Athens Christian Church

8:00, 9:15, 10:30 am
9:15 Sunday School for all ages

For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

VERSE of the WEEK

Psalm 139:13-14

May 14, 2023

WELCOME GUESTS

If this is your first time at Athens Christian Church, thank you for joining us! We'd like to stay in touch, so please complete a visitor card from the back of a chair while you are here today and place it in the offering box. If you would like to receive our monthly church newsletter electronically, please include your email on the visitor card.

We are glad you have chosen to worship with us today! During our service, the Lord's Supper is open to all believers. Please make yourself at home. We invite you to stop by our foyer on your way out for a complimentary Bible. We hope to see you again!

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 Services

Call to Worship • Luke 1:46-50

I Stand Amazed #223 (v. 1-4)

Great Is Thy Faithfulness #98 (v. 1-3)

Announcements Video

Prayer Requests & Praises • Ken Gennicks

I Need Thee Every Hour #443 (v. 1-4)

Parent/Child Video Presentation • Olivia Baker singing

Sermon • Shane Baker
"Short New Testament Letters from God: Is Mother's Day a Good Day?"
(2 Timothy 1:1-5; Genesis 4:1-8; Genesis 25 & 27; Exodus 2:1-3; Proverbs 3:5-6; Psalm 139:13-14)

Invitation Hymn • *Under His Wings* #412

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

Communion & Offering Meditation • Shane Baker
Quietly move to Communion & Offering tables before exiting.

9:15 & 10:30 am Contemporary Services

Welcome

Lion and the Lamb

Announcements Video

Prayer Requests & Praises • Ken Gennicks

Hymn of Heaven

Parent/Child Dedication

Parent/Child Video Presentation • Olivia Baker singing

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Invitation Song • *Who You Say I Am*
Gratitude

Communion & Offering Meditation • Shane Baker
Quietly move to Communion & Offering tables before exiting.

A.M. Sermon Notes

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Introduction

Our 2023 Bible studies will spring from "Short New Testament Letters." Every Sunday we will study and apply God's Word. This morning we find ourselves on Mother's Day, in the Short New Testament Letter of 2 Timothy and then we will jump to the Old Testament, to the first two books of the Bible, Genesis and Exodus as we look into the lives of a few moms in the Bible.

Study God's Word

1. _____ of _____ (Genesis 4:1-8)

2. _____ of _____
(Genesis 25 & 27)

3. _____ of _____
(Exodus 2:1-3)

Apply God's Word

1. _____ of _____ (Proverbs 3:5-6)

2. _____ _____ (Psalm 139:13-14)

Conclusion

When we fix our eyes on the one who created us, our problems don't go away, but we will be looking to the one who can help us.

Before you leave today, please be sure to sign the greeting cards in the foyer for folks who are in our prayers

Prayer Requests

At Memorial: Chuck VanHuss

At St. John's: Jodi Walsh (Krista Austin's mom/ICU), Athyna Eckard (Barb Snow's 6-month great-niece/PICU)

At Chicago hospital: Kelsie Riedle (Lisa Pusch's friend)

At Indiana hospital: Thomas Reeves (Mary Austin's nephew/ rejected liver transplant), Lindsey Davis (Debbie Lux's daughter/pregnancy complications)

Tests: Laurie Ingram's sister/friend, Leslie Montgomery's brother, Vicky Gutierrez, Kathy Becker's friend, Larry Ethell, John Calcari, Richard Sandidge, Deb Selby, Ryann Farrell (cancer), Madison/Cassie Reiterman, Susan VanNattan, Ashley (Fawns) Jennings, Bob Baker (chemo), Al Betz, Barry Boeker's daughter, Scotty Farrell, Tara Weidhuner (chemo/radiation), Josephine Jozsa, Sarah Gennicks' aunt, Steve Gutierrez's friend, Amanda Skaggs' friend, Gary Conner, Larry Barregarye (30th), David Wasilewski (radiation), Louise VanHuss, Kirk Beatty (Anne Smith's friend), Eli Summers (Krista's son), Nathania Guernsey, Jerry Lopian, Rachelle Phillips (Rhonda Leinberger's sister/biopsy)

At Home: Keith Wilson's mom/aunt, Glen/Roberta Clark, Steve Gutierrez, Morgan Setzer, Bill Briest, Elijah Staab, Elaine Bachman, Jayden Upton, Garren Lucas, Madison Austin, Lorrie Sleight's dad, Jarrod Rempel, Doug Wendler, Kristie Stoneking, Carole Yancy/Karen Weidhuner (after shoulder surgery), Mary Wells, Gene Kennett, Brad Palmer, Gary Halford

