

Athens Christian Church

OUR MISSION:



December 13, 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!

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8am, 9am Traditional Services

Prelude • Dick Bachman

Call to Worship

Angels from the Realms of Glory #190 (v. 1-4)

Prayer Requests & Praises • Ken Gennicks

Special Music • Zach Dixon

Sermon • Ken Gennicks

Gospel Stories:

"Biblical Budgeting for Christmas & 2021"

(Luke 12:22-24; Book of Proverbs)

Invitation Hymn

In My Heart There Rings a Melody #633 (v. 1,3)

Announcements Video • Vonda Laffey

Communion & Offering Meditation • Ken Gennicks

Quietly move to Communion & Offering tables
before exiting the building

10am, 11am Contemporary Services

Prelude • Zach Dixon

Song of Praise

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Prayer Requests & Praises • Ken Gennicks

Special Music • Zach Dixon

Sermon • Ken Gennicks

Gospel Stories:

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(Luke 12:22-24; Book of Proverbs)

Invitation Song

Silent Night

Announcements Video • Vonda Laffey

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Sermon Notes

Gospel Stories:

"Biblical Budgeting for Christmas & 2021"

(Luke 12:22-24; Book of Proverbs)

INTRODUCTION

Our Bible studies are from *Gospel Stories: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John*. When we hear about the Christmas season and the new year ahead, we often end up worried about our finances. Jesus spoke about worry in today's Bible study. The Bible surfaces practical guidance for *Biblical Budgeting for Christmas & 2021*:

1. (Pr. 14:23)
2. (Pr. 3:9)
3. (Pr. 22:9)
4. (Pr. 13:11)
5. (Pr. 31:16)
6. (Pr. 22:7)
7. (Pr. 14:15)
8. (Pr. 23:4)
9. (Pr. 11:28)
10. (Pr. 17:1)

CONCLUSION

Times change, but wise financial principles apply in every season, in every generation. Consider these commitments to apply today's Bible study now and in the year ahead:

1. Start _____;
2. _____ all _____ except a _____;
3. _____ all debts _____ the _____;
4. _____.

Remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you the ability to produce wealth (Deuteronomy 8:18). Do not worry about your life (Luke 12:22).

Garnet Calzada is our long time friend and missionary who has served many years with Medical Evangelism in Mexico. Garnet has recently had challenging health issues and is feeling isolated. She needs our prayers and support. Please send a card or note of encouragement:
Garnet Calzada
651 Marshall Drive
Xenia, OH 45385



Prayer Requests

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

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

At St. John's: Kristie Stoneking (Judy Bryant's daughter), Ike Hedden (Colleen Gennicks' grandpa), Glen Clark

At Quincy hospital: Jim Newell (Mary Buttry's brother)

Tests: Kathy Becker/16th, Al Betz, Richard Sandidge, Annie Maliongas' brother, Jerry Basso (cancer treatments), Barb Siddons' brother, Mike Austin, Tracy Scales, Elijah Staab, Debbie Rohlf, Mike Gronewald, Fran Petersen/Bollmans' friend, Leslie Montgomery's brother, Zach Alderman, Michelle Bloomquist, Roy Hinds, Sharon Mester, Rhonda Leinberger, Rhonda Briest, Steve Laffey (eye surgery/5th)

At home: Rick Miller (Randy's dad), Beverly Hall, Brian/Cindi Setzer, Eddie Miller, Terry Wunderle, Jen VanPelt, Roberta Clark, Ella Grace Magee, Joyce Cary's family, Diane McCormick's niece, Heather Parks, Marie Novy/Jen Weitekamp's neighbor, Rhonda Davis/Esther Fricke, John Wasilewski, Tom Tobias

Touched by death: David Nolting family (Marilyn's husband), Clifford Bachman family (Brendan's grandpa), Sheri Canfield family (Diane McCormick's niece)

Transitions: Imogene Way, Sara Melton's brother, Wyatt Alderman/Aaron Reiterman/Michael Ray/Everett Shuck/Wallace Christy (military), Tom Halberstadt (Quincy), Kaiti Earl/Sue Williams, Wes Jockisch/hospice, Mike Chrysler/Bobby Croft/Brandon & Cana Austin (job search), Mike Sleight's grandma (Pittsfield), Barbara Miller (Juanita Davis' great-niece/hospice), Bill Dolan (Amy Bolton's friend)

Wednesday Night Connection: Jan. 13-Mar.24

GriefShare: Jan. 13/Heather Parks/621-1359

Angel Tree Project: concludes today/foyer

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

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

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

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.
- 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.
- During the 10 am service only, nurseries for birth-3 years are open for those families who wish to use the nursery .

Angel Tree Project Ends Today!

Wrapped gifts for angels must be returned to the church library by today! Angel Tree distribution will take place here at our church next Saturday, December 19th, at the entrance by the playground. Contact Jackie Hines (416-

Congregational Meeting Today at Noon

All members of ACC are invited to a brief congregational meeting today at noon to affirm 2021's financial plan for ministry. Details are available in the foyer and you may speak with our finance team, elders or ministers with any questions. We are all so thankful for God's rich provisions throughout this unusual season! Thank you all!



