

Athens Christian Church

Easter Sunday,
April 4, 2021

"He was buried,
and He was raised,
according to the
Scriptures." 1 Corinthians 15:4



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:
- Elders:

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and keep in touch with
what's happening at
Athens Christian Church!



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7 am, 8am, 9am Traditional Services

- Prelude • Dick Bachman
- Call to Worship
- Christ the Lord is Risen Today #289 (v. 1-4)
- Prayer Requests& Praises • Ken Gennicks
- Special Music
- 7 am • Hank Daubs & Dick Bachman
- 8 am • Larry Barregarye & Erna Weatherby
- 9 am • Jack Harris
- Sermon • Ken Gennicks
- "The Gospel According to Paul:
'The A-B-C's of Easter'"
(I Corinthians 15:1-8)
- He Lives #299 (v. 1, 3)
- Announcements Video
- Communion & Offering Meditation • Shane Baker
- Quietly move to Communion & Offering
tables before exiting the building

10am, 11am Contemporary Services

- Prelude
- Song of Praise
Glorious Day
Rattle!
- Prayer Requests & Praises • Ken Gennicks
- Special Music
- 10 am • Olivia Baker
- 11 am • Jenna & Lindsay Roemer
- Sermon • Ken Gennicks
- "The Gospel According to Paul:
'The A-B-C's of Easter'"
(I Corinthians 15:1-8)
- Invitation Song
Goodness of God
- Announcements Video
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Sermon Notes

"The Gospel According to Paul:
'The A-B-C's of Easter'"
(I Corinthians 15:1-8)

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 on Easter Sunday, from *the resurrection chapter*, surfaces *The A-B-C's of Easter*.

- A: (Isaiah 64:6)
- B: (2 Peter 3:9)
- C: (I Cor. 15:4)
- D. (Isaiah 61:10)
- E. (Luke 24:48)

CONCLUSION

The Risen Lord walks with us through life to affirm our faith and to fulfill the Scriptures today, too! He died on an old, rugged cross, but on the third day He rose again! And today He lives for your company. Do you know Jesus as your Savior and Friend? Do you follow and serve Him as your Lord and Master and King? Now that you know *The A-B-C's of Easter, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.* (I Cor. 15:58).

Tuesday,
April 13
9:30am-noon

9:30 Free Blood Pressure Checks
10:00 Program by Bill Budd and Ann Pictor
"The Beeziest Gardeners"
11:00 Free lunch of barbeque pork, bun, macaroni salad, relish dish and, of course, desserts!
Devotion by Rhonda Brist

Young at Heart



Prayer Requests

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

At Memorial: Morgan Setzer, John Rebbe (Kathryn Monroe's friend), Richard Thomas (Darin Fritz' friend), June Rose, Jill Cleer (Bob/Donna Sandidge's daughter)

St. John's: Dean Paul Schuecking (Nick/Amy's newborn/PICU)

At Chicago hospital: Brendan Bachman's relative/burns

At OH hospital: Ron/Beverly Ellsworth great-granddaughter

At Iowa hospital: Ted Johnson (Bakers' friend)

Tests: Kathy Becker, Barb Siddons' brother, Elijah Staab, Debbie Rohlf, Fran Petersen/Bollmans' friend, Leslie Montgomery's brother, Rhonda Leinberger, Louie Murry, Lana Webb, Gail Farrell's dad, George Staab, Gwen DeRosa's uncle, Sandy Magee/back/April 7, Alex Clemens/treatments, Bill Beatty, Chuck VanHuss, Connie Jenkins (Pam Pooock's friend), Angie Selby, Ron Rose, Elaine Bachman, Jerry Purcell, Jack VanDyke (Diane McCormick's bro-in-law/heart surgery/IN)

