

VERSE

of the

WEEK

Athens Christian Church

8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 AM

Worship Services

February 1, 2026

“So teach us to  
number our days  
that we may get a  
heart of wisdom.”

Psalm 90:12

(ESV)

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 105:1-4

When We All Get to Heaven #123 (v. 1-4)

I Will Sing of My Redeemer #228 (v. 1-4)

Announcements Video

Prayer Requests & Praises: Shane Baker

God Whose Giving Knows No Ending #513 (v. 1-4)

Acts of Worship: Sharon Wendler & Elynor Nance

Sermon: Shane Baker

“People of the Bible:  
‘Esther: Courage When the Moment Comes’”  
(Esther 4:12-16)

Invitation Hymn:  
Jesus Calls Us O’er the Tumult #399 (v. 1 & 4)

Communion & Offering Hymn:  
Let Us Break Bread Together #564 (v. 1 & 3)

Communion & Offering Meditation: Shane Baker

Quietly move to Communion & Offering  
tables before exiting.

9:15 & 10:30 am Contemporary Service

Welcome

Trust in God

I Speak Jesus

Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Announcements Video

Prayer Requests & Praises: Shane Baker

Acts of Worship: Don Randle

Sermon: Shane Baker

“People of the Bible:  
‘Esther: Courage When the Moment Comes’”  
(Esther 4:12-16)

Hymn of Heaven

Worthy/Agnus Dei

Communion & Offering Meditation: Shane Baker

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AM Sermon Notes

“People of the Bible:  
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INTRODUCTION

Our Bible studies throughout 2026 are continuing to focus on “People of the Bible.” Lessons from their lives help us live our lives to become more like Jesus. Every Sunday we will study and apply God’s Word to our own lives. This morning we continue in our 4 week series entitled, “Live Like You Were Dying.” Throughout this series I am continuing to pray that we develop a desire to not only live, but to live well for Jesus.

Bible Study

I. \_\_\_\_\_ (vs 12-14)

II. \_\_\_\_\_ (vs 15-16)

III. \_\_\_\_\_ (vs 16)

Application

1. \_\_\_\_\_ from the \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

CONCLUSION

“Some day I hope you get the chance to live like you were dying.”

I don’t hope you get the chance, I hope you TAKE the chance, to live like you were dying.

Esther didn’t wait until life was almost over to live like it mattered. Neither should we.

Prayer Requests

At Memorial: Clarence Yancy

At Missouri Hospital: Bruce (Paula) Kennett’s sister Sharon

At FL hospital: Kieren Ward (Sarah Rempel’s premature relative)

Tests: Dave/Sandy Magee, Dwayne Rudolph (radiation), Rhonda Leinberger, Laurie Ingram’s brother, Linda Hoffman’s son, Alice Lasswell’s brother, Tammy Garner, Brandon Keppler’s uncle, Lorrie Sleight’s mom/dad/sister, Bree Chandler, Pat Halberstadt, Ericka McCoy’s dad/family, Mary Magee, Donnie Fritz, Amelia Whitman (Jerry Judd’s friend), Sue Bishop’s sister, Barb Snow, Steve Snow (shoulder/Feb. 20), Kay Sill’s sister/d-in-law, Kim Purcell (after surgery), Michelle Richards, Peggy Schmidgall (Patti Squires’ sister), Ron Schuecking, Vince Ehrich, Jr. (Barb Snow’s friend), Nicole Muench (seizures), Judy Bryant

At home: Mary Wells/Wanda Stott/Albert McCarthy (hospice), Terry Wunderle, Nancy Nale’s mom, Morgan Setzer, Deb Claypool’s friend, Tom/Ruth Novy, Jill Cleer (Arcadia), Kevin/Carrie Lee/Colton Ingham, Jack/Betty Ethell’s daughter, Sierra Lowers’ mom, Jo Ellen Croft’s mom, Dawn Medley, Kevin Kennett, Charlie Good, Stephanie Norton’s mom (knee surgery), Chris Finley, Dalton Worthington (Jamie Thomas’ friend/accident), Linda Caldwell, Ryan/Amy Knox

Touched by death: Roger Bock family, Donald Claypool family (Terry’s father)

