



the lifeline

AUGUST 2025



2025 FALL SEASON
SEPTEMBER 3 -
NOVEMBER 12

Supper: 5:40-6:15 pm
Study: 6:30-7:30 pm

wednesday night

MEN'S STUDY



LED BY MATT HARRIS &
JOHN SCHOENHERR

WOMEN'S STUDY



LED BY SHELLEY ROAT &
CARRIE CANTRALL

YOUNG ADULTS



LED BY
KENNEDY HALE &
MORGAN WELLS

MARRIAGE



LED BY SHANE & LORNA BAKER,
KEITH & RACHEL GENNICKS

GENERAL BIBLE STUDY



LED BY ERIC & JANELLE LINK,
ANTHONY BOLTON

GRIEF SHARE



LED BY CARLA KNOX &
MARY ELLEN BUCH

CONNECTION

Rooted

Jr High
Students
7th & 8th
Grade

wednesday night CONNECTION

HEBREWS

Songs, Lesson, Games, & Small Groups

6:30-8:00 PM

Sr High
Students
9th-12th
Grade

wednesday night CONNECTION **ACC Kids C.L.U.B.**
Birth-3 years / 4 years-Kindergarten / 1-3 Grades / 4-6 Grades

Pre K - Kindergarten &
1st - 3rd Grade

Old Testament
Heroes

4th - 6th Grade

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FROM THE PREACHER'S HEART

KEN GENNICKS, SENIOR MINISTER
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Summer for The Savior!

Now is the hour to Worship, Connect & Serve!!!

We hope you will plan now to Worship, Connect and Serve the Lord together with us at ACC:

- FUSE Summer Camp at ACC: Grades 1-6, M-F, 7:30 AM-5:30 PM, July 28 - August 15
- Young Adult Sunday is August 3: Grant Purchis, Zakk Edwards, Asher Frank, Josh Harris, Cory Craig, Jr., & dozens of others; then Summer Connection: 11:30 AM-1:30 PM
- Cory Craig, Jr. preaching: Sunday, August 10; farewell reception, 11:30 AM-12:30 PM
- Wednesday Night Connection: September 3 - November 12
- Mission Sunday is September 21: Gabe Rutledge preaching (9:15 AM Mission Fair)
- Ministers Appreciation Day: Sunday, October 5, Tyler Basso preaching
- Joe Effinger & Evansville team: Sunday, November 2

Summer Preaching Intern Concludes August 10

Summer will soon be over and we have all enjoyed our Summer Preaching Intern, Cory Craig, Jr.! Cory has participated every week in numerous general ministry opportunities, including staff/elders meetings, Sunday services, VBS, Church Camp, greeting, hospital visits, taking Communion to those who can't attend, funerals, weddings, baptisms, and much more! Cory has also met several area ministers who have shared with him five things they'd like him to know about ministry. Cory will share part of our sermon on Young Adult Sunday on August 3, then he will preach his own sermon in each service on Sunday, August 10, and we will share a Farewell Reception from 11:30 AM-12:30 PM as he concludes, along with a love offering for his upcoming school year at Ozark Christian College! Thank you for your generosity and encouragement toward this wonderful, young brother in the Lord!

Wednesday Night Connection: September 3 - November 12

Plan to bring everyone on Wednesdays at 5:40 for supper, then groups for all ages, including:

- Young Adults: "Jesus in our Generation"/Ben Stuart; "Facing Anxiety"/Jonathan Pokluda (Morgan Wells/Kennedy Hale)
- Men: "House of David" Bible Study/Greg Laurie (John Schoenherr/Matt Harris)
- GriefShare: (Mary Ellen Buch/Carla Knox)
- Marriage: "Better Together" (Shane/Lorna Baker & Keith/Rachel Gennicks)
- Ladies: "Find Your People"/Jennie Allen
- Ephesians: (Eric/Janelle Link & Anthony Bolton)
- (Shelly Roat/Carrie Cantrall)

Let Your Light Shine: 2023-2025

We're thankful for everyone who is faithfully giving in spite of today's challenges. Thank you for making a financial commitment-by-faith for 2023-2025, which we call, Let Your Light Shine (Mt. 5:16). Your commitment goes like this, "If the Lord provides, I will give \$_____." This is called a "faith promise", or a "faith commitment." This commitment is by faith, with no obligation if your life situation changes.

