

# Athens Christian Church

October 17, 2021

8:00, 9:15, 10:30 am  
9:15 Sunday School

This is how we know  
what love is: Jesus Christ  
laid down his life for us.  
And we ought to lay  
down our lives for our  
brothers and sisters.

1 John 3:16



## 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:

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## 8am Traditional Services

Prelude • Dick Bachman

Call to Worship • Psalm 69:30-36

*Blessed be the Name* #352 (v. 1-4)

*Take My Life, and Let it Be Consecrated* #458 (v. 1-4)

Prayer Requests & Praises • Ken Gennicks

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*  
Prayer Hymn #466 (v. 1-3)

Sermon • Shane Baker  
The Gospel According to Paul:  
Your Cell Phone Won't Work For That  
(Ephesians 3:14-21)

*Open My Eyes That I May See* • Invitation Hymn #486

Announcements Video

*I Love to Tell the Story*  
Communion & Offering Hymn #619 (v. 1, 4)

Communion & Offering Meditation • Shane Baker

Quietly move to Communion & Offering  
tables before exiting.

## 9:15am, 10:30am Contemporary Service

*Glorious Day*  
*Your Love Awakens Me*  
*One Thing Remains*

Sermon • Shane Baker  
The Gospel According to Paul:  
Your Cell Phone Won't Work For That  
(Ephesians 3:14-21)

Invitation Song • *O Come to the Altar*  
*Good Good Father*

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Communion & Offering Meditation • Shane Baker

Quietly move to Communion & Offering  
tables before exiting.

*Please be sure to sign the greeting cards  
in the foyer for folks who are in our prayers  
before you leave today!*

## Sermon Notes

The Gospel According to Paul:  
Your Cell Phone Won't Work For That  
(Ephesians 3:14-21)

### Introduction

The theme of our Bible study is The Gospel According to Paul. So throughout 2021 we've studied passages about Paul and passages he wrote from Acts 8 through Hebrews. This morning we find ourselves in the book of Ephesians, chapter 3, and we find Paul praying a specific prayer for the Ephesian Church.

1. Paul's \_\_\_\_\_ (Ephesians 3:14-15)

2. Paul's \_\_\_\_\_ (16-19)

3. Paul's \_\_\_\_\_ (20-21)

Application:

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### Conclusion

There are a lot of things that the modern cell phone can do. But there are a lot of things that it can't do and shouldn't do. And it should not take the place of Jesus in our lives or the time we should be using to draw close to Jesus.

October is  
**MINISTER  
APPRECIATION** Month

Find ways to show your appreciation and love for our ministers and their families this month. If you need ideas, a Pastor Appreciation brochure can be found in the lobby. A gift envelope is also in the lobby if you would like to contribute in that way.

## Prayer Requests

**At Memorial:** Tom Novy (home the 19th)

**At St. John's:** Charlie Nance (Judy's husband)

**At Canton hospital:** Barb Miller (Bakers' friend)

**At Ohio hospital:** Donna Vance (Jodi Peacock's mom/fell)

**At Michigan hospital:** Amy Bolton's aunt, Ed Blasius (Michelle Lucas' dad/stroke), Carolyn Lyon (Sue DeBoer's mom/knee surgery was Friday)

**Tests:** Gail Farrell's dad, Alex Clemens, Ryann Farrell, Elaine Bachman, Howard Hurt, Katie Earl, Jackie Kelley (Barb Snow's sister), Pam Albrecht, Jim Guthrie, Marcia Becker, Sandy Yard, Madison Austin (Oct. 20/St. Louis), Devin Richardson, Diane McCormick, Monte Maliongas (hip 18th/Decatur), Myles Ferguson (Chad's son/heart), Al Betz (treatments), Angel Parks (Bakers' friend/cancer surgery 28th), Steve Pearce (Brad Ingram's bro-in-law)

**At home:** Elijah Staab, Brian Setzer, Glen/Roberta Clark, Ella Grace Magee, Josh Purcell, Jerry/Andy Basso, Vivian Rankin, Rhonda Leinberger (radiation), Debbie Richardson's dad, Frank Platt, Karel Howard's great-niece, Madison Ellsworth, Bernie Stitch, Lee Shafer, Robert Bollman (pneumonia)