Transitions: Marlene Wegner (Sunny Acres), Nadra Rolfs (Stefanie Fricke’s friend), Ann Vaughn (Bill Peterman’s m-in-law/Trustwell), Sally Vespa’s parents (Carriage Crossing), Sharon Reichling, Fred Mason (Bruce Kennett’s nephew/hospice), Roberta Clark/Dick & Elaine Bachman/Steve Gutierrez/Charles “Butch” Mester/Al Betz/Joann Kirchgessner (hospice)/Rosalie Ingram (Villa), Mary Prior/Erna Weatherby/Bob Moore (Countryside), Carolyn Cole (Concordia), Marge Ray/Vivian Rankin (Vonderlieth), Chuck VanHuss (Jacksonville), Linda Cramer, Cory Craig, Jr./Josh Harris/Nicholas McDaniel (Ozark Christian College), Cole Halsey (Basic/TX)

Children’s Ministry Intern: Jaelyn Lasley/Feb. 23-June 15

ACC Mission Trip to DR: Mar. 23-30

Vacation Bible School: June 8-12, 6-8:00 p.m./all ages

112 to Christ In Youth Conf.: July 6-10/Lincoln, NE

Blake Canterbury: facebook.com/monroechurchplant

Capital Stewardship Campaign: EXCEL (2026-2028)

Our missionaries/military/terrorism/nation

Each other/unspoken needs

*"Loved Beyond Measure"*  
*Father Daughter Valentine Dinner*

**Saturday, February 7**  
**5-6:30 PM**

**Dinner - Games - Devotion**  
 Dinner: Ham, Mac & Cheese,  
 green beans, roll & cookies

Register Today!



**Jr./Sr. High 5th Quarter**

**Friday, February 6th (& 20th)**

after the  
**Athens home game**

**9:00 pm-11:00 pm**

**Join us for fun and games!**

**THE BIG GAME** WATCH PARTY

HIGH SCHOOL ONLY

**FEBRUARY 8TH | 5:30PM-9:00PM**

**FOOD, GAMES, & THE BIG GAME!**

**PIZZA PROVIDED, BRING A SNACK OR DESSERT TO SHARE**

**AFTER SCHOOL HANGOUT**

**7<sup>TH</sup>-12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**

Games Snacks  
 Video Games Board Games

**EVERY WEDNESDAY 3:00-5:30PM**

Hang out with Evan!

*Young at Heart*



**Valentine Songs**  
**Tuesday, February 10**

**9:30:** Free Blood Pressure checks

**10:00:** Performance by:  
 Ashley Cantrall

**11:00 lunch:** Meatloaf, baked potato, corn, and a roll

Devotion by Shane Baker

**MOVE 2026**  
**KINGDOM WORKERS**  
 Christ in Youth 2026, Lincoln, NE, July 6-10  
 for current 8<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> graders  
 Register for CIY Move 2026 Today!  
 Only 12 Student Openings Left!  
 Scan for more info or to register →

Look Who's Registered So Far!

Maddie Appledorn	Izabella Gladden	Michael Mitchell
Peyton Armitage	Kade Gleason	Fallon O'Neill
Mylee Austin	Wyatt Gleason	Eliza Pratt
Meredith Avart	Harper Gorbett	Austin Roeder
Emma Bahlow	Cody Grafton	Trevor Schilling
Kenneth Baker	Karli Halsey	Grace Schoenhard
Blakely Barber	Beau Halsey	Brady Schrock
Ava Bee	Maddison Harlan	Tenley Seifert
Jocelyn Beisner	Emma Harris	Brayden Seman
Rosalind Bell	Jarred Harris	Colin Smith
Teegan Bermel	Zildjian Helmkamp	Paisley Snyder
Kayla Blankenship	Ella Hesson	Izzy Sokolis
Jace Bosie	Nathan Hesson	Fayth Sokolis
Drake Carver	Sawyer Hill	Noah Sokolis
Leah Clayton	Gavin Hill	James Stewart
McKenley Combs	Avery Humphres	Mackenzie Szoke
Mollee Cook	Lane Impson	Sammi Trader
Max Cook	Isabel Ingram	Kaylee VanPelt
Emma Crispin	Charlotte Ingram	Olivia Walter
Cashton Crossin	Abbi Janssen	Evelyn Walters
Avery Curry	Avery Jockisch	Audriana Walters
Zachary Dick	James Jones	Amanda Wiediger
Olivia Enno	Caden Kaiser	Ellen Wiker
Kaylee Ferrill	Brendan Kaiser	Alyssa Wiley
Katelynn Ferry	Karlee Lewis	Maddie Womble
Makinlee Ford	Leilah Link	Teagan Woodrum
Westin Garner	Emily Marcum	Elliott Wright
Ava Gennicks	Natalia Martinez	Edwin Yarborough Jr.
Michael Givan	Ryan McCoy	Charley Yenchko

