

ATHENS CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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

February 22, 2026



“DON'T LET ANYONE LOOK DOWN ON YOU BECAUSE YOU ARE YOUNG, BUT SET AN EXAMPLE FOR THE BELIEVERS IN SPEECH, IN CONDUCT, IN LOVE, IN FAITH AND IN PURITY.”

1 Timothy 4:12

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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Welcome

Firm Foundation

Cornerstone

Good Plans

Announcements Video

Prayer Requests & Praises: Ken Gennicks

Acts of Worship: Youth Choir

Sermon: Youth Team

Brayden Seman, Brady Schrock,

Colin Smith, Avery Jockisch

“People of the Bible:

‘Timothy: Rookie of the Year’”

(Acts 16:1-5, 1 Timothy 1:1-7, 1 Timothy 4:7-16)

Amazing Grace

Gratitude

Communion & Offering Meditation:

8:00: Michael Givan

9:15 & 10:30: Evan Noggle

Quietly move to Communion & Offering
tables before exiting.

YOUTH PRAISE TEAM: Ella Armitage, Kenneth Baker, Ava Gennicks, Avery Jockisch

YOUTH TECH TEAM: Kenley Combs, Kaylee Ferrill, Maddison Harlan, Emma Harris, Michael Mitchell, Austin Roeder, James Stewart

ANNOUNCEMENT VIDEO: Ellen Wiker

YOUTH GREETERS/COMMUNION PREP:

Jace Bosie, Max Cook, Mollee Cook, Olivia Enno, Harper Gorbett, Maddison Harlan, Nathan Hesson, Sawyer Hill, Karlee Lewis, Emily Marcum, Fallon O'Neill, Tenley Seifert, James Stewart, Sammi Trader, Olivia Walter, Ellen Wiker, Maddie Womble

AM Sermon Notes

“People of the Bible:

‘Timothy: Rookie of the Year’”

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INTRODUCTION (Brayden Seman)

Our Bible studies throughout 2026 focus on “People of the Bible,” real stories of real people from the Bible. Today we are taking a look at the young man, Timothy, whom Paul helped guide to become a great leader of the early church.

BIBLE STUDY

Timothy was:

1a. _____ by Paul

Acts 16:1-5 (Brayden Seman)

2a. _____ by Paul

1 Timothy 1:1-7 (Brady Schrock)

3a. _____ by Paul

1 Timothy 4:7-10 (Colin Smith)

4a. _____ by Paul

1 Timothy 4:11-16 (Avery Jockisch)

CONCLUSION (Avery Jockisch)

Paul knew Timothy had what it took to be a great leader of the early church. Despite his inexperience, Timothy led a church that had many problems back to the root of the Gospel. We should be like Timothy and look to be a great leader of Christ, even when we don't feel worthy.

APPLICATION

We should:

1b. _____ a

2b. _____ difficult

3b. _____ through

4b. _____ from

Prayer Requests

At Memorial: Jane Hurie, Wayne Yager, Katelyn Montgomery (Harry Schirding's friend)

At St. John's: Scotty Eller (20 months/Gwen Griffiths' friend), Roberta Clark

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

At FL hospital: Kieran 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 (Mayo/Feb. 23 & 24), 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, Kay Sill's sister/d-in-law, Kim Purcell, Michelle Richards, 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: 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, 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, Clarence Yancy, Steve Basso, Nancy Rudolph, Zack Alderman, Adrienne Bell (Ernie Gentry's friend), Wallace Christy (Ken and Sarah Gennicks' nephew)

Touched by death: Albert McCarthy Family, Beverly Ellsworth Family, Jack Zucco Family (Rochester High School Student), Jason Tomlin 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/Dick & Elaine Bachman/Steve Gutierrez/Charles “Butch” Mester/Al Betz/Joann Kirchesner (hospice)/Rosalie Ingram (Villa), Mary Prior (Country Lane Memory Care/Riverton), Erna Weatherby/Bob Moore (Countryside), Carolyn Cole (Concordia/ hospice), Marge Ray/Vivian Rankin (Vonderlieth), Chuck VanHuss (Jacksonville), Ken Davis (Arcadia/Juanita's brother), Nancy Oliver (Chris Oliver's mother/ Taylorville Skilled Nursing/Rehab), Linda Cramer, Cory Craig, Jr./Josh Harris/Nicholas McDaniel (Ozark Christian College), Cole Halsey (Basic/TX), Kevin Kennett (Hillsboro Rehab Center)

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

ACC Mission Trip to DR: August 5-12

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

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



ROUGH EDGES
 Friday February 27

FINAL FRIDAY GATHERINGS

6:00 PM | 19125 RUPPEL LANE VIRGINIA, IL 62691

FREE DINNER, TEACHING & TESTIMONY

OPEN TO MEN OF ALL AGES!