**Touched by death:** Bob Turley family (Marvin Vance's relative), Diane McCormick's nephew (Chicago accident), Jack Vetter family, Jan Schoenhard's family (nephew's wife passed away), Tammie Wilson family (John Maxson's cousin)

**Transitions:** Imogene Way, Sara Melton's brother, Clay Alderman/ Michael Ray/ Everett Shuck/ Wallace Christy (military), Tom Halberstadt, Dick Briggs (St. Clara's), Jack Kelley (Heritage), Beverly Hall/Bob Clemens (LMCV), Wanda Davis (Sunny Acres), Marge Ray (Seasons Senior Living), Fran Adolphson (Gary Frank's grandmother/Cedarhurst of Springfield)

**Wednesday Night Connection:** 5:40-7:30 pm

**Operation Christmas Child:** Oct. 24-Nov. 14

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

**Blake Canterbury:** [facebook.com/monroechurchplant](https://facebook.com/monroechurchplant)

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

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



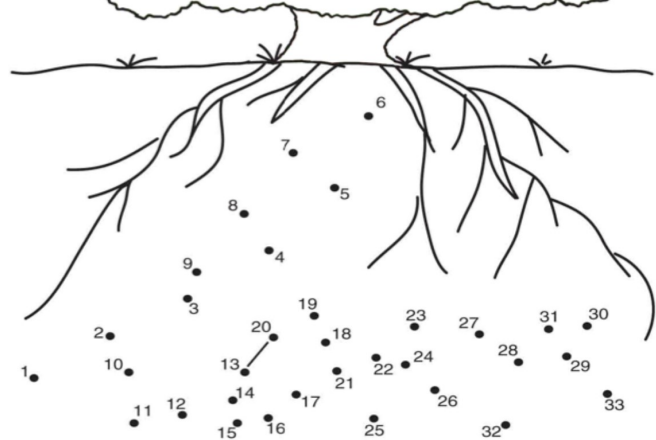
# ACC Kids' CORNER

Paul was concerned about the spiritual foundation of the Ephesians.

Connect the dots to complete the sentence.

Paul prayed that the Ephesian Christians would be ...

*Rooted in*



## Operation Christmas Child Kicks Off Next Sunday!

**October 24th through November 14th** you may pick up a shoe box at the display in the church foyer to participate in this amazing global event. Filled shoeboxes should be returned to the church, along with the \$9.00 shipping fee, by Sunday, November 14th.

For ideas of what to include in your shoebox, visit [www.samaritanaspurse.org/operation-christmas-child](http://www.samaritanaspurse.org/operation-christmas-child). Contact Sam or Leslie Montgomery with questions at [montgomeryfarms5@gmail.com](mailto:montgomeryfarms5@gmail.com) or 217-636-7166.

## MARK YOU CALENDARS

### INNER CITY MISSION WORKDAY

This Saturday, October 23 • 9:30-11:30 am  
Sign up in the church lobby to let us know you're able to help.

### DRIVE-THRU FOOD DISTRIBUTION AT ACC

Wednesday, October 27 • 4:00 pm

### THE FORGE CONFERENCE FOR JR. HIGHERS

Lincoln Christian University  
Friday/Saturday, October 29/30

## WEDNESDAY Night Connection!

EVERY WEDNESDAY THRU NOVEMBER 17TH

Supper: 5:40-6:15 pm/Classes for all ages: 6:30-7:30 pm

*It's Never Too Late to Join Us!*

### Pictorial Directory Updates

Pictures will be taken every Sunday morning from 8:30 am until noon and every Wednesday evening from 5:30 -6:15 during the month of October in our library for all newcomers and anyone not pictured in our last directory! This is not only for members, but for all friends of ACC! Please stop by the library with your family for a quick, informal photo by our volunteers and be included in our next directory! Current directories will also be available for people to check their information in our current directory. Also, please stop by and review your information to be sure it is current and make any changes needed.

### Athens PTO & Athens Christian Church present...



*We will have trunks open and kids are welcome to walk through for some treats!*

*(If you would like to donate candy or Christian trinkets/small toys, you may purchase them and leave them in the tub by the Kids check in desk.)*



## 5TH QUARTER

OCTOBER 22ND AT  
ATHENS CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
AFTER HOME FOOTBALL GAME

7-12th grade — 9-11:30PM

Join us for Food, Fun, and Fellowship after the game!