EXCEL in this Grace of Giving: 2026-2028

(Sunday, October 19 - Sunday, November 23, 2025)

This Fall we'll think and pray about making new financial commitments for 2026-2027-2028 in our faith promise campaign we're calling, "EXCEL," from 2 Corinthians 8:7, "But just as you EXCEL in everything: in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness, and in your love for us, see that you also EXCEL in this grace of giving!" Our purpose and prayer is to reduce or eliminate our indebtedness on our church building. Starting Sunday, October 19, through Thanksgiving Sunday, November 23, we'll study the inspirational lives of several Bible people who EXCELLED in this Grace of Giving to the glory of God. Please pray daily for such grace from God so each of us will EXCEL in giving. The hope of the world is a healthy, local church! Our elders and ministers host prayer gatherings on the second Sunday of each month at 5:30 p.m. (Eph. 6:18), led by volunteers:

- Sunday, August 10, 5:30 PM: Harry Schirding
- Sunday, September 14, 5:30 PM: Evan Noggle

Let's Worship, Connect and Serve together now!!! Please invite a friend and join us!



TOGETHER 4 HIM
SHANE BAKER, ASSOCIATE MINISTER
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PLEASE PLAN TO JOIN US FOR: SUMMER CONNECTION!

EVERYONE'S INVITED!

Sunday, August 3, 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

An opportunity for our whole church family to hang out together!

• INSIDE

- FOOD - (11:30 AM-12:30 PM) Pulled Pork and Corndogs provided, bring a side to share! (Sign up in the lobby or online to let us know what you're bringing and how many are coming to help us prepare!)
- SUMMER MISSION TRIPS UPDATE - (12:15-12:45 PM) Slideshow and report in the Worship Center!
- GAME ROOM - Room TBA

• OUTSIDE (Noon-1:30 PM)

- PickleBall Tournament, and 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament (sign-up in the lobby or at lunch during the event)
- Playground/Gaga Ball/9 Square
- Car and Tractor show
- Kids water games (starting at 12:45 PM)

FREE! Sunday, August 3, 11:30am - 1:30pm

Summer Connection

11:30AM - 12:30 PM

- POTLUCK WITH ACC MEN PROVIDING PULLED PORK AND CORNDOGS
- EVERYONE BRING A DESSERT OR SIDE DISH TO SHARE.
- SIGN UP IN THE LOBBY!

12:15 - 12:45 PM

- MISSION TRIP UPDATE AND PHOTOS IN WORSHIP CENTER

12:00 - 1:30 PM

- CAR/TRACTOR SHOW
- PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT OUTSIDE BY PLAYGROUND
- PLAYGROUND, GAGA BALL, 9-SQUARE
- 3 ON 3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT
- GAME ROOM (INDOOR)

12:45-1:30 PM

- KIDS WATER GAMES (BRING CLOTHES TO GET WET & TOWELS)

Register Online or Sign up in the lobby!



ACC + OUTDOORS **1ST ANNUAL FISH FRY**

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8
4:00 - 8:00 PM

ENJOY FRIED FISH, BAKED BEANS, COLESLAW, BREAD & ONION. DRIVE THROUGH OR EAT ON-SITE!

3D ARCHERY FOR ALL AGES

 SIGN UP IN LOBBY OR SCAN QR CODE

SUGGESTED DONATION: \$10 PER DINNER
ATHENS CHRISTIAN CHURCH 1411 E STATE RT 29



WHOLE HEARTED WORSHIP
ASHLEY CANTRALL, WORSHIP MINISTER
ASHLEY@ATHENSCHRISTIAN.NET



During our recent mission trip to the Dominican Republic, I had the opportunity to experience worship in a way that moved me deeply—not because of a fancy band or high-end production, but because of the heart behind it.

