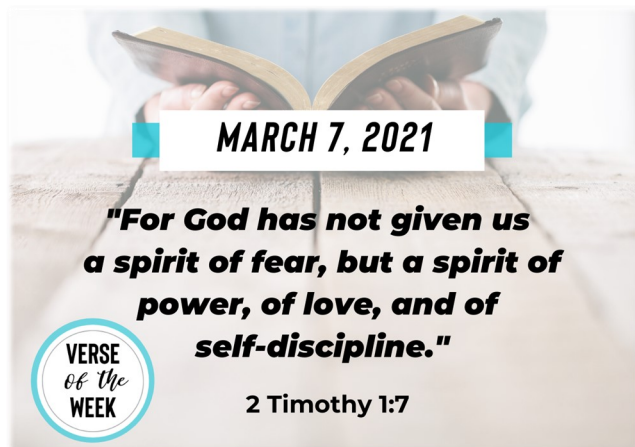
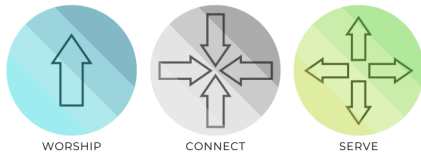


# Athens Christian Church



## 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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Randy Miller/309-252-1845  
Craig Reichert/553-1927

### Stephen Ministers:

Donna Douglas, Contact Person : 522-1134/971-6732  
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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

*O That Will be Glory for Me* #132 (v. 1-3)

Prayer Requests & Praises • Ken Gennicks

Special Music • Naomi Richardson & Ashley Cantrall

Sermon • Ken Gennicks

"The Gospel According to Paul:  
'Live & Speak Faithfully for the Lord'"  
(2 Timothy 1:6-18)

*Revive Us Again* #574 (v. 1,4)

Announcements Video

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  
*Only King Forever*

Prayer Requests & Praises • Ken Gennicks

Special Music • Naomi Richardson & Ashley Cantrall

Sermon • Ken Gennicks

"The Gospel According to Paul:  
'Live & Speak Faithfully for the Lord'"  
(2 Timothy 1:6-18)

Invitation Song  
*Goodness of God*

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## Sermon Notes

"The Gospel According to Paul:  
'Live & Speak Faithfully for the Lord'"  
(2 Timothy 1:6-18)

### INTRODUCTION

Our 2021 Bible study is *The Gospel According to Paul*, from *Acts 8-28* and Paul's letters: *Romans, 1 & 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 & 2 Thessalonians, 1 & 2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon*, and maybe *Hebrews*. Today's Bible study surfaces how Paul told young Timothy to *Live and Speak Faithfully for the Lord*:

- I. Consider your \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 6-7)
- II. Accept your \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 8a)
- III. Remember your \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 8b-10)
- IV. Realize your \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 11-12a)
- V. Trust \_\_\_\_\_ as your \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 12b)
- VI. Guard \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 13-14)
- VII. Choose your \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 15-18)

### CONCLUSION

*Some believers try to go to Heaven alone, in solitude. But believers are never compared to bears or lions, or to other animals that wander alone. Those who belong to Christ are sheep in this respect, that they love to go together. Sheep go in flocks, and so do God's people* (Charles Spurgeon). Has your spiritual fire cooled, as perhaps Timothy's had (v. 6)? By His strength, let's all *Live and Speak Faithfully for Him!*

## Pre-Teen SHINE Conference at ACC Saturday, March 20th, from 1-4 pm

All **4th-6th graders** are invited to join us for a fun day learning about *Shining Bright for Jesus!* We will meet in the Jr./Sr. High room for worship, lessons, and small group breakouts, and then we will head to the Family Life Center for fun and games! The event is \$10 per kid. Please register on the church website, App, or at the Kid Check desk at church.

## Prayer Requests

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

**At Memorial:** Robert Bollman, Jerry Basso (surgery was Wed.), Vivian Rankin (surgery was Thurs.), Beverly Hall (surgery was Fri.)

