

Athens Christian Church

OUR MISSION:



December 27, 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:

Elders:

Jeremy McDaniel/971-9416
Curt Reichling/636-9252
Doug Wendler/652-2133

Deacons:

Brendan Bachman/309-824-3226
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Bob Hill/636-7416
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Randy Miller/309-252-1845
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Stephen Ministers:

Donna Douglas, Contact Person
522-1134/971-6732
Steve Gutierrez, Contact Person
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Debbie Richardson
Gwen DeRosa
Rhonda Briest
Frank Platt
Gwen Staab
Sara McDaniel
Sandra Taylor
Sharon Schirding
Deb Selby

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8am, 9am Traditional Services

Prelude • Dick Bachman

Call to Worship

Joy to the World! #171 (v. 1-4)

Prayer Requests & Praises • Ken Gennicks

Special Music • Russ Witmer

Sermon • Tyler Basso

Gospel Stories: "Light in Dark Places"
(John 1:1-5)

Invitation Hymn

Good Christian Men, Rejoice #177 (v. 1,3)

Announcements Video • Vonda Laffey

Communion & Offering Meditation • Tyler Basso

Quietly move to Communion & Offering tables
before exiting the building

10am, 11am Contemporary Services

Prelude • Zach Dixon

Song of Praise

Only King Forever

Prayer Requests & Praises • Ken Gennicks

Special Music • Russ Witmer

Sermon • Tyler Basso

Gospel Stories: "Light in Dark Places"
(John 1:1-5)

Invitation Song

Christ Be Magnified

Announcements Video • Vonda Laffey

Communion & Offering Meditation • Tyler Basso

Quietly move to Communion & Offering tables
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Ken Gennicks, Senior Minister
Shane Baker, Associate Minister
Lorna Baker, Children's Minister
Gary Frank, Associate Minister
Tyler Basso, Youth Minister
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Sermon Notes

Gospel Stories: "Light in Dark Places"
(John 1:1-5)

Notes

- _____ places are _____.
- This _____ shines in the _____ places. (v. 4-5)
 - How do we let this Light shine?
 - We study _____. (V. 1)
 - We _____ do it _____. (Matt. 18:20)
- The _____ always _____.

Conclusion

This year 2020 has had many different dark places, but the dark places never get to win!

ACC Kids' CORNER

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

scripture Bible light wins
dark Jesus God shines

Prayer Requests

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

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

At St. John's: Kristie Stoneking (Judy Bryant's daughter)

At Bloomington hospital: Harlan Starkey (Gail Farrell's dad)

At OH hospital: Madison Ellsworth (Ron/Beverly premature great-granddaughter)

Tests: Kathy Becker, Al Betz, Richard Sandidge, Annie Maliongas' brother, Jerry Basso (surgery), Barb Siddons' brother, Mike Austin, Elijah Staab, Debbie Rohlf, Mike Gronewald, Fran Petersen/Bollmans' friend, Leslie Montgomery's brother, Zach Alderman, Sharon Mester, Rhonda Leinberger, Rhonda Briest, John Wasilewski, Steve Laffey (eye/5th), Ken Weatherby, Melba Baker, Darrell Wells, Jackie Hines' nephew, Janet Wells (5th), Diane McCormick's niece/Japan

At home: Beverly Hall, Brian/Cindi Setzer, Eddie Miller, Terry Wunderle, Glen/Roberta Clark, Ella Grace Magee, Marie Novy/Jen Weitekamp's neighbor, Rick/Ryan Miller (Randy's dad/brother), Josh Purcell, Elaine Bachman, Jack/Sandi Brackney, Colton DeRosa

Touched by death: Jo Tibbs family (Les Carter's sister), Barbara Miller family (Juanita Davis' great-niece), Gloria Brashear family (Vicky Gutierrez' friend)

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, Ike Hedden/Villa

Wednesday Night Connection: Jan. 13-Mar.24

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

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

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

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ACC PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES

AVAILABLE TODAY IN THE CHURCH LIBRARY

7:30-11:30 AM

(ONE PER FAMILY PLEASE)



A beautiful poinsettia was donated to the church in memory of Corrine Carter by the Carter family.

Get Connected at Athens Christian Church

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CONNECTION

JANUARY 13 - MARCH 24

Classes & Bible Studies for all Ages!

Adult Classes/Studies:

GRIEF SHARE, 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

SUPPER SERVED 5:45 - 6:20 PM



ACC INDOOR ARCHERY

Monday evenings 6-8 pm
January 18 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 for 9 weeks beginning January 18th. 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.

To help with safety and distancing, we are finalizing a plan for shooters to be able to sign up for half-hour time slots. Be watching for more details as January 18th approaches! Be sure to download the ACC app to keep up-to-date with information about the ACC Archery Ministry, and plan to join us on Monday evenings!

FAITH & FITNESS MINISTRY

Women of all ages and fitness levels are invited to join Jennifer Frank for a devotion, inspiring Bible verse, and exercise!

Class will meet in the Family Life Center on the following dates from 6:30-7:30 pm:

Monday, January 4th, Thursday, January 14th

Thursday, January 21st Thursday, February 4th

Bring an exercise mat and water and join us!



Celebrate Recovery
A CHRIST CENTERED Recovery Program

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 is a safe place to find community and freedom from the issues controlling our lives.

Private, gender-specific, groups meet on Friday evenings online at this time. Reach out to Gary Frank (gary@athenschristian.net / 502-4494) for information.

Young at Heart, Tuesday, January 12

Senior and retired friends are invited to join us on Tuesday, January 12, for our monthly *Young at Heart* fellowship. Beginning at 9:30 am, free blood pressure checks are available in the Family Life Center. At 10:00 am, we will enjoy a presentation by Steve Laffey about *Operation Lifesaver*. Vonda Laffey will share a devotion before we enjoy a free lunch at 11:00 am. Lunch offered this month includes chili, soup, sandwiches, crackers and desserts.

Young at Heart is for anyone aged 50+ who wishes to attend. Invite a friend or neighbor and join us !

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT ACC:

Communion Preparation: Volunteers are needed for a one-month commitment in 2021 to prepare communion for Sunday morning services. Training is available.

Sunday Morning Help: We are looking for extra hands on Sunday mornings to help hold doors, greet, prepare communion between services or help with security.

Call the church office (636-8463) if you are able to help or have questions about serving in these areas.

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 27

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

7:30-11:30 2021 Pictorial Directories in Church Library

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 (Rm. 220/221)

Monday, December 28

Read Revelation 18

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

Tuesday, December 29

Read Revelation 19

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

7:00 Ladies With a Heart to Pray Zoom chat

Wednesday, December 30

Read Revelation 20

Thursday, December 31

Read Revelation 21

Church office closed

Friday, January 1

Read Revelation 22

Church office closed



Saturday, January 2

Sunday, January 3

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

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

10:00-10:45 Adult Sunday School Classes

4:00 Elders' Meeting