The church we visited was humble. Worship was led by two people, with a computer and projector playing YouTube videos. That's it. And yet, the voices of that small congregation—which was probably doubled in size by our team—rose with more volume and passion than I've heard on many Sundays in our own building. They were singing their hearts out... to some of the same exact songs our congregation was singing hundreds of miles away that morning!

Colossians 3:16 says, "Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly... singing to God with gratitude in your hearts." That's what we witnessed that morning. They weren't waiting for the "right vibe" or a full band. They came ready to worship—to mean it.

It made me think... how often do I let my preferences get in the way of my praise? Am I focused more on the heart of worship, or on my performance?

I came home reminded: worship isn't about the setup. It's about the Savior. And a heart full of gratitude is louder than any sound system.

New Members

*Help us welcome our newest church family members!
Please welcome them with a card or warm greeting!*



Kristin (mother) & Henry (son) Armitage:

- 23907 Ethell AVE, Athens, IL 62613
- Kristin- Placed membership: July 6, 2025
- Henry- Baptized: July 6, 2025

Jordan Barnes

- 131 Stringer, Lincoln, IL 62656
- Baptized: July 27, 2025

Jay Behrends

- 19220 Wisteria LN, Petersburg, IL 62675
- Baptized: July 20, 2025

Kaylee Ferrill

- 216 N Illini ST, Ashland, IL 62612
- Baptized at LSCA during Jr. High Week: July 20, 2025

Jacob Jankauski

- 706 North Main, Athens, IL 62613
- Baptized: July 20, 2025

Avery Jockisch

- 409 N 10th ST, Petersburg, IL 62675
- Baptized: July 6, 2025

Brodee Rector

- 402 N. Polk, Athens, IL 62613
- Baptized: July 20, 2025

Blake Scroggins

- 720 S. Columbia AVE, Springfield, IL 62704
- Baptized: July 13, 2025

Evelyn Walters

- 23330 Grist Mill LN, Athens, IL 62613
- Baptized: July 13, 2025

Larry & Polly Wise

- 321 S. Vine ST, Williamsville, IL 62693
- Baptized: July 6, 2025



NEWS & EVENTS
EVAN NOGGLE &
JR/SR HIGH MINISTRY TEAM



Rooted

Last month, we returned home from Lincoln, Nebraska after a successful trip to Christ In Youth (CIY) Move! We were able to take 65 students and 8 leaders on a week long trip to worship with nearly 2,000 others. It was amazing to see what God has done and is continuing to do in the lives of the students in our community. During our trip we had many conversations about what it takes to accept Jesus as your Savior. We will be continuing those conversations throughout the year! 4 students committed to full-time Christian ministry, and many rededicated themselves to living for Jesus on a daily basis! We are praising God for all He did!

Below are some quotes from some of our students who went to CIY.

"My experience wasn't as it normally was from my previous years. This year I was really able to lean into the position of leadership God has called me into when it comes to our group of girls. This year I came back to CIY not having to rededicate my life to Christ, but be there for others who were wrestling with hard emotions and decisions. As I did learn a lot, I also learned God works through me even when I don't feel it or see it yet. I'm so thankful for the people who have made that clear to me and encouraged me in my faith journey. I'm glad to have a firm foundation established as I take this next step in my life!" - Graduate Girl

"This was my second year going to CIY, and I was scared I wouldn't feel the same emotions I did my first year attending. On the first night I had a conversation with a leader trying to answer some of my questions and that led to me deciding to give my life to Christ. I connected strongly to many of the messages told and a lot of the people around me. I was able to learn more about myself and the struggles other people battle. Overall my experience was great and I'm already excited for next year!" - Junior Girl

"I've grown so much in my faith over the last few days and it's largely due to the fact that our church has such great leaders. It also has to do with my peers always looking to share their stories and help out those in need. I would encourage everyone in high school to consider this trip." - Graduate Boy

We are looking forward to continue the impact of CIY through Wednesday Night Connection starting September 3, and Monday Morning Bible Studies (9th-12th) starting September 8.