Touched by death: Sandy Stark family (Dan's wife/Amy Simpson's mom), Avis Dadison family (Pat Basso's relatives), Donnie Bridgewater family (Gene Kennett's friend)

Transitions: Don Kimmons/Bob Peters (Villa), Diane Hester (Deb Claypool's mom/LMCV), Dawn Mossman family, Grant Lucas/Elijah Foster/Zach Miner/Marcus Logan/Michael Ray/ Everett Shuck (military), Pat McNeal's friend/sis-in-law, Karel Howard's son-in-law's parents, Jackie Kelly/Linda Woltz/ Imogene Way/Lynn Laughlin/Ike Hedden (hospice), Beverly Boyer (Bridge), Sandy Hines Thompson (Sue Bishop's relative/ Bridge)

Graduate Recognition Sunday: May 21

Vacation Bible School: June 12-16, 6-8 pm, age 4-adult

Christ in Youth Conference: July 10-14, Lincoln, NE

Wednesday Night Connection: Sept. 6-Nov. 15

Blake Canterbury: facebook.com/monroechurchplant

Kyle Gennicks: wearegospelcity.churchcenter.com

Pursuit of Full-time Youth Minister

Capital Stewardship Campaign: *Let Your Light Shine* (2023-2025)

Our missionaries/military/families/terrorism/economy

Each other/unspoken needs

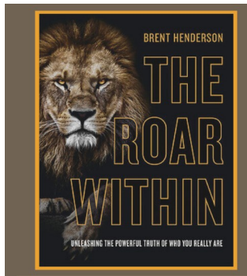
Christ In Youth Fundraiser

Thank YOU ACC Family LOVE, CIY KIDS

current amount raised: $6,729

SERVE 1HR	BAKE&TAKE	CLEAN UP	SUMMERCNT
$1000 ✓	$3250 ✓	$4000 ✓	$6500 ✓
Students will complete one hour of service	Students will bake treats and deliver to shut-ins	Students will help clean up local school property	Students will serve at Summer Connection

THANK YOU FOR HELPING US EXCEED OUR GOAL A WEEK EARLY! STOP BY THE TABLE TODAY IF YOU WILL BE A PRAYER PARTNER FOR ONE OF OUR STUDENTS OR LEADERS ATTENDING CIY!



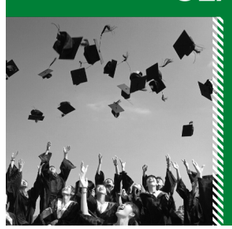
WEDNESDAYS, 6:00-7:00 AM
A STUDY FOR MEN OF ALL AGES SEEKING A CLOSER RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

LED BY

Michael Cantrall Chad Lucas

PLEASE JOIN US FOR STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP

BACCALAUREATE SERVICE FOR ATHENS HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2023



JOIN US THIS WEDNESDAY, MAY 17
6:30 PM
ATHENS CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Hosted by Athens Ministerial Alliance

COOKIE FELLOWSHIP WILL FOLLOW

PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE LOBBY IF YOU CAN BRING COOKIES

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 21
8:00, 9:15, 10:30AM SERVICES

FOR ALL 8TH GRADE, HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE, TRADE SCHOOL AND TRAINING PROGRAM GRADUATES

Register today on the church website or ACC app and submit a baby photo, childhood, and current photo when you register.

Questions: lorna@athenschristian.net

FUSE

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Registration is open for K-6th grade

Morgan Wells, Director; morgan@athenschristian.net

Getting Ready For Summer at ACC!

JOIN US

JUNE 12-15, 6-8 PM!

***VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

4 YEARS - GRADE 6

TWISTS & TURNS — FOLLOWING JESUS CHANGES THE GAME — PSALM 25:4

LEVEL UP — FOLLOWING JESUS CHANGES THE GAME — PSALM 25:4

***VBS SUMMER FUN NIGHTS**

GRADE 7 - 12

***VBS ADULT CLASS**

SPEND TIME SEEING JESUS THROUGH THE EYES OF ONE OF HIS CLOSEST FRIENDS, PETER, AND DISCOVER THAT TRUSTING JESUS AS SAVIOR CHANGES THE GAME!

