

Athens Christian Church

August 1, 2021

8:00, 9:15, 10:30 am
9:15 Sunday School

Do not be anxious
about anything,
but in every situation,
by prayer and petition,
with thanksgiving,
present your requests
to God.



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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what's happening at
Athens Christian Church!



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8am Traditional Services

Prelude • Dick Bachman

Call to Worship • Psalm 65:1-4

When We All Get to Heaven #123 (v. 1-4)

Great Is Thy Faithfulness #98 (v. 1-3)

Prayer Requests & Praises • Ken Gennicks

O That Wil Be glory For Me #132 (v. 1-3)

Special Music • Ashley Cantrall

Sermon • Shane Baker
The Gospel According to Paul:
Difficult, Simple Instructions
(Philippians 4:4-7)

There's Room at the Cross • Invitation Hymn #645 (v. 1, 3)

Announcements Video

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
Communion & Offering Hymn #258 (v. 1, 4)

Communion & Offering Meditation • Shane Baker

Quietly move to Communion & Offering
tables before exiting.

9:15am, 10:30am Contemporary Service

Prelude

Welcome, Prayer Requests & Praises • Ken Gennicks

Glorious Day
See a Victory
Christ Be Magnified

Special Music • Ashley Cantrall

Sermon • Shane Baker
The Gospel According to Paul:
Difficult, Simple Instructions
(Philippians 4:4-7)

Invitation Song • *What a Beautiful Name*

Announcements Video

Communion & Offering Meditation • Shane Baker

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Lorna Baker, Children's Minister
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Tyler Basso, Youth Minister
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Sermon Notes

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO PAUL:

Difficult, Simple Instructions

(Philippians 4:4-7)

Introduction

The theme of our Bible study is The Gospel According to Paul. Throughout 2021, we've studied passages about Paul and passages he wrote from Acts 8 through Hebrews. This morning, we find ourselves in the book of Philippians, chapter 4, and we find Paul sharing some final thoughts with the church in Philippi.

1. _____ (vs. 4-5)

2. _____ (vs. 6)

3. _____ (vs. 6)

4. _____ (vs. 7)

Conclusion

Sometimes the simple things to do can be the most difficult things to do. But Paul knew a thing or two about difficulties. So we can trust his words when he suggests that prayer will bring us a peace that passes all understanding. Let's strive to live out these Difficult, Simple Instructions and trust that God will give us this peace!

Applying Today's Sermon to Your Life

1. Reread Philippians 4, verses 4-7. How easy do you find it to live out the Difficult, Simple Instructions? What makes it difficult for you to live out this passage?
2. Verse 4 says to rejoice always. Joy doesn't necessarily mean to be happy. How do you stay joyful even in difficult situations?
3. If we say we trust in Jesus, why do we still become anxious about things? What are you anxious about right now?
4. How is your prayer life? Are you taking everything to the Lord in prayer? Or is prayer an after thought? What improvements do you need to make in your prayer life?
5. What are some times in your life you have experienced peace that passes all understanding? Thank God for those times now!

Prayer Requests

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

At Memorial: Beverly Hall

At St. John's: Miah Haggard (Jeremiah/Melissa's baby)

At Florida hospital: Ron Burris (stroke)

Tests: Gail Farrell's dad, Tara Weidhuner/Tami Olson, Alex Clemens, Jack Brackney, Mark/Kathy Becker, Madison Austin (surgery 25th/St. Louis), Ryann Farrell/cancer surgery, Elaine Bachman, Larry Fonner (Virginia's husband), Mike Austin (failing health), Howard Hurt (Farrell's relative), Katie Earl (Jackie Hines' friend), Andy Basso, Jean Wilson (Keith's mother), Scott McNeal, Jackie Kelley (Barb Snow's sister/chemo), Marsha Miller (knee replacement 24th/Memorial), Pam Albrecht (17 days radiation), Jim Guthrie (oncologist), Ed Blasius (Michelle Lucas' dad/heart), Bonnie Megehe's friend, Bev Nolting (hip surgery), Jason Upton (hip surgery)