WE'LL MISS YOU FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR **CORY CRAIG JR**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
FAMILY LIFE CENTER

WE WILL HAVE DESSERTS, AND A SPECIAL PRAYER TIME OVER CORY. THERE WILL BE A BOX TO COLLECT CARDS, A PHOTO TO SIGN IN THE LIBRARY AND WE WILL ALSO TAKE UP A LOVE OFFERING TOWARDS COLLEGE TUITION.

Hugs and prayers

5TH QUARTER

AT ACC AFTER THESE HOME GAMES

September 5, September 26, October 24

7th -12th grade  9:30-11:30 PM

Join us for Food, Fun, and Fellowship!

Monthly Community Prayer Gathering

Sunday, August 10
5:30 - 6:00pm
Led by Harry Schirding



KID'S CLUB & FAMILY MATTERS

LORNA BAKER, CHILDREN'S MINISTER
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As we begin the 2025–2026 school year this month, let's commit to starting it in prayer—lifting up all students, whether they attend public, private, or homeschool settings, along with their teachers, administrators, and families. Let's cover every learner and leader in prayer.

- Let understanding and wisdom be the foundation of this school year.
 - "By wisdom a house is built, and by understanding it is established; by knowledge the rooms are filled with all precious and pleasant riches." Proverbs 24:3–4
- Let patience and hard work be present in this school year.
 - "But as for you, be strong and do not give up, for your work will be rewarded." 2 Chronicles 15:7
- Remove worry, fear, and apprehension from all students, staff, and families.
 - "Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6–7
- May this school year be filled with joy.
 - "In this world, you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." John 16:33

Let's begin this school year united in prayer, believing that God will work powerfully in every classroom, every home, and every heart.

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Birth–3 years
4 years–Kindergarten

Old Testament Heroes

Pre K – Kindergarten & 1st – 3rd Grade

Our students are in for an EPIC journey through the Old Testament as they meet some of the greatest Heroes of the Bible!

1–3 Grades
4–6 Grades

Misunderstood

4th – 6th Grade

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.

Communion & Pew Stocking

Communion Preparation:

August - Carla Knox

September - Jeanne

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Pew Stocking:

August - Clint and Deanna Clark

September - Diane McCormick

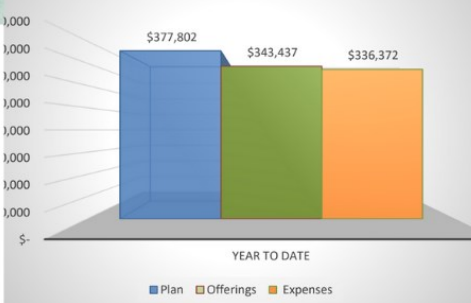


Wednesday Night Connection Dessert Team

Please sign up in the church lobby if you would be willing to help provide desserts for the WNC dinners! Also, please check the box if you are able to help plate the treats on the night you bring your dessert at 5:00 pm.



ACC General Fund 2025



Financial Update:

June 2025

General Fund

Offering \$92,828.89

Expenses \$70,654.27

Building Fund

Offering: \$9,610.54

Loan Payment: \$8,883.55

An additional \$1,573.70 will be paid on loan principal.



FUSE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM
MORGAN WELLS, DIRECTOR
MORGAN@ATHENSCHRISTIAN.NET



Summer flew by and it's officially back to school month! We are thankful for the many memories the children made this summer vacationing with family, spending time at summer camps (including ours!), and enjoying the weather with friends.

All families with children attending Cantrall Elementary and Cantrall Intermediate in the fall are invited to join us on Thursday, August 14, anytime between 5:30-7:00 pm at the Cantrall park during Meet the Teacher Night to enjoy a free meal and more information about our program. We will provide hot dogs & chips! Several community organizations will be set up during this time and we'd love for you to come support them as well.

