

# Athens Christian Church

OUR MISSION:



January 24, 2021

## 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 while you are here today and place it in the offering plate. 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 next week!

Every Member Is A Minister Here at ACC!  
Please call on us when we can help:

### Elders:

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Download the ACC app for free and sign-in today to access the many important features and keep in touch with what's happening at Athens Christian Church!



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## 8am, 9am Traditional Services

Prelude • Erna Weatherby

Call to Worship

*God of Grace and God of Glory* #528 (v. 1-4)

Prayer Requests & Praises • Gary Frank

Special Music • Vonda Laffey

Sermon • Gary Frank

The Gospel According to Paul:

"What Drives This Church? "

*God Be with You 'Til We Meet Again* #523 (v. 1,4)

Announcements Video • Vonda Laffey

Communion & Offering Meditation • Gary Frank

Quietly move to Communion & Offering tables  
before exiting the building

## 10am, 11am Contemporary Services

Prelude

Song of Praise

*Build Your Kingdom Here*

Prayer Requests & Praises • Gary Frank

Special Music • Vonda Laffey

Sermon • Gary Frank

The Gospel According to Paul:

"What Drives This Church? "

Invitation Song

*Great Are You Lord*

Announcements Video • Vonda Laffey

Communion & Offering Meditation • Gary Frank

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## Sermon Notes

The Gospel According to John:

"What Drives This Church? "

- In your opinion what drives this church?
- Unintentional churches go in \_\_\_\_\_ directions.
- Unintentional churches risk being internally \_\_\_\_\_ and increase the risk of internal \_\_\_\_\_.
- An internally focused church will struggle to keep the \_\_\_\_\_ out.
- The churches in Philippi and Galatia struggled with \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_.
- The church in Corinth struggled with \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_.
- What is the mission of Jesus? What is the mission of the Church?
  - ◇ Luke 19:10: Jesus tells us that his mission is to seek and to save the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ◇ John 20:21: Who is Jesus sending in to reach the lost? \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ◇ Matthew 28:18-20: Jesus tells us to make \_\_\_\_\_.
- What is Athens Christian Church's Mission Statement?
  - ◇ We are a \_\_\_\_\_ Church of \_\_\_\_\_ generations producing \_\_\_\_\_ followers of Jesus.
- We are asking everyone who wishes to obey Christ's command on their life to participate in Pick 5. Even if you are visiting or not a regular member of this church, we would like you to participate. We are all united in Christ. And we are united in the commission He has put on the lives of us all.
- What is our mission / or what drives this Church?



## Prayer Requests

**Today's Worship at 8, 9, 10 & 11 am**

**At Memorial:** Robert Bollman, Sally/Larry Wilhite (Lorrie Sleight's parents)

**At St. John's:** Kristie Stoneking (Judy Bryant's daughter), Darrell Kissick (Jason Coleman's father-in-law)

**At Peoria hospital:** Christie Eyer (Amy Knox's mom), Eleanor Roat (Greg's mom)

**At Staunton hospital:** Dena Beard's mother

**At FL hospital:** Susan Howard (Jan Schoenhard's daughter)

**At OH hospital:** Madison Ellsworth (Ron/Beverly's great-granddaughter)

**At TN hospital:** Dan Lehman (Vonda Laffey's friend)

**Tests:** Kathy Becker, Al Betz, Richard Sandidge, Annie Maliongas' brother, Jerry Basso, Barb Siddon's brother, Mike Austin, Elijah Staab, Debbie Rohlf, Mike Gronewald, Fran Petersen (Bollmans' friend), Leslie Montgomery's brother, Zach Alderman, Sharon Mester, Rhonda Leinberger, John Wasilewski, Janet Wells, Vince Gurski, Jack (Bette) Vetter, Krista Grant (Linda Sczurko's daughter), Wanda Stott, Frances Weidhuner, Elliott "Harold" Wright (Mary Ballard's dad)

**At home:** Doug Wendler, Elaine Bachman, Scott McNeal, Beverly Hall, Brian/Cindi Setzer, Eddie Miller, Glen/Roberta Clark, Ella Grace Magee, Josh Purcell, Diane McCormick's niece, Albert (Dena) Beard, Tom Novy, Jackie Hines' nephew/sister, Jack/Sandy Brackney, Barb Markley (hospice), John/Jacqui McDaniel (Jeremy's parents), Will Armitage, Mossman family & ministry, Jill Cleer (Bob & Donna Sandidge's daughter), Donna Sandidge