At home: Terry Wunderle, Brian Setzer, Glen/Roberta Clark, Ella Grace Magee, Josh Purcell, Doug Wendler, Barb Markley/hospice, Lorrie Sleight's folks, Bill Brist, Jerry Basso, Vivian Rankin, Robert Bollman, Don Kimmons, Pat Basso, Terry Henrikson, Beverly Hall, Kristie Stoneking (Judy Bryant's daughter), Janet Wells, Krista Austin, Bradley Sandidge (Bob/Donna's son)

Touched by death: Doris Thrush family (Jyl Waller's mom)

Transitions: Imogene Way, Sara Melton's brother, Wyatt Alderman/Michael Ray/Everett Shuck/Wallace Christy (military), Tom Halberstadt (Quincy), Wes Jockisch/hospice, Mike Chrysler, Blake Canterbury/church plant, Brandon/Cana Austin/opening coffee shop, Bobby Croft/new job 19th/Samaritan Ministries

Mother/Child Brunch: Sat., May 1, 9:30-11:30 am

Parent-Child Dedication Sunday: May 9, 9 am/11 am

Graduate Recognition Sunday: May 23, 9 am/11 am

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

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

Financial Peace University: Sept. 8/led by Shane Baker

Kyle Gennicks: missionchurchmontgomery.org

Capital Stewardship Campaign: Run The Race (2020-2022)

Our missionaries/military/families/terrorism/economy
Each other/unspoken needs

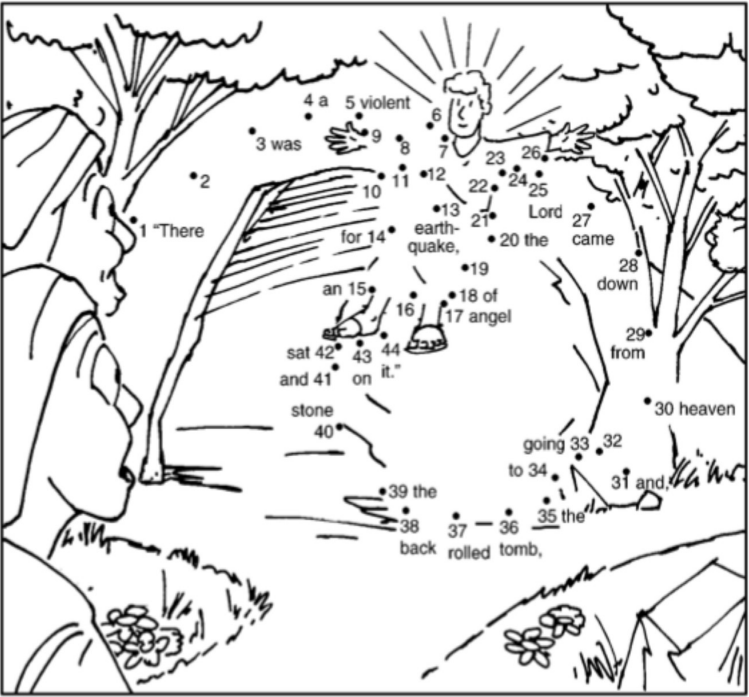
Thank you for worshipping with us today !
We are so excited to be together in person as a church family! We have added many safety measures to ensure our building is clean and sanitary and those worshipping with us have peace of mind:

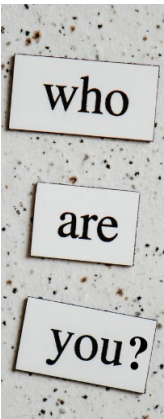
- The building will be thoroughly cleaned between each service by our cleaning team
- Volunteers and staff will open doors for you
- We are asking families to sit with their family group and leave space between other family groups when seated
- All helpful doors have been propped open or opened by our 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.

ACC Kids' CORNER

After the Sabbath, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. What happened next?

Connect the dots and read along the way.





