

Athens Christian Church

June 27, 2021

**Rejoice in the Lord
always. I will say
it again: Rejoice!
Philippians 4:4**

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:

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Athens Christian Church!



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8am, 9am Traditional Services

Prelude • Dick Bachman

Call to Worship

How Great Thou Art #2 (v. 1-4)

Prayer Requests & Praises • Ken Gennicks

Special Music • Naomi Richardson & Ashley Cantrall

Sermon • Ken Gennicks

"The Gospel According to Paul:
'Seven Steps to Spiritual Stability'"
(Philippians 4:2-9)

The Solid Rock #92 (v. 1, 4)

Announcements Video

Communion & Offering Meditation • Ken Gennicks

Quietly move to Communion & Offering
tables before exiting.

10am Contemporary Service

Prelude

Song of Praise
Great Things

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Invitation Song
God, You're So good

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Sermon Notes

"THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO PAUL:

'Seven Steps to Spiritual Stability'"
(Philippians 4:2-9)

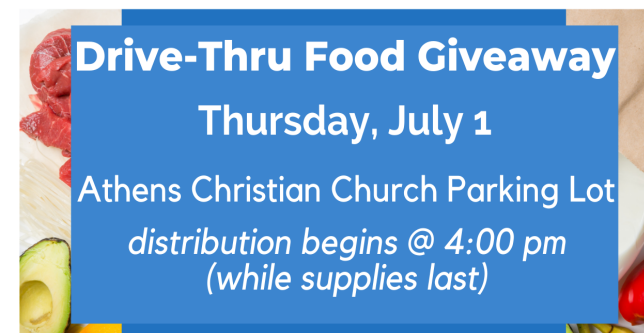
INTRODUCTION

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 shows us how to stand firm and not stumble in our Christian walk. God's Word reveals that spiritual, emotional and relational stability develop as I live by certain disciplines:

- I. Cultivate _____ through _____ (4:2-3)
- II. Maintain a spirit of _____ (4:4)
- III. Learn to accept _____
_____ (4:5a)
- IV. Rest on a _____ in the
Lord (4:5b-6a)
- V. React to problems with _____
_____ (4:6b-7)
- VI. Focus on _____ (4:8)
- VII. _____ God's standard (4:9)

CONCLUSION

Practicing these spiritual disciplines brings strength, peace, contentment and joy in every situation in life! *Why so downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God* (Psalm 42:5)!



Prayer Requests

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

At Memorial: Jack Kelly (Barb Snow's bro-in-law), Beverly Koller (Jack's mother/ICU/Reichlings' friends)

At St. John's: Miah Haggard (Jeremiah/Melissa's baby), Howard Hurt (cardiac ICU/Farrells' relative)

Tests: Gail Farrell's dad, Tara Weidhuner/Tami Olson, Alex Clemens, Jack Brackney/radiation, Donna Brown (surgery was 22nd), Elaine Bachman, Gary/Peg Biggs' grandson, Mary Buttry's brother, Jason Ratliff, Mark/Kathy Becker, Madison Austin (Aug. 25/St. Louis), Levi Vogt (Hills' friend), Ryann Farrell (biopsy)

At home: George/Elijah Staab, Terry Wunderle, Brian Setzer, Glen/Roberta Clark, Ella Grace Magee/Lori Thompson/Kathy McGary, Josh Purcell, Jerry Basso, Vivian Rankin, Robert Bollman, Don Kimmons, Beverly Hall, Rhonda Leinberger, Jack/Krissy Taff (daughter's death), Kirsten/Don Koller/Karen Reagon/Pat Buckley, Mary Magee, Nancy Galligan, Nancy Nale's mom (after surgery)

Touched by death: Logan Fornoff family, David Huston's family (grandpa passed away), Amanda Stark family (Cassie Sokolis' friend)

Transitions: Imogene Way, Sara Melton's brother, Collin Lopian/Wyatt Alderman/Michael Ray/Everett Shuck/Wallace Christy (military), Tom Halberstadt/Quincy, Cindy/Stacy Popejoy, Dick Briggs (St. Clara's Rehab/Lincoln), Mike/Shandi Chrysler (to South Dakota), Bob Clemens (Betty Ethell's brother/LMCV/failing health), Violet Bingham (Ron/Bev Ellsworth's relative/Greenville hospice)

Tyler Basso: Dominican Republic till July 6

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

GriefShare: Sept. 8/led by Heather Parks/217-621-1359

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

Wednesday Night Connection: Sept. 8-Nov. 17

Mission of the Month: Inner City Mission

Blake Canterbury: [facebook.com/monroechurchplant](https://www.facebook.com/monroechurchplant)

Kyle Gennicks: [missionchurchmontgomery.org](https://www.missionchurchmontgomery.org)

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

Our missionaries/military/families/terrorism/economy

Each other/unspoken needs

Please be sure to sign the greeting cards
in the foyer for folks who are in our prayers!

New 1 Hour Worship Service Times begin August 1st!

8:00 am Traditional Hymns Sermon Communion Offering Nursery: birth- 3 years	9:15 am Contemporary Praise Music Sermon Communion Offering Bible Study for all ages! 4 Adult Bible Studies 2 Nurseries (birth-3 yrs) 3 Kids' Bible Studies (4 yrs-6th grade) Jr/Sr High Bible Study	10:30 am Contemporary Praise Music Sermon Communion Offering Nursery: birth- 3 years
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Special Informational Meeting About ACC's New Discipleship Plan This Tuesday Evening, June 29 • 6:30 pm

Our ministry team has been working hard the past several months to develop a new **Discipleship Plan** which will help us be more effective in reaching people for Christ. This new plan will be presented at a special informational meeting on Tuesday evening, June 29, at 6:30 pm in the Worship Center. Please attend and find out how you can be a part of what God is doing at ACC!