Christmas Coffee & Pastries

Next Sunday, 8:30-11:00 am

Stop in the Family Life Center for coffee and pastries to gather and connect with good food and fellowship!!

Christmas Eve Candlelight & Communion Services

Thursday, December 24, 30 minute services

2 pm • 3 pm • 4 pm • 5 pm • 6 pm

Celebrate Christmas with candlelight, music, and a devotion during each service.

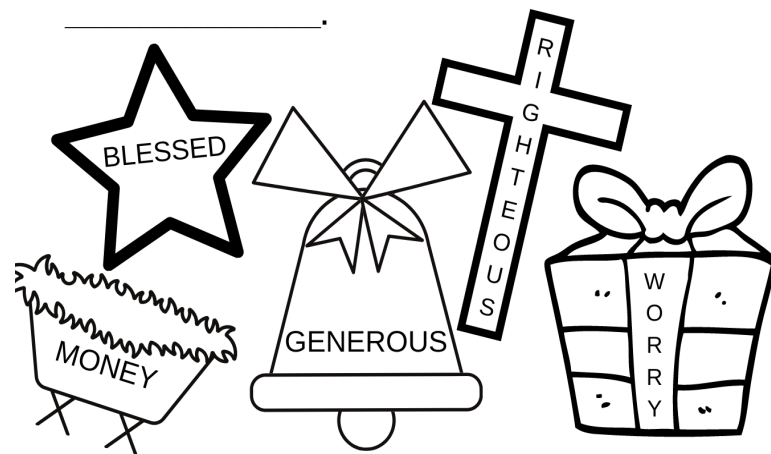
Communion is open for all who wish to participate.



ACC Kids' CORNER

Finish the words using the Christmas shapes below and by listening to today's sermon.

1. Then Jesus said to his disciples, do not _____.
2. A generous man will himself be _____.
3. He who gathers _____ little by little makes it grow.
4. The _____ will thrive like a green leaf.
5. You will be rich in every way: so that, you can be _____.



Applying Today's Sermon to Your Life

1. Our 2020 sermon series is a Bible study of Jesus in the four Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Read Luke 12:22-24. What topics is Jesus addressing? Why?
2. Sixteen of Jesus' 38 parables deal with money. Read through the Gospels and find at least three of these. Explain a bit of their meaning.
3. The Bible is full of practical, life application. Read these Bible texts. Write down what it would look like in your life right now if you applied each one of them:
 - A. Proverbs 6:6-8
 - B. Proverbs 21:20
 - C. Proverbs 30:24-25
 - D. Proverbs 10:4-5
 - E. Luke 14:28
 - F. Deuteronomy 8:18
 - G. 2 Corinthians 9:11
 - H. Acts 2:44-45; 4:36-37
4. Answer the following as TRUE or FALSE:
 - T F I am a person who works diligently, dependably, honestly.
 - T F I practice generous giving to God and to others.
 - T F I believe in regularly saving part of what I earn.
 - T F I avoid unnecessary debt.
 - T F I refuse to give greed a foothold in my life.
 - T F I have made Jesus the Lord over my financial world.
 - T F I don't expect money to bring me happiness.
 - T F If I had just a little bit more, then I might be content.
 - T F I will apply today's Bible study by taking faithful action now.
5. What five books make up the Bible's *wisdom literature*, or *poetry*? Which is your favorite? Why?
6. Have you ever tried to live on a budget? Describe your experience. Find the answers and inspiration you need at daveramsey.com. Study and apply his seven baby steps, how to get out of debt, and set these goals with your family this week. Invite Jesus to be Lord over your financial world today. Seek and accept His forgiveness and grace for past mistakes, let Him chart your new course, and follow closely in His steps now. There is a better way to live. He will honor your heart and your efforts and you will find peace and satisfaction in Christ!
7. According to the Book of Proverbs, do you think God cares about your personal, financial management? Why, or why not? Is this a spiritual matter? Explain.
8. Of the ten money management principles we surfaced in today's Bible study, which one might be your greatest strength? Your greatest weakness?
9. 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 are also available 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, December 13

Angel Tree deadline to drop off gifts in the church foyer

7:30 am 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 Nurseries available for birth through 3 years

10:00-10:45 Adult 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 (*temporary room change: Room 202*)

12:00 Congregational Financial Plan Affirmation Meeting

4:00 Elders' Meeting

6:00 ACC Board Meeting

Monday, December 14

Read Revelation 8

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

6:30pm Faith & Fitness Ministry at ACC

Tuesday, December 15

Read Revelation 9

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

7:00 Ladies With a Heart to Pray Zoom chat

Wednesday, December 16

Read Revelation 10

Thursday, December 17

Read Revelation 11

Friday, December 18

Read Revelation 12

Church office closed

6:30pm Celebrate Recovery Ministry (contact Gary Frank)

Saturday, December 19

8:30 Faith & Fitness (FLC)

10:00-noon Angel Tree Distribution at ACC

Sunday, December 20

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

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

8:30-11:00 am Christmas Coffee & Pastries (FLC)

10:00-10:45 Adult Sunday School Classes