**Touched by death:** Bridget Lehman family (Vonda Laffey's friend)

**Transitions:** Imogene Way, Sara Melton's brother, Wyatt Alderman/Michael Ray/Everett Shuck/Wallace Christy (military), Tom Halberstadt (Quincy), Wes Jockisch/hospice, Mike Chrysler/ Bobby Croft/Brandon & Cana Austin (job search)

**Wednesday Night Connection:** Wednesday, 5:45 pm

**GriefShare:** Wed., 6:30 pm/Heather Parks/621-1359

**Indoor Archery:** Mon., Jan. 18-Mar. 22, 6-8 pm

**Virtual Volunteer Training at ACC by LCU:** Sat., Feb. 20, 9-noon

**ACC Sportsman's Dinner/Program:** Sat., Feb. 20, 6 pm

**Christ in Youth Conference:** July 12-16/Lincoln/NE

**Kyle Gennicks:** [missionchurchmontgomery.org](http://missionchurchmontgomery.org)

**Capital Stewardship Campaign:** *Run The Race* (2020-2022)

**Our missionaries/military/families/terrorism/economy Each other/unspoken needs**

# Get Connected at Athens Christian Church

## Thank You for Worshipping with us!

We are so excited to be together in person as a church family! We have temporarily reconstructed our usual 8 & 10:15 am worship service schedule to four services at 8, 9, 10 and 11 am. Sunday School for all ages is now 10-10:45 am. Many safety measures are in place throughout the morning:

- The building will be thoroughly cleaned between each service by our cleaning team
- Volunteers and staff will open doors for you
- We are asking families to sit with their family group and leave space between other family groups when seated
- All helpful doors have been propped open or opened by our greeters and staff
- Hand sanitizer is available throughout the building
- Bulletins may be picked up from several locations
- We will not be passing offering or communion trays but will have them available at the end of each service placed throughout the Worship Center
- Overflow rooms in the youth room, kids' check-in area and lobby are available for viewing the service live on screens.
- The high school room is set with tables, some color pages, and activities which may be more conducive for family worship. The service is live streamed to the high school room at the 8, 9, 10, and 11 services.

## ACC Kids' CORNER

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 Q G D I J H L C I U I E S X A  
 Z O D M R O P O R J S N D T D  
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generations	save	five
Jesus	mission	church
gospel	disciples	lost



**ACC INDOOR ARCHERY**  
**EVERY MONDAY EVENING 6-8 PM**  
**THROUGH MARCH 22**  
**Free for all ages and levels**  
**Free equipment available for use**



All ages are welcome to come shoot with us on Monday evenings through March 22. We will shoot from 6:00-8:00 pm in the church's Family Life Center and in three classrooms for kids, based on age/skill. Then join us for the finale on March 22 when we will award prizes for the season.

This year, we would like everyone to register through our church app, website, or at computers available at the check-in area at church. To help with safety and distancing, we will be using scheduling for our beginner and intermediate shooter areas. *Schedule your 30 minute timeslot at <https://athenschristian.net/ministries/acc-outdoors> or on the ACC app on the ACC Outdoors group page.*

### Family Valentine Fun! Friday, February 5th, 7-8:00 pm

Save the date for a fun FAMILY night focusing on **GOD'S A-MAZE-ING LOVE!** We will have family fun games, activities, and a lesson in the Family Life Center. (No meal is provided, so please eat before you come.) A sign up sheet is in the church lobby to help with planning

### 2021 Volunteer Training Conference

**Saturday, February 20, 9 am - noon**

Everyone is invited and welcome to join us here at ACC for the first ever online simulcast of this annual event sponsored by Lincoln Christian University. The theme of the day will be, *Lead Through Crisis: What COVID Taught us About Conflict, Commitment and Staying on Course.* The church is paying one cost to join the simulcast online, so your cost is free for this great opportunity to grow in your faith and leadership abilities. The conference will be shown on a big screen here at the church for everyone to be able to participate.