2025-2026 FUSE Registration

We currently have 92 children enrolled and we are giving thanks to God for His faithful provision! 92 kids and counting... we still have space for more. Registration is open, and we have openings for children in Kindergarten-6th grade. Registration is required and enrollment is based on a first-come basis. If you, or someone else you know, would benefit from our program, please contact Morgan at morgan@athenschristian.net or 217-636-8463. If you would like to be a part of our FUSE staff team, we are always accepting applications to keep on file for when a position opens! Please contact Morgan for more information or see the church website!



REGISTRATION FEE: \$50
WEEKLY FEE: \$130



Contact: Tsoetsy Harris
tsoetsy@athenschristian.net



Summer Camp
FUSE



REGISTER NOW!



- Wild Life: July 28-August 1
- Mission Deep Dive: August 4-8
- I Wonder: August 11-15



FUSE
After School Program



NOW ENROLLING FOR THE
2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

- K-6TH GRADE
- AFTER SCHOOL UNTIL 5:30PM
- MONDAY-FRIDAY



CONTACT MORGAN WELLS FOR
MORE INFORMATION
morgan@athenschristian.net
or 217-636-8463

YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY
AUGUST 3, ALL THREE SERVICES



CORY CRAIG JR.



ZAKK EDWARDS



ASHER FRANK



JOSH HARRIS



GRANT PURCHES



SUMMER PREACHING INTERN CORY CRAIG JR.



This internship has only affirmed my call to ministry. I have now had the chance to preach multiple times while also going through the process of creating sermons. I have been able to do many visits, which is my favorite thing to do. The church family has made my time here as smooth and easy as possible. I'm extremely grateful to be working with the team I am and hope to one day have a team half as great as this one! I'm excited to finish out the rest of this amazing experience!

Thank you

- Athens Christian Church, Thank you for your thoughts, prayers, and support during the illness and passing of my dad, Raymond Harris. You all have been a blessing in my life. I am especially grateful to Carla Knox for inviting me to church and her grief support. **Jane Harris & Family**
- Ken, Linda, and the entire Athens Chirstian Church Community, We cannot express how grateful we are for all your support through this difficult time for our family. The service was beautiful and represented mom perfectly. The food brought in by everyone was so nice and much appreciated. We hope you accept this small token of our appreciation in honor of Debbie Lott. With our gratitude, **Bob, Nick, & Brian Lott, Lindsay Suelman, and the entire Lott family.**
- Once again we want to thank the wonderful people of ACC for the pastors' visits, prayers, phone calls, and many acts of kindness. Minutes after arriving home from Terry's surgery and weeklong hospital stay, delicious meals began arriving! We have felt so encouraged by our church family. In Christ's Love, **Terry and Jeanne Wunderle**
- ACC, Thank you for your heart-felt sympathy card regarding my brother's passing. We continue to hold your congregation dear in our hearts! Love, **Taylor & Matt Knous**

A heartfelt thank you to our Ministry Support Team & volunteers for blessing our ministers, office staff, and their families with delicious meals throughout Vacation Bible School week! Your kindness and care made a big difference during this extremely busy week. Thank you for serving so well! - ACC Ministers & Office Staff

BLOOD DRIVE

Athens Christian Church
Saturday, September 6
8:00 - 11:00 a.m.

JOIN US AT CANTRALL PARK
FOR MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT
Thursday August 14 5:30-7:00pm

New Babies: God Bless You one and all!

Congratulations to **Jeremy & Heidi Foulk** on the birth of their daughter, **Jade Elaine Foulk**. Jade was 6 lbs., 14 oz., 20.75", and was born on June 25. Jade was welcomed home by Max, Mollee, and Hannah.