TWISTS & TURNS — FOLLOWING JESUS CHANGES THE GAME

-TAUGHT BY BILLY & SARAH HALSEY

nursery available if you attend the adult class or are volunteering during VBS

REGISTER AT WWW.ATHENSCHRISTIAN.NET

We're almost ready for Vacation Bible School!

We have just a few more details to finish.
Here's how you can help:

- Tues., 5/23, 9-11 am: craft work
- Tues., 5/30, 9-11 am: craft work
- Sat., June 3, 9-noon: set up the lobby & foyer
- Tues., June 6, 6-8 pm: decoration work

Be sure to check out the fun decorations in the Kids' Wing!

SUMMER PLAY & PRAY DATES AT ATHENS CHRISTIAN CHURCH

THURSDAYS 9-10:30 AM • JUNE 22-AUG 3

HOSTED BY LORNA BAKER, ASHLEY CANTRALL & MORGAN WELLS

Applying Today's Sermon to Your Life

1. Our 2023 Bible studies focus on ***Short New Testament Letters from God*** (Galatians-Philemon, James, I/2 Peter, I/2/3 John, Jude, and Jesus' letters in Revelation 2-3). Our *Verse-of-the-Week* today is Psalm 139:13-14, "*For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.*" When life doesn't go as planned, how can this verse give you hope?
2. Is Mother's Day a day of celebration for you, or is Mother's Day a difficult day for you? Or both? Explain?
3. How have you experienced loss in your life? How was God with you during that time?
4. How have you experienced favoritism in your life? How was God with you during that time?
5. How have you experienced separation in your life? How was God with you during that time?
6. In what circumstances do you find it difficult to trust in God? What can you do to trust Him more?

Many weekly and monthly groups are still meeting throughout the summer.

Chair Aerobics will continue to meet every Monday and Wednesday at 9:00 am in the ACC Youth Room

Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study meets at 8:00 am every Tuesday morning in Room 223

"End Times Prophecy Watch" Book Club meets every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 10:00 am in Room 220

Drive Thru Food Distribution Wednesday, May 24, at 3:00 while supplies last. More dates to come.

Monthly Prayer Gatherings on the second Sunday of the month at 5:30 pm in our Worship Center.

Today & This Week

TODAY, Sunday, May 14, 2023, Mother's Day

Happy Mothers Day

Family Photos in Library
7:30 am Prayer with the Pastors (WC)
8:00 am Traditional Worship (nursery birth-3 yrs.)
9:15 am Contemporary Worship Service & Parent/Child Dedication
9:15 am Sunday School for all Ages
- ADULT CLASSES INCLUDE:
  - » The Ambassadors, led by Dan Haynes (Rm. 203)
  - » Kingdom Seekers, led by Terry Henrikson (Rm. 105)
  - » Christian Living, led by Harry Schirding & Doug Wendler (Rm. 223) - Andy Stanley Study
  - » *Timothy: Mentoring the Early Church*, led by Anthony Bolton (Rm. 220/221)
- JR. HIGH/HIGH SCHOOL (Youth Rm.)
- KIDS C.L.U.B. for 4 years-Kind., 1st-3rd grade, 4th-6th grade
- CHILDCARE for birth-3 years

10:30 am Contemporary Worship Service & Parent/Child Dedication
- KIDS C.L.U.B. for K-6th grade/CHILDCARE for birth-5yrs

Monday, May 15 — Read Acts 7
9:00 am Chair Aerobics (Youth Rm.)
5:30 pm Baccalaureate Practice (WC)

Tuesday, May 16 — Read Acts 8
8:00 am Men's Bible Study (Rm. 223)
6:00 pm FUSE ASP Board Meeting (Rm. 106)
6:30 pm AA Meeting (Rm. 203)

Wednesday, May 17 — Read Acts 9
6:00 am Men's Bible Study (Rm. 105)
9:00 am Chair Aerobics (Youth Rm.)
6:30 pm AHS Baccalaureate & cookie fellowship

Thursday, May 18 — Read Acts 10
6:00 pm Praise Team Practice (WC)

Friday, May 19 — Read Acts 11
Church Office Closed

Saturday, May 20
9:00 am Athens Area Food Pantry Distribution (Rt. 29)

Sunday, May 21, Graduate Recognition
7:30 am Prayer with the Pastors (WC)
8:00 am Traditional Worship
9:15-10:15 am Sunday School for all Ages
9:15 & 10:30 am Contemporary Worship

New address!
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