At home: Elijah Staab, Terry Wunderle, Brian Setzer, Glen/Roberta Clark, Ella Grace Magee, Josh Purcell, Jerry Basso, Vivian Rankin, Robert Bollman, Rhonda Leinberger, Jack/Krissy Taff (daughter's death), Nancy Nale's mom, Wanda Davis, Mary Buttry's brother/bro-in-law, Gene Kennett's sister/husband, Linda Sczurko/broken ankle, Esther Fricke (Rhonda Davis' mom/Sunny Acres), Jack Moss (Debbie Richardson's dad/fell/Country Lane), Curt Reichling's dad (Aurora/failing health)

Touched by death: Joyce Grant family (Amy Sims'/Linda Sczurko's relative)

Transitions: Imogene Way, Sara Melton's brother, Collin Lopian/Wyatt Alderman/Michael Ray/Everett Shuck/Wallace Christy (military), Tom Halberstadt, Dick Briggs (St. Clara's), Mike/Shandi Chrysler (South Dakota), Bob Clemens (LMCV), Ron/Bev Ellsworth's relative/hospice, Jack Kelley (Barb Snow's bro-in-law/Heritage), Brandon/Jen Cullen (to St. Louis area), Joel/Jennifer Meints (to Lincoln), Frank Platt (Sunny Acres), Roy Graves (Kathryn Monroe's relative/hospice), John/Jen Weitekamp (Florida), Clarence Brown (Diane McCormick's brother-in-law/hospice), Margarite Williamson (Amy Bolton's grandma/Lincoln Christian Village), Jerry Laffey (Vonda Laffey's father-in-law/Nebraska nursing home)

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: Refuge Ranch

Blake Canterbury: facebook.com/monroechurchplant

Kyle Gennicks: missionchurchmontgomery.org

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

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



Find Your Ministry!
Learn About ACC’s New
Discipleship Plan

The ACC Ministry Team shared a new *Discipleship Plan* to be implemented here at ACC at a meeting held on June 29th in the Worship Center. The meeting was for all those who attend ACC. For those who were not able to attend the meeting, you can still watch it online at <https://athenschristian.net/ministries/discipleship-plan> or on the ACC app.

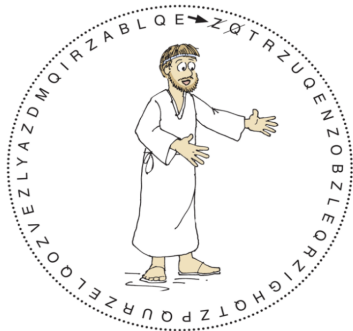
Please check the church library for information about ways you can get involved with this new plan. Sign up sheets are available there for any ministries you would like more information about. Everyone is needed and welcome to serve.

2021 Athens Christian Church By-Laws

The elders and ministers have been working with Logicboard to revise the Athens Christian Church By-Laws. Copies of the revised By-Laws can be found on a table in the foyer for those who would like to review them. A special congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, August 15th, at 2:00 pm in the Worship Center for members to be able to confirm them. A ballot will be made available for those who are unable to attend the meeting.

acc Kids' CORNER
Finally, brothers and sisters, ...

Start at the arrow and go clockwise. Cross out the letters Q and Z.
Write the remaining letters in order on the blanks below.



... whatever is t _____, whatever is
_____ _____, whatever is
_____ _____, whatever is _____,
whatever is _____ _____, whatever is
_____ _____
if anything is excellent or praiseworthy —
think about such things.

Lorna Baker
Ordination Service

this evening at 6:00 pm in the
Athens Christian Church
Worship Center

*Celebrate with Lorna and her family at a cookie
fellowship following the service.*

Zach Dixon
Recital & Refreshments
Sunday, August 8, 2:00 pm
Athens Christian Church

Zach graduated from Porta High School in May 2021 and has been a very active part of our Music Ministry Team here at ACC. Everyone is invited to celebrate with Zach and his family at a recital given by Zach from 2-3 pm in the ACC Worship Center on Sunday, August 8th. He will be playing songs on the piano, keyboard, guitar, bass & more. Refreshments will be served in the Family Life Center following the recital.

IMMEDIATE NEEDS FOR VOLUNTEERS:

...The 8:00 and 10:30 nurseries for birth through 3 years are in need of several more volunteers. Contact Lorna Baker for information or to volunteer.