Congratulations to **Dylan & Lauren Jones** on the birth of their daughter, **Adley Rae Jones**. Adley was 6 lbs., 7 oz., 19.5", and was born on June 25. Proud great-grandparents are **Linda Ethell**, and **Denny & Debbie Alderman**

Congratulations to **Matt & Kristin Armitage** on the birth of their daughter, **Elizabeth Colleen Armitage**. Elizabeth was 7 lbs., 20", and was born on July 19 and was welcomed home by big sister Peyton and big brother Henry. Proud grandpa is **Bill Armitage** and proud grandma is **Janet Keistler**. Also remembering grandma, **Colleen Armitage**, and grandpa, **Hal Keistler**, who would have been so proud.

Mission Trip Updates

Summer Connection: Mission Trip Highlights – Sunday, August 3

Just a reminder to join us for **Summer Connection** on **Sunday, August 3**, from **12:15 to 12:45 PM** in the **Family Life Center**!

This special gathering will feature **exciting updates** from several of our **summer mission trips**. Nicole Muench will share about her experience serving in Ocean City, New Jersey, through the campus ministry Cru. You'll also hear stories and see photos from both of ACC's mission teams that served in the Dominican Republic alongside the Ortiz family and their church.

Come be encouraged by how God has been at work through our church family this summer—and celebrate all He is doing around the world!



Vacation Bible School Offering Exceeds Goal—Big Impact in the Dominican Republic!

During this year's Vacation Bible School, we set a bold goal: to raise \$2,000 to help fund the installation of a well at Pontezuela Baptist Church in the Dominican Republic, where Pastor Ortiz and his congregation are faithfully serving their community.

We were absolutely blown away by the generosity of our VBS kids, families, and church—when the final offering total came in, it was over \$5,000!

Because of this incredible outpouring of support, we were able to do far more than expected:

- Fund the well installation
- Finish the bathroom at the church
- Drywall and paint the entire ceiling
- Paint the stage and sound booth
- Build a tool shed to store supplies for future mission projects and much more!

We were also pleasantly surprised when the team from the well company showed up early to begin the project! Our second ACC mission team was on-site, and a few of our own guys even got to help start the digging process. What a memorable and meaningful moment to witness firsthand how this project is coming to life! We also heard from the church the well has water and the church already has access to it! Please continue to pray that God will use this clean water to bring many years of blessing to the church and the surrounding community. To God be the glory!

Mission Sunday, September 21

- **8:00am** Traditional Service with Gabe Rutledge from Little Galilee Christian Camp Preaching
- **9:15-10:15am** Missions and breakfast in the Family Life Center. Come enjoy breakfast 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! (No worship service or Sunday School at 9:15)
- **10:30am** Contemporary Service with Gabe Rutledge from Little Galilee Christian Camp Preaching

Pray 🙏 Serve 🤝 Love ❤️



AUGUST

Save The Date

- Men's Bible Study: Tuesdays, 8:00 AM
- Chair Aerobics: Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays: 9:00-10:00 AM
- High School Only Summer Bible Study "How to Study the Bible": Sundays, Youth Room, 6:30-7:30 PM through August 10
- FUSE Summer Camp: July 28-August 15, Athens Christian Church, 7:30 AM-5:30 PM
- Young Adult Sunday: August 3, All Services
- Summer Connection: Sunday, August 3, Athens Christian Church, 11:30 AM-1:30 PM
- ACC Outdoors Fish Fry: Friday, August 8, ACC Parking Lot, 4:00-8:00 PM
- Cory Craig, Jr. Farewell Reception: Sunday, August 10, 11:30-12:30 PM
- Monthly Community Prayer Gathering: Sunday, August 10 in the Worship Center, 5:30-6:00 PM
- Meet the Teacher Night: Thursday, August 14, Cantrall Park, Cantrall, IL, 5:30-7:00 PM
- Powerlight Christian Music Fest: Sunday, August 17, Illinois State Fair, 2:00-9:00 PM
- After School Program Begins: Monday, August 18
- Worship at the Railyard: Wednesday, August 27, The Railyard, Springfield, IL, 6:00-8:00 PM
- Kids Wing Volunteer Appreciation Lunch & Training: Sunday, August 31 in Family Life Center, 11:30 AM-1:00 PM

