



Athens Christian Church

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

Worship Services

March 1, 2026

“Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man.”

Ecclesiastes 12:13

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 112:1-5

Jesus is All the World to Me #627 (v. 1-4)

Open My Eyes That I May See #486 (v. 1-3)

Announcements Video

Prayer Requests & Praises: Ken Gennicks

More About Jesus Would I Know #477 (v. 1-3)

Acts of Worship: Hank Daubs

Sermon: Ken Gennicks

“People of the Bible:
‘Solomon on Satisfaction’”
(Book of Ecclesiastes)

Invitation Hymn:

I Surrender All #408 (v. 1 & 4)

Communion & Offering Hymn:

Near the Cross #254 (v. 1 & 4)

Communion & Offering Meditation: Ken Gennicks

Quietly move to Communion & Offering
tables before exiting.

9:15 & 10:30 am Contemporary Service

Welcome

God So Loved

I Know a Name

Holy Forever

Announcements Video

Prayer Requests & Praises: Ken Gennicks

Acts of Worship: ACC Worship Team

Sermon: Ken Gennicks

“People of the Bible:
‘Solomon on Satisfaction’”
(Book of Ecclesiastes)

Fill My Cup

Goodness of God

Communion & Offering Meditation: Ken Gennicks

Quietly move to Communion & Offering
tables before exiting.

AM Sermon Notes

“People of the Bible:

‘Solomon on Satisfaction’”

(Book of Ecclesiastes)

INTRODUCTION

Our Bible lessons are drawn from the lives of “People of the Bible,” timeless life lessons from real people who point us to Jesus! The Bible book of Ecclesiastes is King Solomon’s autobiography. Solomon admits he was unhappy. He lived like a king but found no true satisfaction. So he mistakenly sought satisfaction in all the wrong places before he finally found it:

I. _____ and _____ (1:12-13a; 2:16)

II. _____ and _____ (2:3; Pr. 23:29-35)

III. _____ and _____ (7:26-29)

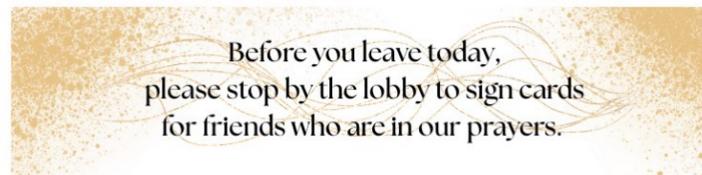
IV. _____ and _____ (6:1-2; 5:10-17)

V. _____ and _____ (1:3; 2:4-6, 17-23)

VI. _____ the _____ (12:13-14)

CONCLUSION

God created every man in every century on every continent with a God-shaped void that only He can fill. He has put eternity in our hearts (3:1). *“Thou hast made us for Thyself, O God, and restless is our heart until it rests in Thee!”* Knowing God through Jesus Christ is fullness, satisfaction and abundant life! *Only Jesus can satisfy the soul; only He can change your life and make you whole!*



Prayer Requests

At Memorial: Keith Wilson (neck surgery/Wed./25th), Ralph “Jim” Vespa (Sally’s dad)

At St. John’s: Scotty Eller (Gwen Griffiths’ toddler friend), Mary Magee

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

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

Tests: Dave/Sandy Magee, Dwayne Rudolph, Rhonda Leinberger, Laurie Ingram’s brother, Linda Hoffman’s son, Alice Lasswell’s brother, Tammy Garner (Mayo), Lorrie Sleight’s mom/dad/sister, Bree Chandler, Ericka McCoy’s family, Donnie Fritz, Sue Bishop’s sister, Barb Snow, Kim Purcell, Judy Bryant, Kathy Peart (Juanita Davis’s friend), Juanita Davis (eye surgery/Mar. 4/11), Debbie Bolton (chemo), Patty Chiles (Pat McNeal’s friend/cancer), Anne Smith (after fall)

At home: Nancy Bell, 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, Dalton Worthington (Jamie Thomas’ friend/accident), Linda Caldwell, Nancy Rudolph, Adrienne Bell (Ernie Gentry’s friend), Wallace Christy (Ken/Sarah Gennicks’ nephew), Corbitt Griffith (hip replacement was Mon./23rd), Joshua Schaalma (Jackie Hines’ nephew/NC/ALS), Susie Polistina (Peg Bigg’s relative)

Touched by death: Ken Davis family (Juanita’s brother), Matt Olson family (wife Anna/teacher at CIS), Lawrence Tumulty family (Jen Hesson’s dad)

Transitions: Doreen Books (to TN), Allan Abbott (hospice/Bev Nolting’s brother), Nadra Rolfs (Stefanie Fricke’s friend), Sally Vespa’s mom (Carriage Crossing), Sharon Reichling, Fred Mason (Bruce Kennett’s nephew/hospice), Louie Murray/Dick & Elaine Bachman/Steve Gutierrez/Charles “Butch” Mester/Al Betz/Joann Kirchgessner (hospice)/Rosalie Ingram (Villa), Mary Prior (Country Lane), Roberta Clark/Marlene Wegner/Mary Jane Hurie (Sunny Acres), Erna Weatherby/Jan Schoenhard/Bob Moore (Countryside), Carolyn Cole (Concordia), Marge Ray/Vivian Rankin (Vonderlieth), Chuck VanHuss (Jacksonville), Nancy Oliver (Chris Oliver’s mother/Taylorville Skilled Nursing), Linda Cramer, Cory Craig, Jr./Josh Harris/Nicholas McDaniel (Ozark Christian College), Cole Halsey (Basic/TX), Kevin Kennett (Hillsboro Rehab Center), Jack Van Dyke (Diane McCormick’s b-in-law)