**At St. John's:** Krista Austin

**At OH hospital:** Madison Ellsworth (Ron/Beverly's great-granddaughter)

**Tests:** Kathy Becker, Al Betz, Richard Sandidge, Annie Maliongas' brother, Barb Siddons' brother, Mike Austin, Elijah Staab, Debbie Rohlf, Fran Petersen/Bollmans' friend, Leslie Montgomery's brother, Zack Alderman, Rhonda Leinberger, Janet Wells, Frances Weidhuner, Pat Basso (back/17th), Louie Murry, Pam Pooock's friend, Lana Webb (Pat Basso's friend), Jack Vetter, John McDaniel, Gail Farrell's dad/bone cancer, George Staab (knee/MRI), Gwen DeRosa's uncle/cancer, Sandy Magee/back surgery Apr. 7, Alex Clemens (Kevin Fawns' cousin/treatments), Bill Beatty

**At home:** Brian Setzer, Glen/Roberta Clark, Ella Grace Magee, Josh Purcell, Diane McCormick's niece, Tom Novy, Jackie Hines' nephew/sister, Doug Wendler, Elaine Bachman, Scott McNeal, Barb Markley/hospice, Mossman family/ministry, Jan Schoenhard's daughter, Lorrie Sleight's folks, Bill Briest, Betty Dowell

**Touched by death:** Judy/Ken Thomas family (her brother died)

**Transitions:** Imogene Way, Sara Melton's brother, Wyatt Alderman/Michael Ray/Everett Shuck/Wallace Christy (military), Tom Halberstadt (Quincy), Wes Jockisch/hospice, Mike Chrysler/ Bobby Croft/Brandon & Cana Austin (job search), Kristie Stoneking (Lincoln Christian Village), Blake Canterbury (church plant), Jill Cleer/Aperion, Jeff Lopian's sister/assisted living, Don Kimmons (Bridge)

**Wednesday Night Connection:** Wednesday, 5:45 pm

**GriefShare:** Wed., 6:30 pm/Heather Parks/621-1359

**Indoor Archery:** Mondays, 6-8 pm

**Iron Sharpens Iron Conf.:** Sat. Mar. 20

**Easter Weekend:** April 2-4

**VBS:** M-F, June 14-18, 6-8 pm

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

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

We are so excited to be together in person as a church family! We have added many safety measures to ensure our building is clean and sanitary and those worshipping with us have peace of mind:

- 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.



## Celebrate With Us!

### AREA GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE at ACC April 2, 6:00 pm

Join us as we worship and reflect on Jesus' crucifixion. Participants are then free to nail lists of their sins & confessions to the cross and silently take communion before exiting quietly. *(service will be live-streamed/led by area pastors)*

### EGGAPALOOZA PARADE, ACC Parking Lot Saturday, April 3, 2:00-4:00 pm

Families are invited to bring their kids to the ACC parking lot anytime from 2-4 PM. Kids will parade through the decorated trunks and receive eggs to take home at each station! Every child will leave with their own set of Resurrection Eggs, which shares the special Easter story! See Lorna Baker to find out how you can help!

### EASTER SUNDAY, April 4

7, 8, 9 am: Traditional Services

10,11 am: Contemporary Services

*(9 am & 11 am services will be live-streamed)*

10 am: Adult and Children Sunday School Classes

### EASTER BREAKFAST, April 4, 7:30-11:00 am

A free hot Easter breakfast (scrambled eggs, sausage links, biscuits & gravy) is served throughout Easter morning. Please sign up in the foyer or online at [www.athenschristian.net](http://www.athenschristian.net) to help with planning.

### SPECIAL EASTER OFFERING

This year's *Special Easter Offering* on Sunday, April 4, will be used to support two of our church's "Timothies" who are in transition: Blake Canterbury, who will be planting a new church in Monroe, WI, and Bobby Croft, in Peoria, who is between ministries. It is our joy and privilege to support both of these young men and their families after our church has ordained them and sent them out into ministry in years past! You can give using the special envelope from the Lifeline or the foyer, or you can designate your gift accordingly with a check placed in the offering. You can also send a personal note of encouragement: ...Blake & Jenna Canterbury, 820 19th AVE, Monroe, WI 53566 ...Bobby & Stephanie Croft, 2516 W Marian CT, Peoria, IL 61614

### Iron Sharpens Iron

#### Saturday, March 20, Decatur IL

Join men from ACC and around the area for a one-day conference to become spiritually recharged and equipped! Register and pay online at [www.rpmfm.org](http://www.rpmfm.org). Sign up in the lobby to join others to carpool from the church. See the bulletin insert for details about the day. Contact Gary Frank for more information.

