



Athens Christian Church
8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 AM
Worship Services
February 15, 2026

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



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 107:31-36

How Great Thou Art #2 (v. 1-4)

Near to the Heart of God #35

Announcements Video

Prayer Requests & Praises: Shane Baker

Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus #91 (v. 1-4)

Acts of Worship:

Michael & Ashley Cantrall, Don Randle

Sermon: Shane Baker

"People of the Bible:

The Thief on the Cross: It's Not Too Late

(Luke 23:39-43)

Invitation Hymn:

O Jesus I Have Promised #402 (v. 1 & 3)

Communion & Offering Hymn:

He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought #606 (v. 1 & 3)

Communion & Offering Meditation: Evan Noggle

Quietly move to Communion & Offering
tables before exiting.

9:15 & 10:30 am Contemporary Service

Welcome

Who Else

The Blood

Jesus Paid It All

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Lord I Need You

What a Beautiful Name

Communion & Offering Meditation: Evan Noggle

Quietly move to Communion & Offering
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AM Sermon Notes

"People of the Bible:

The Thief on the Cross: It's Not Too Late"

(Luke 23:39-43)

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 a 4-week series entitled, "Live Like You Were Dying." As we finish the series this week, I continue to pray that we develop a desire to not only live, but to live well for Jesus.

Bible Study

I. The _____ (vs 40-41)

II. The _____ (vs 42)

III. The _____ (vs 43)

Application

1. _____

2. _____ and be _____

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.

"The Thief did wait until life was almost over to live like it mattered. But he took the opportunity that he had while he was still alive, and so should you."

Prayer Requests

At Memorial: Jane Hurie, Tony Antonacci, Wayne Yager

At St. John's: Kevin Kennett

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

At FL hospital: Kieren Ward (Sarah Rempel's premature relative), Don Porter (BJ Fitschen's friend)

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, Sue Bishop's sister, Barb Snow, Steve Snow (shoulder/Feb. 20), Kay Sill's sister/d-in-law, Kim Purcell, Michelle Richards, Peggy Schmidgall (Patti Squires' sister/ Feb. 11), Ron Schuecking, Vince Ehrich, Jr. (Barb Snow's friend), Nicole Muench (seizures), Judy Bryant, LaWanda Holzwarth (multiple surgeries/Becker's friend), Kathy Peart (chemo/Juanita Davis's friend), Juanita Davis (eye surgery/Mar. 4 & 11), Debbie Bolton (Anthony's mom/ chemo)

At home: 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, Charlie Good, Stephanie Norton's mom (knee surgery), Chris Finley, Dalton Worthington (Jamie Thomas' friend/accident), Linda Caldwell, Ryan/Amy Knox, Clarence Yancy, Steve Basso, Nancy Rudolph, Robert Clifton, Zack Alderman

Touched by death: Wanda Stott family

Transitions: Allan Abbott (hospice/Bev Nolting's brother), Marlene Wegner (Sunny Acres), Nadra Rolfs (Stefanie Fricke's friend), Sally Vespa's parents (Carriage Crossing), Sharon Reichling, Fred Mason (Bruce Kennett's nephew/hospice), Louie Murray/Roberta Clark/Dick & Elaine Bachman/Steve Gutierrez/Charles "Butch" Mester/Al Betz/Joann Kirchgesner (hospice)/Rosalie Ingram (Villa), Mary Prior/Erna Weatherby/Bob Moore (Countryside), Carolyn Cole (Concordia), Marge Ray/Vivian Rankin (Vonderlieth), Chuck VanHuss (Jacksonville), Ken Davis (Arcadia/Juanita's brother), 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

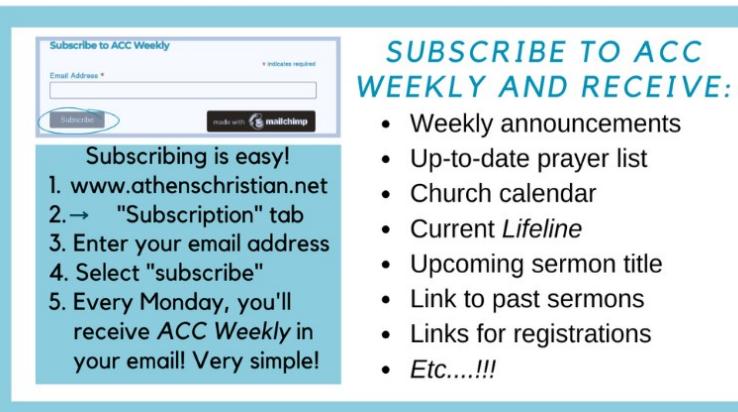
112 to Christ In Youth Conf.: July 6-10/Lincoln, NE

Blake Canterbury: facebook.com/monroechurchplant

Capital Stewardship Campaign: EXCEL (2026-2028)

Our missionaries/military/terrorism/nation

Each other/unspoken needs



Register for Summer Camps!
\$100 Church Camp Credit to those who attend Athens Christian Church!
(contact Lorna Baker or Evan Noggle for codes)

Lake Springfield Christian

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

www.lscacamp.org

Little Calilee Christian:

REGISTRATION OPENS MARCH 21!

www.littlecalilee.org

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

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. 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?

2. Why do you think the man on the cross believed Jesus was the Messiah, the Son of God?

3. If you were face-to-face with Jesus today, what would you say to Him?

4. If you were to die today, are you sure you would go to Heaven?

5. What is stopping you today from living fully for Jesus?

6. What do you need to ask Jesus forgiveness for? Is there anyone in your life that you need to forgive?

7. I will apply today's Bible study by:

Today & This Week

TODAY, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 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 Wendl (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)
- 3:00 pm CIY Leader Meeting (Rm. 105)
- 4:00 pm CIY Initial Student & Parent Meeting (WC)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

- 7:15 am Special High School Event (See Evan Noggle)
- 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 (spaghetti & meatballs, green beans, garlic bread, salad)
- 6:30-7:30 pm Classes for all ages (Jr./Sr. High & GriefShare til 8)
- 7:45 pm Worship Team Practice (WC)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19

- 10:00 am Prophecy Watch Study (Rm. 106)
- 6:00 pm Pickleball (FLC)
- 6:00 pm Worship Workshop (Youth Rm.)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20

- Church Office Closed
- 9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)
- 6:00 pm Little Galilee 1st-5th Winter Retreat til 4:00 pm Saturday
- 9:00 pm 5th Quarter for Jr. High & High School (FLC)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21

- 9:00 am Athens Area Food Pantry Monthly Distribution (Rt. 29)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22 - YOUTH SUNDAY

- 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/Childcare for birth-3yrs.
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