

Athens Christian Church

OUR MISSION:



November 15, 2020

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, 9am Traditional Services

Prelude • Dick Bachman

Call to Worship

God of Our Fathers #687 (v. 1-4)

Prayer Requests & Praises • Ken Gennicks

Veterans' Tribute Slide Show

Special Music • Vonda Laffey

Sermon • Ken Gennicks

Gospel Stories: "His Banner Over Me Is Love"
(Mt. 22:21; Ps. 33:12-22; Song 2:4)

Invitation Hymn

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

Announcements Video • Vonda Laffey

Communion & Offering Meditation • Ken Gennicks

Quietly move to Communion & Offering tables
before exiting the building

10am, 11am Contemporary Services

Prelude • Ashley Cantrall

Song of Praise

Unstoppable God

Prayer Requests & Praises • Ken Gennicks

Veterans' Tribute Slide Show

Special Music • Vonda Laffey

Sermon • Ken Gennicks

Gospel Stories: "His Banner Over Me Is Love"
(Mt. 22:21; Ps. 33:12-22; Song 2:4)

Invitation Song

Forever Reign

Announcements Video • Vonda Laffey

Communion & Offering Meditation • Ken Gennicks

Quietly move to Communion & Offering tables

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Sermon Notes

Gospel Stories: "His Banner Over Me Is Love"
(Mt. 22:21; Ps. 33:12-22; Song 2:4)

INTRODUCTION

Our Bible studies are from *Gospel Stories: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John*. Wednesday was Veterans' Day, so in today's Bible text Jesus says, *Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's* (Mt. 22:21). *Understanding the times and knowing what to do*, like a group in Old Testament (I Chron. 12:32), requires a thorough Christian worldview constructed and tempered by:

1. The ongoing study of _____
2. The ongoing study of _____ history
3. The ongoing study of _____ history
4. The ongoing study of _____ history
5. The ongoing study of _____

I. _____ (Mt. 22:21; Ps. 33:12)

A. _____

B. _____

II. _____ (Mt. 22:21; Song 2:4)

A. _____

B. _____

CONCLUSION

Banners hold meaning, deep meaning, carefully crafted as a sign to represent the identity of a nation, a group, or a person. The Bible says of God, *His banner over me is love* (Song of Solomon 2:4). One glaring difference in the two banners today: one represents the temporary, one represents the eternal. Are you a citizen of Heaven? *For God so loved the world He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life* (Jn. 3:16).

MILLIKIN UNIVERSITY VESPERS AT ACC Saturday, December 5, 7 PM

The ACC Seniors will be hosting a virtual viewing of Millikin's Christmas Vespers concert. The concert will be presented free of charge on Saturday, December 5th at 7:00 pm in the ACC Worship Center. People of all ages are invited to join us for this annual Christmas musical event.

Prayer Requests

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

At Memorial: Donald Clark (Glen's brother/Heritage)

At St. John's: Rick Miller (Randy's dad)

At Peoria hospital: Mike/Mary Buttry's grandson-in-law

At St. Louis hospital: Bill Dolan (Amy Bolton's friend)

At Indiana hospital: Jill Durnil (Ronna Lewis' aunt)

At Japan hospital: Diane McCormick's niece

Tests: Kathy Becker, Wanda Davis, Al Betz, Richard Sandidge, Annie Maliongas' brother, Nancy Nale's cousin, Jerry Basso/biopsy, Stuart Kuehl (hospice), Barb Siddons' brother, Mike Austin/chemo, Tracy Scales, Elijah Staab, Debbie Rohlf, Mike Gronewald, Fran Petersen (Bollmans' friend), Leslie Montgomery's brother, Zack Alderman/chemo, Michelle Bloomquist, Roy Hinds/shingles, Loretta (Bock) DeClerck, Jack Ethell (surgery was 11th), Sherry (Ethell) DeBoef, Sharon Schirding/knee/16th/Decatur, Tara Weidhuner/eye doctor, Jen VanPelt

At home: Beverly Hall, Cindi/Brian Setzer, Hank/Karla Daubs' grandson, Eddie Miller, Terry Wunderle, Glen Clark, Ella Grace Magee, Mike Sleight's grandma, Elaine Bachman, Scott McNeal, Joyce Cary's husband/mother-in-law, Shirley Hall (Sandy Beatty's mom), Mary Roszhart's brother

Touched by death: Jason DeBoer's family (cousin passed away), Dee Clark's family (aunt passed away), Merlin Kiesewetter family (Randy/Michelle Miller's relative/FL), Esther Boward family (Morgan Wells' family friend)

Transitions: Imogene Way, Bill Beatty's mother, Sara Melton's brother/kidney transplant, Aaron Reiterman/Wyatt Alderman/Michael Ray/Everett Shuck/Wallace Christy (military), Tom Halberstadt (Quincy), Kaiti Earl/Sue Williams (Jackie Hines' friend/sister), Wes Jockisch (hospice), Dee Clark's uncle, Frank Platt/Villa/home 18th?, Mike Chrysler/Bobby Croft (job search), Bob Clemens (LMCV)

Wednesday Night Connection: 5:45 pm

Operation Christmas Child: concludes today

Food Drive: Sun., Nov. 22, 7:30-noon/ACC parking lot

Area Thanksgiving: Mon., Nov. 23, 6:30/Athens Methodist

Angel Tree Project: Nov. 29-Dec. 13/foyer

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

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

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

Kyle Gennicks: 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 always 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

ACC Kids' CORNER

HIS BANNER OVER ME IS LOVE

V Y T Z D B N S V W
C Z L O V E H D W O
H V E T E R A N S R
R A M E R I C A N L
I K X Y F L A G J D
S S C R I P T U R E
T H Y H S G X V S S
I B A N N E R K U W
A X N C R K Q O H K
N M W P C H U R C H

scripture
banner
love

American
church
Christian

world
Veterans
flag



**Operation Christmas Child
Shoeboxes due today!**
Filled shoeboxes should be returned to the church today, along with the \$9.00 shipping fee.