## Applying Today's Sermon to Your Life

1. Our 2021 Bible study is *The Gospel According to Paul*, from the life and letters of the Apostle Paul in the New Testament. Paul's story starts in Acts 7:57-58, when, known as Saul, Paul is sponsoring the stoning of the evangelist, Stephen. Everything changed when Paul met Jesus in Acts 9! Have you, personally, met Jesus? If so, what has changed?
2. Read 2 Timothy 1:6-18. This is the Apostle Paul's second letter to young Timothy. How would you describe Paul and Timothy's relationship?
3. Answer the following as True or False:
  - T F I've considered my resources but have nothing to offer the Lord.
  - T F If you do what's right, you won't suffer.
  - T F Long-suffering on behalf of Christ is the mark of a true disciple.
  - T F Paul invited Timothy to join him in suffering for the Gospel.
  - T F God calls everyone to be saved and to live a godly life.
  - T F Thanks to our calling, we don't settle for mediocrity.
  - T F Duty may not be fun, convenient, glamorous or high-paying.
  - T F Our only trust for security in this world is in Jesus alone.
  - T F The Christian's only standard is the Word of God, the Bible.
  - T F Studying the Bible guards us from mistaken teaching and living.
  - T F A friend can persuade you of things that an enemy never could.
  - T F Much of Christian growth comes in the context of a healthy group or it never comes at all.
  - T F Everyone needs a good friend who wants a strong faith muscle.
4. Paul mentored young Timothy to grow strong in the faith. Who mentored you in your faith? Are you mentoring anyone in the faith now? Why, or why not?
5. You may be deserted by some believers or churches (1:15), but other believers or churches may stand beside you, help you, and refresh you (1:16-18). If both these things happened to Paul, what can we learn?
6. Paul counseled Timothy to live in close fellowship with other believers through the church. Why is this necessary to honor Bible teaching? How are you doing so now?
7. Church life was never easy for Paul or Timothy. Was it because their faith was weak? What did Paul and Timothy do anyway? What's the lesson for here?
8. Imagine living today without faith, without knowing Jesus, without knowing how to pray, and without a supportive church family. Now think about your neighbors, your coworkers, your relatives, your classmates, your friends, and people in your circle of acquaintance. Who needs your faith, your Jesus, your prayers, your church family? Will you pray, reach out, and invite this week?
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, March 7

7:30am 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 ADULT & CHILDREN 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)

» Jr. High/High School, led by Tyler Basso (Rm. 113/114)

» 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, March 8

Read Mark 13

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

6:00pm ACC Indoor Archery

### Tuesday, March 9

Read Mark 14

8:00 Retired Men's Bible Study (FLC)

9:30 Free Blood Pressure Checks /FLC

10:00 Young at Heart

7:00 Ladies With a Heart to Pray Zoom chat

### Wednesday, March 10

Read Mark 15

5:00 Help set up for WNC

5:30 Blood pressure checks

5:45 Dinner in the FLC (pulled pork sandwiches, baked beans, pasta salad, & desserts)

6:30-7:30 Classes for all ages

### Thursday, March 11

Read Mark 16

### Friday, March 12

Read Mark 17

*Church office closed*

5:30 Celebrate Recovery (Living Faith Baptist/Sherman)

6:00 Adult Volleyball Open Gym (FLC)

### Saturday, March 13

8:00am Central Illinois Community Blood Drive (FLC)

### Sunday, March 14 (time change Sunday → spring forward)

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

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

10:00-10:45 Sunday School for all ages

4:00 Elders' Meeting

6:00 Church Board Meeting

## ACC Kids' CORNER

Paul recognized true faith in young Timothy, just as he had seen in Timothy's mother Eunice and grandmother Lois.

Find the letters of the word FAITH hidden in each person.



### Adult Volleyball Open Gym

#### Fridays, 6 - 8 pm in the Family Life Center

Adults of all ages and skill levels are welcome to join other volleyball enthusiasts for friendly games of volleyball every Friday evening from 6-8 pm in the church's Family Life Center. Contact Eric or Janelle Link for more information at [linkfamily2004@gmail.com](mailto:linkfamily2004@gmail.com).