LEARN MORE: THEBEARMAN.COM/ROUGH-EDGES-MINISTRY



ACC is returning to the Dominican Republic!

New Dates! August 5-12

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



For more information or to apply, contact
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DR INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS:

Sunday, March 1, 9:00 & 9:15 am

Wednesday, March 4, 5:30 pm

Athens Christian Church Room 112

Junior High & Senior High Serve Opportunity
 RESCUE. MENTOR. COMMUNITY.

and in everything... Christ

REFUGE Sat., Meet at ACC 7:45am
 RANCH March 7 Return approx 2:45pm

Reserve your spot today by filling out the form.

Meet at church 7:45 am/pack lunches/ride bus to ranch

WEAR: clothes to get messy, work gloves,
 sturdy closed-toe shoes



MOVE 2026 KINGDOM WORKERS

Christ in Youth 2026, Lincoln, NE, July 6-10

for current 8th -12th graders

Register for CIY Move 2026 Today!

Only Nine Student Openings Left!

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Look Who's Registered So Far!

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

Applying Today's Sermon to Your Life

1. 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 1 Timothy 4:12, "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity."
2. Paul chose Timothy to disciple and develop into a great follower of Jesus. Who has led you to where you are today in your walk with Jesus?
3. You may not think it, but you could be the Paul for someone else! Who are you already discipling or who are you hoping to disciple soon?
4. As we saw today, growing into the person God wants us to be isn't always easy. In fact, most of the time it can be really painful and hard. Why do you think that is?
5. Why is it so hard to be confident when leading others to Christ?
6. What can we do today that will help build up that confidence in our abilities to share the Gospel with others?
7. What next step do you need to take in order to be mentored by a Christian role model?
8. What next step do you need to take in order to disciple someone close to you?

Today & This Week

TODAY, YOUTH SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 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 (now in Rm. 223)
 - » 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 (now in Rm. 105)
 - 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 23 MARK 8

- 9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)
- 5:30 pm FUSE After School Staff Meeting (Rm.105)
- 6:00 pm Indoor Archery (ACC building)
- 6:00 pm Athens Area Food Pantry Monthly Distribution (Rt. 29)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24 MARK 9

- 8:00 am Men's Bible Study (Rm. 223)
- 12:00 pm Beverly Ellsworth Funeral (Mulberry Grove, IL)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25 MARK 10

- 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 (pot roast, potatoes, carrots, salad)
- 6:30-7:30 pm Classes for all ages (Jr./Sr. High & GriefShare til 8)
- 7:45 pm WorshipTeam & Choir Practice (WC)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26 MARK 11

- 6:00 pm Pickleball (FLC)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27 MARK 12

- 9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)
- 6:00 pm Rough Edges Final Friday Gathering (Virginia, IL)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

- 7:30 am Prayer with the Pastors (WC)
- 8:00 am Traditional Worship Svc. (nursery birth-2 yrs/3-5 yrs.)
- 9:00 am & 9:15 am DR Mission Trip Meeting (Rm. 112)
- 9:15 am Contemporary Worship Service
- 9:15 am Sunday School for all Ages/Childcare for birth-3yrs.
- 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)

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

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REGISTRATION OPENS MARCH 2!

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Young at Heart



Deb Weil

Morgan Wells

Early Fur Trading in North America

Tuesday, March 10

9:30: Free Blood Pressure checks

10:00: Presentation on Early Fur Trading in North America by Kent & Deb Weil

11:00 lunch: Chicken & noodles, mashed potatoes, fruit salad, and rolls

Devotion by Morgan Wells