

Athens Christian Church

December 19, 2021
8:00, 9:15, 10:30 am
9:15 Sunday School

MATTHEW 1:21

She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.

VERSE of the WEEK

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 85:8-13)

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

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing #184 (v. 1-3)

Prayer Requests & Praises • Ken Gennicks

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear
Prayer Hymn #197 (v. 1-3)

Special Music • Olivia Baker

Sermon • Kyle Gennicks
"Jesus Is With Us & For Us"
(Matthew 1:18-25)

As With Gladness Men of Old • Invitation Hymn #202

Announcements Video

Rock of Ages
Communion & Offering Hymn #108 (v. 1, 3)

Communion & Offering Meditation • Shane Baker

Quietly move to Communion & Offering tables before exiting.

9:15am, 10:30am Contemporary Service

Angels We Have Heard on High

Welcome

The First Noel
O Holy Night

Special Music • Olivia Baker

Sermon • Kyle Gennicks
"Jesus Is With Us & For Us"
(Matthew 1:18-25)

Invitation Song • *Silent Night*
Go Tell it on the Mountain

Announcements Video

Communion & Offering Meditation • Ken Gennicks

Quietly move to Communion & Offering tables before exiting.

Sermon Notes

"Jesus Is With Us & For Us"

(Matthew 1:18-25)

INTRODUCTION

God came to earth as a *member* of a family in order to *make* us family. Jesus is Immanuel - "God with us" - which means He is *with* us today. Jesus died to save us from our sins - which means He is *for* us today.

JESUS' _____, _____ (1:18)

_____ your _____ future to a _____ God.

JESUS' (Adoptive) _____, _____ (1:19-20)

_____ and _____ the family God _____ to you.

GOD IS _____ US & _____ US (1:21-23)

Who is Jesus? Jesus is _____, which means "God is _____ us"!

What does Jesus do? Jesus _____, which means "God is _____ us"!

JESUS' _____ (1:24-25; Luke 2:52)

JESUS IS STILL _____ US & _____ US
(Matthew 28:20)

CONCLUSION

Give Jesus the "gift" of your sins. Receive the gift of Jesus' salvation. Go tell your circle of influence about Jesus and the story of Christmas.

Prayer Requests

At St. John's: Melody Meyer (Jackie Hines' niece), Pat Hinds

At Havana hospital: Shelly Roat's mom

Tests: Al Betz (biopsy), Robert Bollman (biopsy), Ryann Farrell, Katie Earl, Barb Snow's sister, Jim Guthrie, Steve Wunderle, Madison Austin, Randi Gennicks (chemo), Curt Reichling's mom (cancer), Mary Roszhart's brother/cousin, Elise Fritz's friend Kade (leukemia), Andy Glass (CIDP), Paula Kennett's sisters-in-law (Linda/June), Jerry Basso, Rhonda Leinberger, Angie Hamilton (Susan Turner's friend), Sandra Taylor, Jack Brackney

At home: Elijah Staab, Glen/Roberta Clark, Ella Grace Magee, Josh Purcell, Vivian Rankin, Debbie Richardson's dad, Karel Howard's great-niece, Madison Ellsworth, Tom Novy, Michelle Lucas' dad, Nancy Rudolph's granddaughter, Jodi Peacock's mom, Ron/Linda Daugherty (Gary Halford's family), Molly Ishmael, Betty Cravens, David Glick, Ron/Bev Ellsworth, Roy Hinds

Touched by death: Esther Spindel family (Laurie Ingram's mother), Catherine Davis family (Rhonda Davis' mother-in-law), Dorothea Bless family (Larry's mother), Steve/Vonda Laffey's family (his dad passed away in Nebraska)

Transitions: Sara Melton's brother, Clay Alderman/ Michael Ray/ Everett Shuck (military), Jack Kelley (Heritage), Beverly Hall/Bob Clemens (LMCV), Wanda Davis (Sunny Acres), Fran Adolphson (Cedarhurst), Shirley Wasilewski's nephew, Michael Kruger, Dick Briggs (hospice), Shelly Roat's dad (Havana), Winkelman family/ Jeff Canterbury (tornado damage), Greg Roat's mom (Manito)