Children’s Ministry Intern: Jaelyn Lasley/until 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

Dominican Republic Mission Trip!
New Dates!  Informational Meetings:
August 5-12 Today, 9:00 & 9:15, Rm. 112
Wed., 3/4, 5:30 pm, Rm. 112

**WELCOME JAELYN LASLEY,
SPRING CHILDREN'S MINISTRY INTERN**

Jaelyn is an Athens High School graduate and is currently attending Lincoln Land Community College. She plans to attend Ozark Christian College in Joplin, MO after her internship. ACC is her home church, and she's excited to serve, grow, and learn with our church family in this internship opportunity this spring!  Now until June 15

**9TH ANNUAL SPORTSMAN'S DINNER AT
ATHENS CHRISTIAN CHURCH
IS NOW LESS THAN 2 WEEKS AWAY!
TICKETS ARE STILL AVAILABLE**

**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**

Junior High & Senior High Serve Opportunity
RESCUE. MENTOR. COMMUNITY.
and in everything... Christ

 **REFUGE RANCH** Sat., March 7 Meet at ACC 7:45am
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

Young at Heart

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

**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 5 Student Openings Left!**

Scan for more info or to register 

Look Who's Registered So Far!

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

**SENIOR TRIP
Saturday, March 21
Springfield, Illinois
Old State Capitol
& Golden Hour Bakery**

- Meet at ACC at 9 AM
- Cost: your meal
- Seniors only
- Sign up in the lobby

Applying Today's Sermon to Your Life

- Our 2026 Bible studies focus on *People of the Bible* and inspiring life lessons about following Jesus today. Our *Verse-of-the-Week* is Ecclesiastes 12:13, "Now all has been heard, here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man." This Book of Ecclesiastes is King Solomon's autobiography. It is a sad story, the testimony of a wasted life. How could Solomon live like a king but stay so unhappy? What's the lesson from Solomon for our lives today?
- Make a list of famous or wealthy people who have expressed emptiness in spite of all they've accomplished or accumulated. How is this possible? Blaise Pascal wrote, "At the center of every human being is a God-shaped void which can only be filled by Jesus Christ." Why does this statement fit Solomon so well? Why does it fit everyone else, too?
- In relation to the wrong places Solomon sought satisfaction, answer True or False:
T F I use alcohol to relax or escape or feel better or have fun.
T F My life priority is financial independence and the American dream.
T F I am married to my work and could never be happy without it.
T F Unless I'm in a relationship with someone, I'm not content.
T F My joy is to remember my Creator (12:1), to please and serve Him.
T F I find security and peace in my academic degrees and knowledge.
- Why would God have created mankind with an inner longing only He can fill? Where will this God-given hunger and dissatisfaction ultimately take us to find true satisfaction?
- Today's message points to five areas where people will look to find "the good life." Does an honest appraisal of your life reflect any of these mistaken pursuits somewhere along the way? Which ones? How do you see yourself in some degree in Solomon's searching (circle all that apply)?
Pursuing the American dream Smart on facts yet living unwisely
Self-medicating to avoid pain Stingy with what I possess
Working way too many hours Must be in a romantic relationship
Accumulating all I can Putting Christ first above all else
- Read the twelve chapters of the Book of Ecclesiastes. Make a list of Bible verses you've heard before from this book of wisdom. Most everyone has heard these texts, although you may not have known their origin in Ecclesiastes:
A. Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 B. Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 C. Ecclesiastes 5:13-17
- Five hundred years ago, the great church reformer, Martin Luther, warned of the human heart, "The more it has, the more it wants. If it possessed the whole world, it would like to have two! And if it had two worlds, it would like to have ten!" How can you see this truth in your own life? How will you apply this wisdom to your heart, mind and daily life now and always?
- In light of today's Bible study, I will:

Today & This Week

TODAY, SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2026

7:30 am Prayer with the Pastors (WC)
8:00 am Traditional Worship Svc. (nursery birth-2 yrs/3-5 yrs.)
9:00 & 9:15 am DR Mission Trip Information Meetings (Rm. 112)
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. 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 (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.
11:30 am ACC Outdoors Meeting (Rm. 105)
1:00 pm Pick-Up Basketball for High School-Adult (FLC)

MONDAY, MARCH 2 MARK 1
7:30 am-5:30 pm FUSE After School Program All Day
9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)
1:00-3:00 pm Jr./Sr. High Pop-Up Movie Day (Youth Rm.)
6:00 pm Indoor Archery (ACC building)

TUESDAY, MARCH 3 MARK 14
8:00 am Men's Bible Study (Rm. 223)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4 MARK 15
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
5:30 pm DR Mission Trip Information Meeting (Rm. 112)
5:40-6:15 pm Dinner (Nacho Bar, Salad, Desserts)
6:30-7:30 pm Classes for all ages (Jr./Sr. High & GriefShare til 8)
7:45 pm Worship Team Practice (WC)

THURSDAY, MARCH 5 MARK 16
10:00 am Prophecy Watch Study (Rm. 106)
6:00 pm Pickleball (FLC)
6:30 pm Finance Team Meeting (Rm. 106)

FRIDAY, MARCH 6 (Church Office Closed) LUKE 1
9:00 am Chair Aerobics (FLC)

SATURDAY, MARCH 7: Time Change Weekend
7:45 am Jr./Sr. High Serve at Refuge Ranch (Rochester, IL)
8:00 am Little Galilee Winter PreKamp (Clinton, IL)

SUNDAY, MARCH 8: Time Change Sunday - Spring Forward

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 Missions Meeting (Rm. 106)
4:00 pm Elders' Meeting (Rm. 105)
5:30 pm Prayer Gathering led by Ken Gennicks (WC)