

VERSE

of the

WEEK

Athens Christian Church

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

Worship Services

February 8, 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 106:1-3

*Down at the Cross* #255 (v. 1-4)

*He Keeps Me Singing* #587 (v. 1-4)

Announcements Video

Prayer Requests & Praises: Shane Baker

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* #258 (v. 1-4)

Acts of Worship: Gospel Quartet

Sermon: Shane Baker

“People of the Bible: Paul: Living on Mission”  
(Philippians 1:13-21; Acts 20:24)

Invitation Hymn:  
*Jesus is Calling* #434 (v. 1 & 4)

Communion & Offering Hymn:  
*His Name is Wonderful* #230 (v. 1)

Communion & Offering Meditation: Evan Noggle

Quietly move to Communion & Offering  
tables before exiting.

9:15 & 10:30 am Contemporary Service

Welcome

*Oceans*

*Gratitude*

*How He Loves*

Announcements Video

Prayer Requests & Praises: Shane Baker

Acts of Worship:

Olivia Baker, Ashley Cantrall, Isabella Link,  
Zac Miner, Clayton McNeal

Sermon: Shane Baker

“People of the Bible: Paul: Living on Mission”  
(Philippians 1:13-21; Acts 20:24)

*The Blood*

*Mighty Name of Jesus*

Communion & Offering Meditation: Evan Noggle

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tables before exiting.

AM Sermon Notes

“People of the Bible - Paul: Living on Mission”  
(Philippians 1:13-21; Acts 20:24)

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

Bible Study

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

II. \_\_\_\_\_ (vs 15-18)

III. \_\_\_\_\_ (vs 19-21)

Application (Acts 20:24)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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.

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

Prayer Requests

**At Memorial:** Zack Alderman (ICU)

**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/ Feb. 11 ), Ron Schuecking, Vince Ehrich, Jr. (Barb Snow’s friend), Nicole Muench (seizures), Judy Bryant, LaWanda Hotzworth (multiple surgeries/Becker’s friend), Kathy Peart (chemo/ Juanita Davis’s friend), Juanita Davis (eye surgery/Mar. 4 & 11)

**At home:** 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, Clarence Yancy, Steve Basso, Nancy Rudolph, Robert Clifton

**Touched by death:** Elizabeth Ann Vaughn family (Bill Peterman’s m-in-law), Doug Gellerman family (Harry Schirding’s friend), Betty Cooper family (Gary Biggs’ sister), Mary Wells family (Morgan’s grandma)

**Transitions:** 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/Robert 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), 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](https://facebook.com/monroechurchplant)

**Capital Stewardship Campaign: EXCEL (2026-2028)**

**Our missionaries/military/terrorism/nation**

**Each other/unsspoken needs**



**HIGH SCHOOL**

# THE BIG GAME

WATCH PARTY

TODAY 5:30PM-9:00PM

HIGH SCHOOL ONLY

FOOD, GAMES, & THE BIG GAME!

PIZZA PROVIDED, BRING A SNACK OR DESSERT TO SHARE

*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

Ashley Cantrall  
Shane Baker

**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)

REGISTER NOW!

GUEST SPEAKER:  
CARL PARKS, TROPHIES OF GRACE

**YOUTH SUNDAY**  
FEBRUARY 22, ALL 3 SERVICES

LOOK WHO'S INVOLVED SO FAR!

**SPEAKERS/HELPERS:**

**WORSHIP/TECH:**  
ELLA ARMITAGE,  
KENNETH BAKER,  
KENLEY COMBS, KAYLEE  
FERRILL, AVA GENNICKS,  
EMMA HARRIS, AVERY  
JOCKISH, MICHAEL  
MITCHELL

**MICHAEL GIVAN,  
AVERY JOCKISH,  
BRADY SCHROCK,  
BRAYDEN SEMAN,  
COLIN SMITH**

**WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING**

General Fund and/or Building Fund

CASH OR CHECK TO ATHENS CHRISTIAN CHURCH

ACC APP:

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**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 Crispen	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

**AFTER SCHOOL HANGOUT**  
7<sup>TH</sup>-12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE  
EVERY WEDNESDAY  
3:00-5:30PM  
Hang out with Evan!  
Games, Video Games, Snacks, Board Games

**Thursdays thru March 26**  
6:00-8:00 PM ACC's Family Life Center  
**PICKLEBALL** Ages 13 +  
Led by Curt Reichling & Austin Montgomery

- 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?
  - What is a difficult situation you have walked through in your life that you later looked back on and realized God was using it for a bigger purpose?
  - Do you have boldness to share Jesus with others? If given the opportunity to share your faith, would you take it or shy away from it?
  - How is your prayer life? Do you feel like God hears your prayers? What prayers have you prayed for a while that you are still waiting for God to answer?
  - We talked about finishing the race. What does it look like for you to finish the race well?
  - What does it look like to complete the task of testifying to the gospel of God's grace?
  - I will apply today's Bible study by:

**Register for Summer Camps!**  
\$100 Church Camp Credit to those who attend Athens Christian Church!  
(contact Lorna Baker at lorna@athenschristian.net for codes)

**Lake Springfield Christian**  
REGISTRATION OPENS FEBRUARY 10!  
www.lscacamp.org

**Little Galilee Christian:**  
REGISTRATION OPENS MARCH 2!  
www.littlegalilee.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

**Today & This Week**  
**TODAY, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 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)  
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)

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9** MATTHEW 26

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

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10** MATTHEW 27

8:00 am Men's Bible Study (Rm. 223)  
10:00 am Young at Heart (FLC/WC)  
5:30 pm FUSE Staff Meeting (Rm. 223/kitchen)

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11** MATTHEW 28

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 (breakfast casserole, biscuits/gravy, salad)  
6:30-7:30 pm Classes for all ages (Jr./Sr. High & GriefShare til 8)  
7:45 pm WorshipTeam Practice (WC)

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12** MARK 1

6:00 pm Pickleball (FLC)  
6:00 pm Winter Jam Pre-Jam Party (Peoria Civic Ctr.)  
7:00 pm Winter Jam 2026 Concert (Peoria Civic Ctr.)

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13** MARK 2

Church Office Closed  
9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)  
6:00 pm Little Galilee Jr. High Winter Retreat thru Sun. 11:00 am

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14** *HAPPY Valentine's DAY*

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15**

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.  
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 (WC)  
4:00 pm CIY Initial Student & Parent Meeting (WC)