**CIY MOVE 2026**  
 Parent and Student Meeting  
 Sunday, February 15  
 4:00 - 5:00 pm in the ACC Worship Center

**9TH ANNUAL SPORTSMAN'S DINNER**  
**ATHENS CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
**(1411 E RT 29)**

**Saturday, March 14,**  
**5-8 pm**  
**(doors open at 4pm)**

Tickets available for \$25 at  
**www.athenschristian.net**  
 (includes entry into drawings for giveaways)

**GUEST SPEAKER:**  
**CARL PARKS, TROPHIES OF GRACE**



- ### Applying Today's Sermon to Your Life
- Our 2026 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 Psalm 90:12, "So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom." How does this verse relate to our message this week?
  - Who is it that you go to when you need advice? How often do you turn to Scripture for advice? Is it important to you to receive biblical advice, even if from another person?
  - In Esther 4, verses 15 & 16, we see Esther taking quick action. What strikes you about the action that Esther took?
  - Are you afraid of dying? Why or why not?
  - Who would you consider wise that you can learn from?
  - It's easy to love those who love you. How are you loving those who don't? Who do you need to show love to this week?
  - In what area do you need to LIVE bolder for Jesus this week?
  - I will apply today's Bible study by:

**ACC is returning to the Dominican Republic!**

**March 23-30**

Led by Ashley Cantrall

•Estimated cost: \$1,800  
 •Valid passport & tetanus within the past 10 yrs required  
 •Serving alongside Pastor Ortiz

For more information or to apply, contact  
 ashley@athenschristian.net




**WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING**

General Fund and/or Building Fund

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### Today & This Week

**TODAY, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2026**

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 Bible Recap, led by various ACC members (Rm. 105)
  - » Deep Divers, led by Anthony Bolton (Rm. 106)
  - » Kingdom Seekers led by Terry Henrikson (Rm. 202)
  - » Christian Living, led by Harry Schirding & Doug Wendler (Rm. 203)
  - » The Ambassadors, led by Dan Haynes (Rm. 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

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

1:00 pm Pick-Up Basketball for High School-Adult (FLC)

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2** MATTHEW 21

9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)  
 6:00 pm Indoor Archery (ACC building)

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3** MATTHEW 22

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

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4** MATTHEW 23

7:15 am Wednesday Morning High School Study (Youth Rm.)  
 9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)  
 3:00 pm JH/HS After School Hangout (Youth Rm. & Rm. 112)  
 5:00 pm Help set up for Wednesday Night Connection  
 5:40-6:15 pm Dinner (chicken & noodles, mashed potatoes, roll, peaches, salad)  
 6:30-7:30 pm Classes for all ages (Jr./Sr. High & GriefShare til 8)  
 7:45 pm WorshipTeam Practice (WC)

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5** MATTHEW 24

10:00 am Prophecy Watch Study (Rm. 106)  
 6:00 pm Pickleball (FLC)  
 6:30 pm Finance Team Meeting (Rm. 106)

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6** MATTHEW 25

Church Office Closed  
 9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)  
 9:00 pm 5<sup>th</sup> Quarter for all Jr./Sr. High (FLC)

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7**

5:00 pm Father/Daughter Valentine Dinner (FLC)

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8**

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
- Jr./Sr. High School
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1:00 pm Pick-Up Basketball for High School-Adult (FLC)  
 1:15 pm Seniors Carpool to Arlee Theater (Mason City)  
 4:00 pm Elders' Meeting (Rm. 105)  
 5:30 pm Prayer Gathering led by Lorna Baker (WC)  
 5:30 pm High School "Big Game" Party (Youth Rm./FLC)