September

Save The Date

- Men's Bible Study: Tuesdays, 8:00 AM
- Chair Aerobics: Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays: 9:00-10:00 AM
- Labor Day-Church Office Closed: Monday, September 1
- Fall Wednesday Night Connection Begins: Wednesdays, September 3-November 12, Athens Christian Church, Supper 5:40-6:15 PM, Classes 6:30-7:30 PM (GriefShare/Youth Group 6:30-8:00PM)
- 5th Quarter for Jr High/High School: Friday, September 5, 9:30-11:30 PM
- Blood Drive: Saturday, September 6, 8:00-11:00AM
- Monday Morning High School Bible Study Begins: Mondays starting September 8, 7:15-8:00 AM
- Young At Heart: Tuesday, September 9, 9:30 AM-Noon
- Monthly Community Prayer Gathering: Sunday, September 14, Worship Center, 5:30-6:00 PM
- Missions Sunday: September 21, Guest Speaker, Gabe Rutledge, 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM services; Missions Fair, 9:15-10:15 AM in the Family Life Center
- Praise at the Patch & Jr. High Trip to Bomke's: Saturday, September 27, Bomke's Pumpkin Patch, 12:30-3:30 PM



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217-636-8463
(Monday-Thursday 8:30-4:30)

Please check the church website, App, Facebook, or call the church office for the most up-to-date information.

Athens Christian Church
PO Box 260
Athens, IL 62613

Return Service Requested

Senior Minister, Ken Gennicks	217-415-5724
Associate Minister, Shane Baker	217-415-9035
Worship/Technology Minister, Ashley Cantrall	217-652-5433
Children's Minister, Lorna Baker	217-502-1256
Youth Minister, Evan Noggle	217-415-5644
After School Program Director, Morgan Wells	217-414-5433
Cory Craig, Jr., Preaching Intern	217-993-2132

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GriefShare 6:30-8:00

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ROOTED
Jr./Sr. High
6:30-8:00

MENU

Date	Menu	Cook
9/3	Chicken Bacon Ranch Mac & Cheese, Salad, Green Beans, Peaches	Darin Fritz
9/10	Pork Steaks, Baked Potato, Coleslaw	Dan Haynes
9/17	Spaghetti, Garlic Bread, Salad, Mixed Veggie, Applesauce	Darin Fritz
9/24	Pork Loin, Baked Beans, Coleslaw	Donnie Fritz
10/1	Mostaccioli, Breadsticks, Salad	Donnie Fritz
10/8	Breakfast Casserole, Hash Browns, Fruit	ACC Worship Team
10/15	Hamburgers, Tater Tots	Terry Knoles
10/22	Ham & Cheese Sliders, Potato Chips, Baked Beans	Sandy Knoles
10/29	Pork Loin Sandwiches, Cheesy Hash Browns, Green Beans	Jim & Penny Ratliff
11/5	Shredded Chicken Sandwich, Cheesy Hash Browns, Peaches, Salad	Carol Basso
11/12	Roast Pork, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Corn, Salad, Rolls	Gwen DeRosa

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MEN'S STUDY



HOUSE OF DAVID BY GREG LAURIE

DIVE INTO THE LIFE OF KING DAVID AND STRENGTHEN YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

LED BY JOHN SCHOENHERR & MATT HARRIS

wednesday night CONNECTION

BETTER TOGETHER MARRIAGE COURSE



THE COURSE AIMS TO BUILD A LASTING MARRIAGE, COVERING TRUST, HONOR, FAITH, INTIMACY, HOME, FINANCES, AND SPIRITUAL WARFARE.

LED BY SHANE & LORNA BAKER, KEITH & RACHEL GENNICKS

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WOMEN'S STUDY



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