GriefShare: Wednesday, Jan. 19-Mar. 30

Financial Peace University: Wed., Jan. 19-Mar. 30

Church Leaders/Volunteers Conf.: Sat., Feb. 19/LCU

Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Day: Sat., Mar. 19

VBS: June 6-10, 6-8:00 pm

Christ in Youth Conf.: July 11-15, Gr. 8-12/Lincoln, NE

Blake Canterbury: facebook.com/monroechurchplant

Kyle Gennicks: missionchurchmontgomery.org

Pursuit of Full-time Youth

Capital Stewardship

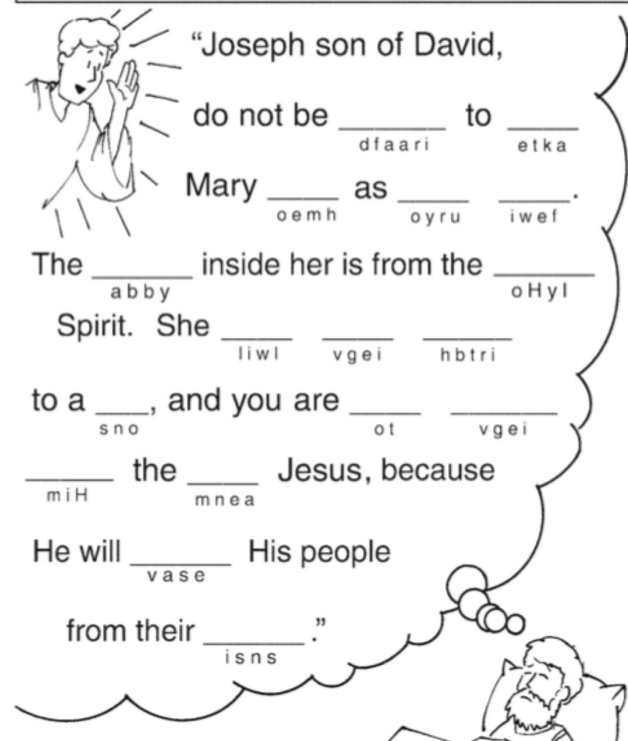
Minister Campaign: *Run The Race* (2020-2022)

Our missionaries/military/families/terrorism/economy

ACC Kids' CORNER

But an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream.
What did the angel say?

Unscramble the words to read the answer.



Wednesday Night Connection Resumes in January!

Wednesdays, January 19-March 30
Dinner 5:40-6:20 pm
Classes for all ages 6:30-7:30 pm

Classes include:

- ♦ Grief Share - led by Sharon Schirding (6:30-8:00)
- ♦ Financial Peace - led by Cassie & Aaron Reiterman (6:30-8:00pm)
- ♦ 2 Brothers - Study of the books of James & Jude - led by Terry Hendrickson
- ♦ Luke - led by Gary Frank & Shane Baker
- ♦ Men's Study - "Men of Integrity" - led by Jeremy McDaniel & Marvin Vance
- ♦ Women's Study - led by Sharon Wendler sharing two studies by Lysa TerKeurst
- ♦ ROOTED Jr/ Sr High students (6:30-8:00) - led by Tyler Basso: group study, small groups, and game time
- ♦ Children ages 4 years through 6th grade studying *Heroes of the Bible!*
- ♦ Childcare for birth- 3 years

Everyone is welcome to join us today in the
ACC Family Life Center for complimentary



ACC invites you and yours to
Christmas Eve Candlelight
& Communion



2:00 participants: Susan Reichling, Emily Conover, Ellie Alderman, Anthony Bolton, Dick Bachman, Curt Reichling, Jack Harris, Ken Gennicks, Shane & Lorna Baker, Tyler Basso, Rebecca Logan, Dennis & Debbie Richardson