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 2021 ACC PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES  
 ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT CONNECTION EVERY WEDNESDAY EVENING THROUGH MARCH 24

*Supper Served 5:45-6:20 pm*

**Classes & Bible Studies for all Ages Begin at 6:30 pm!**

### Adult Classes/Studies:

**GRIEFSHARE**, LED BY HEATHER PARKS

**WOMEN'S STUDY**, LED BY SHARON WENDLER

**MEN'S STUDY**, LED BY GARY FRANK

**EVANGELISM**, LED BY RANDY MILLER & CARL PARKS

**OLD TESTAMENT HEROES AND HEROINES**,  
 LED BY TERRY HENRIKSON

### Youth Classes/Studies:

**YOUTH STUDY ON STRESS & ANXIETY**,  
 LED BY TYLER BASSO

**THE MIRACLES OF JESUS**,  
 IN THE KID'S WING FOR CHILDREN BIRTH  
 THROUGH 6TH GRADE



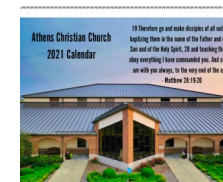
Celebrate Recovery

ACC is now participating in Celebrate Recovery, a Bible-based, Christ-centered, 12-step recovery program for anyone struggling with hurt, pain, or addiction of any kind. It's a safe place to find community and freedom from the issues controlling our lives. Private, gender-specific, groups meet on Friday evenings. Please reach out to Gary Frank for information (217-502-4944/gary@athenschristian.net).

### 4th Annual Sportsman's Dinner

**Sat., February 20, 6-9 pm, \$25 per person**

If you love the outdoors, this night is for you! We will have the "new" World Record Tour of Whitetails from Trophies of Grace as well as guest speaker, Billy Molls. There are many giveaways for the outdoorsman, including giveaways for women and children. Entry into the giveaways is included with your ticket! Please register at [www.athenschristian.net/ministries/acc-outdoors](http://www.athenschristian.net/ministries/acc-outdoors) or download our ACC APP. You can also call the church office at 636-8463.



### CHRIST IN YOUTH FUNDRAISER

2021 calendars with beautiful photos of Athens Christian Church are available for purchase for \$30 to help our youth offset the cost of the Christ in Youth Conference this summer in Lincoln, Nebraska. See Tyler Basso, order online, or call the church office to get yours!

## Today & This Week

All services below are available to watch live in the foyer, kids' wing check-in area, youth room and nursing mothers' room.

9 am & 11 am services will be live-streamed. Access services at [www.athenschristian.net/on-line-worship](http://www.athenschristian.net/on-line-worship) (SUNDAY MORNING) or on the new ACC app! Services are also available on YouTube.

An audio recording of today's sermon will be downloaded to [athenschristian.net/on-line-worship](http://athenschristian.net/on-line-worship) (MEDIA). You can listen to today's message and past sermons.

### TODAY, Sunday, January 24

- 7:30am Prayer with Pastors at the Pulpit/everyone welcome!
- 8, 9am Traditional Services/10, 11am Contemporary Services
- 8, 9, 10, 11am Family Worship Area available for families in Youth Room (Room 112/113)
- 10:00-10:45 ADULT & CHILDREN SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES
  - » The Ambassadors, led by Dan Haynes (Rm. 203)
  - » Kingdom Seekers, led by Gary Frank (Rm. 105)
  - » Christian Living, led by Harry Schirding & Doug Wendler (Rm. 223)
  - » *That the World May Know*, led by Anthony Bolton (Rm. 220/221)
  - » Jr. High/High School, led by Tyler Basso (Rm. 113/114)
  - » Kids c.l.u.b. for 4 years-K, 1st-3rd gr., 4th-6th gr. (childcare available for Birth-1 year & 2 years-3 years)

### Monday, January 25

- 6:00am Men's Group/Rm. 105 All men should join us!
- 6:00pm ACC Indoor Archery
- 6:00 Missions Meeting

### Tuesday, January 26

- 8:00 CLEAN Retired Men's Bible Study in FLC
- 7:00 Ladies With a Heart to Pray Zoom chat

### Wednesday, January 27

- 5:00 Help set up for WNC
- 5:30 Blood pressure checks
- 5:45 Dinner in the FLC (Italian chicken, chips, desserts)
- 6:30-7:30 Classes for all ages

### Thursday, January 28

- 6:00 Faith & Fitness (*new time: 6-7 pm*)

### Friday, January 29

- Church office closed

### Saturday, January 30

### Sunday, January 31

- 7:30am Prayer with Pastors at the Pulpit/everyone welcome!
- 8, 9am Traditional Services/10, 11am Contemporary Services
- 10:00-10:45 Sunday School for all ages