If you are unable to attend in person, the presentation will be live-streamed and recorded. You will be able to find it on the ACC app and website.

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. No one wants to be crushed under the weight of life's trials. In today's Bible study, Paul surfaces seven disciplines that bring spiritual, emotional and relational stability. Read Philippians 4:2-9 each day this week, asking God to speak to you through His Word. Commit these eight verses to memory this week and review them regularly.
- Which of today's eight verses is most relevant to you at the moment? Why?
- Answer the following as True or False:
 - T F God expects each of us to cultivate harmony through love.
 - T F Faith in Christ prompts us to live with joy in spite of troubles.
 - T F Noah told God's people the joy of the Lord is our strength.
 - T F Believers should demand their rights and privileges.
 - T F Learning to accept less than I am due is demeaning.
 - T F The first thing I do when problems come is pray.
 - T F I am careful about what I put into my mind.
 - T F I watch a lot of stuff that is not helpful for my mind.
 - T F I am committed to daily Bible reading to feed my faith.
 - T F I find reasons to be thankful everyday.
 - T F The Lord is sufficient for my inner turmoil.
- Philippians 4:8 tells us what to think, what to fill our minds with, and which attitudes to choose each day. List several specific guidelines for our thought-lives from this verse:
 - A. _____ E. _____
 - B. _____ F. _____
 - C. _____ G. _____
 - D. _____ H. _____

How important is obeying this verse for the Christian? Why?
- Philippians 4:2-3 mentions two women by name who were not getting along with each other in the church there. How might they have felt to be called out by Paul? Why does the Bible tell us to *be of the same mind with one another* (Rom. 12:16)?
- How does Romans 12:2 relate to Philippians 4:8?
- What do Colossians 3:1-2 and Romans 8:6 tell us about our mindset and focus?
- 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 ask Jesus to make His appeal to them through you?
- I will put today's Bible study into action now by:

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. —»«—
 9 am & 11 am services will be live-streamed. Access services at www.athenschristian.net/on-line-worship (SUNDAY MORNING) or on the new ACC app! Services are also available on YouTube. —»«—
 An audio recording of today's sermon will be downloaded to athenschristian.net/on-line-worship (MEDIA). You can listen to today's message and past sermons.

TODAY, Sunday, June 27

7:30am Prayer with the Pastors/Everyone is welcome
 *8, 9am Traditional Services
 *10, 11am Contemporary Service
 *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)
 4:00 Elders' Meeting

Monday, June 28 Read Romans 9
 6:00am Men's Group/Rm. 105 All men should join us!

Tuesday, June 29 Read Romans 10
 8:00 Men's Bible Study (FLC)
 9:30 Moms Connect at Athens Community Park
 6:30 Informational Meeting/Discipleship Plan for entire congregation

Wednesday, June 30 Read Romans 11
 6:30 Ladies' Summer Bible Study

Thursday, July 1 Read Romans 12
 6:00 Who Am I? Step Study
 4:00 CIFB Food Distribution (ACC parking lot)

Friday, July 2 Read Romans 13
Church office closed
 5:30 Celebrate Recovery (Living Faith Baptist/Sherman)

Sat. July 3: Family Camp/Little Galilee (Shane & Lorna)

Sunday, July 4, Red, White & Blue Sunday
 7:30am Prayer with the Pastors
 8, 9 am Traditional Worship Service
 10, 11 am Contemporary Worship Service
 10:00-10:45 Sunday School for all ages



Sunday, July 25, 4-7 pm

4-5:30 PM: Archery, fishing games, gaga ball 9 square, family games, wagon rides, playground ...all outside!

5:30 PM: Meal for everyone: pulled pork, baked beans pasta salad and desserts

6:15 PM: All-Church Celebration Service in the Worship Center: hymns, praise songs, testimonies by Angie Fritz and Richard Withers, prayer circle, and celebration banner.



Greetings From the Elder Team,

Over the past months we have seen some new faces and experienced growth in our congregation. We are all pleased and excited to see this occurring. This growth also highlights a need for ACC to employ a full-time Youth Minister. Junior high and high school is a critical time for our children. They will be encountering many new experiences and new influences. It is important for them to learn about God and mature in their faith to create a solid foundation to launch into their lives following high school. Proverbs 22:6, *"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."* These students are the future of the church.

We know how important this is, but we also need to be pragmatic. Our current finances do not support another full-time minister. To cover the salary of a full-time Youth Minister, we estimate the cost to be an additional \$600 per week. We have done some number crunching; and based on the number of "givers" at ACC, the increase per "giving unit" would be about \$3.50 per week.

To that end, we are asking the congregation to affirm our decision to hire a full-time Youth Minister by reflecting it in your giving. We will monitor the totals of giving for the next two months. If the additional dollars show up, it will be an indication to ACC's leadership to pursue the search for a full-time Youth Minister.

Thank you from the Elders,
 Curt Reichling
 Jeremy McDaniel
 Doug Wendler

ACC Kids' CORNER

The apostle Paul gave valuable instructions to the Christians about how they should live.

Use the musical note key to decode one of his instructions.