### Applying Today's Sermon to Your Life

1. Technology can be good or bad depending on how we use it. What do you think are some advantages of cell phones? What are some disadvantages?
2. What posture does Paul take as he prays for the Ephesian church? Why is this posture significant? How does the posture you take when you pray show reverence for God?
3. Does your faith allow a space for Jesus to dwell in your heart?
4. Take a moment to grasp just how much Jesus loves you. How wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ.
5. What is God calling you to do with his life and how will you use your life to bring glory and honor to Him?
6. What do you need to do to recharge (or start) your relationship with Jesus Christ? Who would be a good person for you to talk to? Set up a meeting with that person now!

### New Andy Stanley Study begins today at 9:15 in the Christian Living Class (room 223):

*"Killin' It!" PRIDE*— It shuts us in and shuts God and others out. It keeps us from saying what needs to be said and hearing what needs to be heard. In this 3-part study, Andy Stanley teaches us how to *kill it!* Please join us as we begin this new series.

### LADIES DAY RETREAT AT LITTLE GALILEE Saturday, October 23 • 9:00 am—3:30 pm

Cost is \$20, which includes a breakfast, snack, and lunch. Sign up to carpool with ACC and leave the church parking lot at 8:00 AM for Clinton, IL. Please register on the LLCC website at [www.littlegalilee.com](http://www.littlegalilee.com).

For questions, please contact Lorna Baker (217-502-1256/ [lorna@athenschristian.org](mailto:lorna@athenschristian.org)).

## ACC Overview

MONDAY, NOV. 1  
6:30-7:30 PM  
YOUTH ROOM

*Everything we can tell you about Athens Christian Church in 1 hour.*

### Presented by ACC Ministers

We will discuss faith, membership, how to serve, children's ministry, youth ministry, governance, etc. Q and A as time allows. Childcare provided.

## Today & This Week

### TODAY, October 17, 2021

8:30-noon Pictorial Directory Pictures & Updates in lobby  
7:30 am Prayer with the Pastors/Everyone is welcome  
8:00 am Traditional Worship Service (nursery for birth-3 yrs.)  
9:15 am Contemporary Worship Services  
9:15-10:15 am Sunday School for all ages

- ADULT CLASSES INCLUDE:
  - » The Ambassadors, led by Dan Haynes (Rm. 105)
  - » Kingdom Seekers, led by Gary Frank (Youth Rm)
  - » Christian Living, led by Harry Schirding & Doug Wendler - Andy Stanley study, *"Killin' It."*
  - » Philippians: Who, What, When, Where, Why (and How), led by Anthony Bolton (Rm. 220/221)
- Jr. High/High School, led by Tyler Basso (Rm. 112)
- 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)

10:30 am Contemporary Worship (nursery for birth-3 yrs.)  
4:00 Elders' Meeting

### Monday, October 18

Read Hebrews 2  
6:00am Men's Group...*all men should join us!* (Rm. 105)  
6:00pm Athens Area Food Pantry Monthly Distribution  
(Athens Food Pantry off Route 29 near MTM Arms)

### Tuesday, October 19

Read Hebrews 3  
8:00 Men's Bible Study (FLC)  
6:30 AA Meeting (Room 203)

### Wednesday, October 20

Read Hebrews 4  
5:00 Help set up for WNC  
5:30 Blood pressure checks  
5:40 Dinner: Breakfast items  
6:30-7:30 Classes for all ages

### Thursday, October 21

Read Hebrews 5  
6:00 Who Am I? Step Study

### Friday, October 22

Read Hebrews 6  
*Church office closed*  
6:30 Lake Springfield Christian Assembly's Fall Night Out  
9:00 5th Quarter for all jr/sr high after Athens home game

### Saturday, October 23

9:00 Little Galilee Christian Camp Ladies Day Retreat  
9:30 Inner City Mission Workday  
11:00 Frank "Wayne" Clemons Memorial/luncheon

### Sunday, October 24: Operation Christmas Child Launches

8:30-noon Pictorial Directory Pictures & Updates in lobby  
7:30 am Prayer with the Pastors  
8:00 am Traditional Worship Service  
9:15, 10:30 am Contemporary Worship Service  
9:15-10:15 am Sunday School for all Ages  
4:00 Elders' Meeting