Ken Gennicks

Quietly move to Communion & Offering  
tables before exiting.

9:15 & 10:30 am Contemporary Service

Welcome

*I've Witnessed It • Do It Again • How Great Thou Art*

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“People of the Bible:

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Invitation Hymn: *Let It Be Real*

*Gratitude*

Communion & Offering Meditation: Ken Gennicks

Quietly move to Communion & Offering  
tables before exiting.

AM Sermon Notes

“People of the Bible:

‘Abraham, Living the Life of Worship’”

(Genesis 22:1-18)

INTRODUCTION

Our Bible study is from *People of the Bible* because “*these things happened...and were written...for us*” (I Cor. 10:11) “*to give us endurance, encouragement and hope*” (Rom. 15:4). The main people in the fifty chapters of Genesis are Adam, Eve, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Joseph. Genesis 12-25 highlights Abraham’s lifestyle of worship, especially ch. 22:

I. The life of worship will be \_\_\_\_\_ and  
\_\_\_\_\_ (22:1)

II. The life of worship always \_\_\_\_\_ with a  
\_\_\_\_\_ (22:2)

III. The life of worship is \_\_\_\_\_ by  
\_\_\_\_\_ (22:3-4)

IV. The life of worship is \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_  
(22:5-10)

V. The life of worship is \_\_\_\_\_ by God’s  
\_\_\_\_\_ (22:11-14)

CONCLUSION

Abraham’s life proves “*the eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to Him*” (2 Chronicles 16:9). May each of us develop this lifestyle of worship by committing to:

1. One hour of \_\_\_\_\_ every week
2. One hour of \_\_\_\_\_ every week
3. One hour of \_\_\_\_\_ every week

True worship is honoring God with all that you are, with all that you have, with all that you say, and with all that you do! May we, like Abraham, worship the Lord as a lifestyle, 24/7/365!

Prayer Requests

**At Memorial:** Bob Lott, Albert McCarthy (Cassie Sokolis’ grandpa), Kenny Bounds

**At St. John’s:** Harmony Baker (ICU/8-years-old/Keith Wilson’s friend)

**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), Debbie Richardson, Andrew Combs, Curt Reichling’s mom, Kathy Peacock, Marilyn Castles, Bruce Kennett, Dwayne Rudolph, Chris Finley, Donna Sandidge, Julie Klor, Valerie Woodrum’s mom, Adam Kershaw, Deanna Clark’s cousin, Ruth Novy, Jan Canterbury, Sara Murry, Bobbi Jo Hill (foot/8th), Lottie Ley (Brad Ferrell’s friend/knees/fractures), Rhonda Leinberger, Angie Fritz’s friends

**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, RJ Wehmhoff’s grandparents, Julie Zara (Bill Peterman’s sis-in-law)

**Touched by death:** Suren Gummadi’s family (Dad passed away), Thad Olson family (Karen Weidhuner’s son-in-law/Tami’s husband), Gary Henrikson family (Debbie Krick’s brother)

**Transitions:** Joann Kirchgesner (Mary Ellen Buch’s mom/Villa/8th), Barbi Gimondo’s sis-in-law (TN rehab), Blake Ross (Bev Nolting’s cousin), Bonnie Russell (St. Clara’s), Steve Gutierrez/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), 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 for plans?

**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**

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



MAKE A MEAL BAGS

Washington Street  
**MISSION**

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

• 15 oz. can chili with beans  
• 15 oz. can diced tomatoes  
• 1 lb. box elbow macaroni  
• can openers

ACC IS COLLECTING THESE FOOD ITEMS THIS SUNDAY, 9/7, THRU 9/14. PLACE ITEMS IN THE CHURCH LOBBY.



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



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

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 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 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 ❤️

Clayville Historic Site  
Fall Festival

SENIOR BUS TRIP Saturday, September 20 Clayville Fall Festival, Pleasant Plains, IL

Clayville Historic Site & Lunch

• Meet at ACC at 9 AM  
• Cost: your meal/shopping  
• Seniors only  
• Sign up in the lobby

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

6 ADULT CLASSES    ROOTED Jr./Sr. High    KIDS C.L.U.B. birth-6th gr.

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    LED BY CARLA KNOX & MARY ELLEN BUCH  
You don't have to grieve alone.  
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  
ACC Kids C.L.U.B.  
Nursery: Birth-3 years  
Old Testament Heroes 4 yrs. - Kindergarten & 1st - 3rd Grade    Misunderstood 4-6 Grades

- Applying Today's Sermon to Your Life
1. Today's Bible study is from the first book of the Bible, Genesis. The key people in the fifty chapters of Genesis are Adam and Eve, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Joseph. Write a short paragraph overviewing this Book of Genesis and include all seven of these people in your paragraph. Our Verse-of-the Week is John 3:16, *"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."*

2. Commit the names of the 39 Old Testament books to memory this week. Note these five categories to help you remember them, using 5-12-5-5-12:  
...5 Books of Moses, or Books of Law, or Pentateuch  
...12 Books of History  
...5 Books of Poetry, or Wisdom  
...5 Books of Major Prophets, and  
...12 Books of Minor Prophets, totaling 39!

3. Romans 15:4, in the New Testament, speaks of the Old Testament, saying, *"For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope."* What specific values to the Christian are surfaced in today's Bible study?

4. I Corinthians 10:11, in the New Testament, speaks of Old Testament events, saying, *"These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us."* How are you inspired by today's *examples* and *warnings*?

5. Our Bible study is about *People of the Bible*. Have you ever heard today's Scripture text? How does it apply to your walk with Christ this week?

6. How does Isaac's question in Genesis 22:7, *"Where is the Lamb?"*, become the theme of the Old Testament now? Consider John 1:29 in your answer! Who is our ultimate *Lamb of God*?

7. What did God desire from Abraham? What did Abraham and Isaac learn from this experience? What is the value of our faith being tested? Describe the process by reading and studying:  
A. I Peter 1:6-7                      B. James 1:2-4  
C. Romans 5:3-5                    D. Job 23:10; 42:12a

8. Our Bible study today proves that a life of worship does not mean a life of ease.  
A. How did God test both Abraham and Isaac on Mt. Moriah?  
B. How is God testing your faith? And why? Does pressure make diamonds?  
C. Would you sometimes rather walk by sight rather than by faith? Why?  
D. Developing a lifestyle of worship requires action and discipline. Our study closed with three specific points of practical application. Will you make these three commitments now? Why, or why not? How is God leading you in this?

9. In light of today's Bible study, I will:

Today & This Week

TODAY, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

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 8

PHILIPPIANS 2

7:15 am Monday Morning High School Study (Youth Rm.)  
8:00 am Little Galilee Annual Fundraising Golf Outing (Clinton)  
9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

PHILIPPIANS 3

8:00 am Men's Bible Study (Rm. 223)  
9:30 am Blood Pressure Checks/10:00 am Young at Heart (FLC)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

PHILIPPIANS 4

9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)  
5:00 pm Help set up for Wednesday Night Connection  
5:40-6:15 pm Dinner (pork steaks, baked potato, 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 11

COLOSSIANS 1

10:00 am Lake Spfld. Christian Assembly Senior Day Out (Spfld.)  
10:00 am Prophecy Watch Study (Rm. 106)  
6:30 pm Finance Team Meeting (Rm. 106)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

COLOSSIANS 2

Church Office Closed  
9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

10:00 am National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children

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:  
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•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