WHO ARE YOU IN CHRIST?:

Thursday evenings, 6-7:30 pm

April 1-May 6

Follow a step study process on the beatitudes to help discover your true identity in Christ. Together we will allow Christ to heal our wounds, to restructure our belief system about who we really are, and provide us freedom from the habits that are hurting us and those we love. There will be one group for men and a group for women:

Men’s Group: Room 203 — Gary Frank

Ladies’ Group: Rooms 105 & 106 — Lorna Baker

Please sign up in the foyer, on the church App, or at www.athenschristian.net to help with

Evangelism Class

led by Carl Parks & Randy Miller

Thursdays, 6:30-7:30 pm, through May 20

This new Evangelism Class meets each Thursday night through May 20 in Room 223 at 6:30 pm. The class is designed to help you better explain the Gospel to others. Contact Carl Parks (carlparksy@aol.com) or Randy Miller (rmiller5_0@yahoo.com) for information to join through Zoom.

Jr./Sr. High Youth Group

Rooted

will continue to meet
Wednesdays from 6-8 pm.
March 31 | April 7 | April 14 | April 21

Light Up the Night!

Jr. High Fun Night

Friday, April 16

6:00-10:00 pm

All 7th & 8th graders are invited to join us at Athens Christian Church for food, fun, and fellowship!

Come and invite a friend!

Cost is \$10 per kid
Register and pay at
<https://athenschristian.net/ministries/youth>
See Youth Minister, Tyler Basso, for more details

Applying Today’s Sermon to Your Life

- 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?
- 1 Corinthians 15 is known as Paul’s great *resurrection chapter!* Celebrate Easter by reading all 58 verses of this wonderful resurrection chapter, then you will discover the full meaning of this chapter’s final verse! Read verse 58 before your Easter meal today. Commit this verse to memory and let’s all obey it together!
- Answer the following as True or False:

T F Good people don’t have to worry about being forgiven.

T F The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing.

T F The Living Jesus has changed the hearts and minds of millions.

T F The resurrected Jesus appeared to hundreds as eyewitnesses.

T F His resurrection power can free me from my sin, my shame, my addictions, my past, and all that would enchain me.

T F God is calling everyone to be saved and to serve Him.

T F Some people are just too far gone to be forgiven.

T F God is not willing that any should perish.

T F Even good people are separated from God by their own sin.

T F If you’re saved and you know it, then your life will surely show it.

T F I often share my faith in Christ with others.

T F I know how to explain the Gospel in my own words.

T F Love so amazing, so divine, demands my life, my soul, my all.
- Which Easter has been your favorite so far? Why?
- Why did the Apostle Paul stress Christ’s resurrection appearances in I Corinthians 15:5-8? Why is this still important?
- Paul had started the church in the city of Corinth and he later wrote them two letters, I and 2 Corinthians, in our New Testament. Find time this week to read both letters. What was this church like? How did Paul address their troubles?
- The church Paul planted in Corinth had some problems. What might this tell us? How many perfect churches exist? What would happen if you found a perfect church? If you joined the perfect church, wouldn’t that mess it up for them?
- 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?
- 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, Easter Sunday, April 4

7, 8, 9am Traditional Services/10, 11am Contemporary Services

Family Worship Area available for families in Youth Room (Room 112/113)

7:30-11 am Free hot Easter breakfast served in FLC

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, April 5

Read Luke 22

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

6:00pm VBS Planning Meeting

Tuesday, April 6 (Election Day)

Read Luke 23

8:00 Retired Men’s Bible Study (FLC)

Wednesday, April 7

Read Luke 24

6:00 Jr./Sr. High Youth Group

6:30 GriefShare

6:30 Elders/Finance Committee Meeting

Thursday, April 8

Read John 1

6:00 Faith & Fitness (FLC)

6:00 Who Are You/ Bible Study (Rms. 105, 203)

6:30 Evangelism Study (Rm. 223)

Friday, April 9

Read John 2

Church office closed

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

6:00 Adult Volleyball (FLC)

Saturday, April 10

Sunday, April 11

Representative from Little Galilee Christian Camp speaking briefly in all services

8, 9 am Traditional Worship Service

10, 11 am Contemporary Worship Service (*9 & 11 am services will be live-streamed*)

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

4:00 Elders’ Meeting

6:00 ACC Board Meeting