3:00 participants: Izzy Sokolis, Anthony Bolton, Dick Bachman, Jeremy McDaniel, Hank Daubs, Ken Gennicks, Shane & Lorna Baker, Tyler Basso, Rebecca Logan, Dennis & Debbie Richardson

4:00 participants: Lindsay Roemer, Doug Wendler, Dick Bachman, Nancy Winterbauer, Olivia Baker, Hattie Bachman, Ken Gennicks, Shane & Lorna Baker, Tyler Basso, Carol Basso, Barb Siddons, Hannah Groce, Rebecca Logan

5:00 participants: Cassie & Madison Reiterman, Terry Henrikson, Dick Bachman, Terry & Sandy Knoles, Angie Fritz, Carla Knox, Shane & Lorna Baker, Tyler Basso, Carol Basso, Barb Siddons, Hannah Groce, Rebecca Logan, Ken Gennicks

6:00 participants: Mo & Penelope Williams, Terry Henrikson, Elynor Nance, Jarrod & Sarah Rempel, Jeff, Amanda & Zildjian Helmkamp, Carla Knox, Shane & Lorna Baker, Tyler Basso, Rebecca Logan, Ken Gennicks

Applying Today's Sermon to Your Life

1. Read Matthew 1:18-25. What comments or questions do you have about this text?
2. What are you doing right now to make this season always, only, all about Jesus?
3. Why do you think God chose to come to earth as a member of a family?
4. Like Mary, how are you preparing today for what God may have for you tomorrow?
5. Like Joseph, how are you loving and leading the family God has entrusted to you?
6. Who is Jesus? Jesus is _____, which means "God is _____ us." (1:23)
7. What does Jesus do? Jesus _____, which means "God is _____ us." (1:21)
8. Are you one of Jesus' people? Is God your Father? Is Jesus your Big Brother? Is ACC your family? Has God saved you? Today can be the day of your salvation!
9. Are you giving your sin to Jesus and receiving Jesus' gift of salvation? Why or why not?
10. "Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men." (Luke 2:52), which means that Jesus matured mentally, physically, spiritually, and relationally. How are you maturing and helping others (including ACC) mature in these ways?
11. How are you living in light of Jesus' promise, "I am with you always" (Matthew 28:20)? Are you enduring in Jesus, worshiping Jesus, serving and giving to Jesus' church? Explain...

Elders & Ministers Will Host Monthly 2022 Prayer Gatherings

Each second Sunday of the month at 5:30 pm, our elders and ministers will host an informal prayer gathering in our Worship Center for everyone to join us in prayer (the month of May we will meet on the first Sunday instead, due to Mother's Day on the second Sunday). We will seek the Lord, pray for one another, and lift our hearts to God in prayer. We want to be a praying church. Please add these opportunities to pray together to your calendar and pray with us. Everyone is welcome.

Today & This Week

TODAY, December 19, 2021 Guest Speaker, Kyle Gennicks

7:30 am Prayer with the Pastors
8:00 am Traditional Worship (nursery for birth-3 yrs.)
8:30-11:00 Christmas Coffee & Pastries (FLC)
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: "RE:SOLUTION"
 - » Philippians: Who, What, When, Where, Why (and How), led by Anthony Bolton (Rm. 220/221)
- Jr. High/High School, led by Tyler Basso (Rm. 203)
- 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.)
6:00-8:30 ROOTED Jr./Sr. High Christmas Party (Youth Rm.)

Monday, December 20 Read Revelation 13
6:00am Men's Group...*all men should join us!* (Rm. 105)
6:00-7:00pm Athens Area Food Pantry Monthly Distribution (Athens Food Pantry off Route 29 near MTM Arms)

Tuesday, December 21 Read Revelation 14
8:00 Men's Bible Study (Rm. 223)
6:30 AA Meeting (Rm. 203)

Wednesday, December 22 Read Revelation 15

Thursday, December 23 Read Revelation 16
Church office closed

Friday, December 24 Read Revelation 17
Church office closed
2:00, 3:00, 4:00, 5:00, 6:00 pm
Candlelight & Communion Christmas Eve Services

Saturday, December 25



Sunday, December 26
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