If you have questions, contact Sam or Leslie Montgomery at 217-636-7166.

Area Thanksgiving Service Monday, November 23, 6:30 pm

The annual Area Thanksgiving Service, led by believers and pastors from throughout the region, will be held this year at Athens United Methodist Church. A cookie and coffee fellowship will follow at 7:30 pm. ACC is asked to help provide cookies. Please sign up in the lobby if you are able to help provide 2 dozen cookies for the fellowship following the service.

FAITH & FITNESS MINISTRY

This brand new ministry is for women of all ages and fitness levels! The night will begin with a short devotional with an inspiring Bible verse. You can expect to move your body with different exercises to promote heart health, toning, core strengthening, and muscle support. Exercises can be scaled to meet any level of physical fitness. It is recommended that each participant bring an exercise mat and water. The evening will end with prayer requests and prayer. For more information, contact Jennifer Frank at 899-9293 or jennfnp@yahoo.com.

This is a pilot session to get an idea of level of interest. Let us know you plan to participate on the sign up sheet in the lobby, which has times and dates.

Upcoming Events to Help You Connect and Serve with ACC and Our Community:

- * *Drive Away Hunger, Sunday, November 22*
A truck will be available in the ACC church parking lot from 7:30 until noon to collect non-perishable food items to be donated to the Athens Area Food Pantry.
- * *Angel Tree Project Begins November 29 at ACC*
The Salvation Army Angel Tree program helps provide Christmas gifts for hundreds of children in need in Menard County. Please pick a card from the Angel Tree in our foyer and buy a gift of clothing for the child listed on the back label. The child's age and sizes are listed on the label. If you wish to give a gift of toys, you may leave unwrapped, unmarked toys under the tree. Contact Jackie Hines or Cathy Wiseman with questions.

Applying Today’s Sermon to Your Life

- Our 2020 sermon series is a Bible study of Jesus in the four Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. What is happening in Matthew 22:15-22? How did Jesus respond? How will you imitate Him? Did you thank a veteran Wednesday?
- Our Bible study today suggested five requirements for a thorough Christian worldview. Which of the five is your greatest strength? Which is your weakness? What could you do to develop a more informed, complete Christian worldview? What is the value of this? What action steps will you take to do so now?
- Our nation’s founding documents were mentioned today because Wednesday was Veterans’ Day. Enroll in an excellent, free, online, 12-part study of our U.S. Constitution at Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, MI (www.hillsdale.edu). This fascinating study explains our Constitution established limited government, but a government with sufficient powers to protect American’s God-given rights to *Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness*.
- Answer the following as TRUE or FALSE:
 - T F The colors of the American Flag were chosen because they look good.
 - T F The Bible is too old to be relevant to modern times.
 - T F Any study of world history is a boring, waste of time.
 - T F Christians don’t need to be familiar with U.S. history.
 - T F Any study of Church history is pointless because we have the Bible.
 - T F Any study of current events is merely a distraction.
 - T F A flag is a banner representing a nation, a group or a person.
 - T F The bigger the government, the smaller the citizen.
 - T F I am willing to read and study to be more usable to God.
- What similar values are held in the founding documents represented by both the American and the Christian flags? What differences can be found between these documents? Why is it valuable to the Christian’s worldview to be keenly aware of these similarities and these differences?
- How is the price that was paid similar under both the American flag and the Christian flag? How is the price that was paid different? What is the price that continues to be paid under both banners? Why is it valuable to the Christian’s worldview to remain keenly aware of these similarities and differences?
- Is there freedom in Christ to be patriotic, whether one lives in the United States, in Poland, in Brazil, or in other foreign countries? Read Romans 13:1-4 and I Timothy 2:1-2. How do these Bible texts speak to this question?
- Read I Samuel 8. Israel demands a king because everyone else has one. What warnings does the Prophet Samuel explain about the price of big government? How is this truth timeless? How was Samuel warning them the bigger the government, the smaller the citizen?
- In light of today’s Bible study, I will:

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.

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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 will also be available later on YouTube.

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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, November 15

Final Day/Operation Christmas Child Collection/foyer

7:30 am Prayer with Pastors at the Pulpit/everyone welcome!

8, 9am Traditional Services/10, 11am Contemporary Services

10:00-10:45 Sunday School Classes For All Ages

» 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 (Room 220/221)

» Jr./Sr. High Sunday School, led by Tyler Basso (Room 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)

Monday, November 16

Read 1 Peter 4

6:00am Men’s Group/Rm. 105 All men should join us!

Tuesday, November 17

Read 1 Peter 5

8:00 CLEAN Retired Men’s Bible Study in FLC

7:00 Ladies With a Heart to Pray Zoom chat

Wednesday, November 18

Read 2 Peter 1

Final Wednesday Night Connection for the season

5:00 Help set up for WNC

5:30 Blood pressure checks

5:45 Dinner in FLC (Chicken á la King on a biscuit, mashed potatoes, corn, dessert)

6:30-7:30 Classes for all ages

Thursday, November 19

Read 2 Peter 2

6:30pm Faith & Fitness Ministry/ACC Family Life Center

Friday, November 20

Read 2 Peter 3

Church office closed

Saturday, November 21

Sunday, November 22

7:30 - noon Drive Away Hunger in the ACC Parking Lot

7:30 am Prayer with Pastors at the Pulpit/everyone welcome!

8, 9 am Traditional Services/10, 11am Contemporary Services

10:00-10:45 Sunday School Classes For All Ages

4:00 Elders’ Meeting