...Wednesday Night Connection begins September 8th. We enjoy sharing a meal together, but it takes many hands to make it happen. We are still in need of many more volunteers to help with meals. If you or your group are able to help, please call Darin Fritz. (217-971-5324). He can answer any questions and give you any information you need.

...We are in need of a volunteer to coordinate our weekly Take-Out Communion on Sundays for those who are not able to attend church.

FUSE
After School Program
at Athens Christian Church

registration is open for students Kindergarten-6th gr.

Contact **Morgan Wells** for more information
Morgan@athenschristian.net or 217-636-8463

WEDNESDAY
Night Connection!

SEPTEMBER 8TH-NOVEMBER 17TH

Supper: 5:45-6:15 pm/Classes for all ages: 6:30-7:30 pm

ADULT CLASSES BEING OFFERED:

Salvation Bible Study, led by Randy Miller/Carl Parks
A class focused on a clearer understanding of the message of eternal salvation and improving our ability to effectively explain the Gospel message to others.

Women's Study, “Get Out of Your Head,” by Jennie Allen, led by Sharon Wendler
Get Out of Your Head is a Biblical guide to discovering how to submit our minds to Christ, because how we think shapes how we live!

Men's Study, led by Gary Frank
A Bible study designed to create a community for men who desire to be the man God put them in the world to be.

Young Adult Study, led by Ernie Harris
A Gospel study of God’s redemption of mankind through Jesus Christ; what we are being saved from and how God did it.

“Winning the War in Your Mind” - a study by author, Craig Groeschel, led by Curt & Susan Reichling
Let God's truth become your battle plan to win the war in your mind! In *Winning the War in Your Mind*, Groeschel offers practical advice and biblical insight to free you from self-doubt and negative thinking.

Financial Peace University, led by Shane Baker
Learn God’s way of handling money with Dave Ramsey’s *Financial Peace University*. The first class on September 8th will be an orientation class. The direct link to register for the ACC class is www.fpu.com/1136425.

GriefShare (www.griefshare.org) , led by Heather Parks
GriefShare is a 13-week, Christ-centered, biblically based support group seminar for people who have lost a spouse, child, family member, or friend through death.

YOUTH CLASSES INCLUDE:

Jr./Sr. High Youth Group, led by Tyler Basso (until 8 pm)
Small and large group study and games

Pre-K - Kindergarten; 1st - 3rd grade; 4th - 6th grade
All groups will be learning about the “Fruits of the Spirit.”

Nursery for birth through 3 years

Today & This Week

All services below are available to watch live in the foyer, kids’ wing check-in area, and nursing mothers’ room.

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8 am & 10:30 am services will be live-streamed. Access services at [www.athenschristian.net/on-line worship](http://www.athenschristian.net/on-line-worship) (SUNDAY MORNING) , Facebook, or on the 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, August 1, 2021

7:30 am Prayer with the Pastors/Everyone is welcome
8, 9:15, 10:30 am *Refuge Ranch update during services*
8:00 am Traditional Worship Service (nursery for birth-3 years)
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. 203)
- » Kingdom Seekers, led by Gary Frank (*moving to Youth Room/Rm. 113*)
- » Christian Living, led by Harry Schirding & Doug Wendler - Andy Stanley study, “*Better Decisions, Fewer Regrets*” (Rm. 223)
- » *That the World May Know*, led by Anthony Bolton (Rm. 220/221)
- » Jr. High/High School, led by Tyler Basso (Rm. 112)
- » 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 Service (nursery for birth-3 yrs.)
6:00 pm Lorna Baker Ordination Service & Fellowship

Monday, August 2

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

Read 2 Corinthians 2

Tuesday, August 3

8:00 Men’s Bible Study (FLC)

Read 2 Corinthians 3

Wednesday, August 4

6:30 Ladies’ Summer Bible Study

Read 2 Corinthians 4

Thursday, August 5

6:00 Who Am I? Step Study

Read 2 Corinthians 5

Friday, August 6

Church office closed

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

Read 2 Corinthians 6

Saturday, August 7

2:00 All-church baby shower for Betty Haynes (FLC)

Sunday, August 8

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
2:00 Zach Dixon Recital and fellowship
4:00 Elders’ Meeting
6:00 ACC Board Meeting