MAY 2021

the lifeline

ATHENS CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Graduate Recognition

Sunday, May 23rd during the 9am and 11am services, we will recognize graduates from 8th grade, high school, college, trade schools, and training programs. We need a baby picture and a current picture of each graduate! Register your graduate and submit pictures by May 10 to www.athenschristian.net or the ACC App. Please contact Tyler Basso at tyler@athenschristian.net with any questions.

Parent/Child Dedication

Sunday, May 9th during the 9am and 11am services, we invite parents to dedicate themselves to raise their child in a Godly way. Parents can attend a class on Sunday, May 2nd at 10am for more information and tips on how to partner with the church on raising your child in a biblical way. Sign up to participate at www.athenschristian.net or the ACC App.

VBS DATES TO KNOW:

Registration is open on-line.
Please visit the Display Board in the lobby if you would like to purchase supplies needed for VBS.

Tuesday, May 4th- 6-8:00pm Work Night

Sunday, May 16th- Noon to 4:00pm (Lunch Provided)

Tuesday, May 18th- 6-8:00pm Work Night

Friday, June 4th- 6-8:00pm Work Night

Tuesday, June 8th- 6-8:00pm Work Night

Saturday, June 12th- 1-4pm

FROM THE PREACHER'S HEART

Ken Gennicks, Senior Minister
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Although many of our people have yet to return to church in-person, church attendance continues to increase this Spring! Thank You, Lord! Churches generally enjoy higher attendances on the Sundays of March, April and May (through Mother's Day), and it's great to be together! Many are worshiping online, and for that, we are thankful! People need the Lord. And people need people. Will you let Jesus make His appeal through you? Pick five (or more) people now to pray for, serve, and invite!

If you would like Communion, prayer, our Sunday bulletin, and a brief visit on Sundays from one of our ACC folks, please contact our office and we'll try to resume visits as soon as we can.

Whenever I count my blessings, my mind always goes back to Lincoln Christian University, in near by Lincoln, Illinois. My immediate family spent a combined total of 14 years at Lincoln Christian University studying on the campus, being discipled in our faith, and preparing to serve Christ. Dozens of our church members and friends have trained there through the years. The only "Christian Church" Bible College and Seminary in the state of Illinois is Lincoln Christian University. Athens Christian Church enjoys numerous ministry advantages by being so close to LCU through their annual fellowship and training opportunities. LCU is always available to our area churches as needed. Our church family is continually blessed by the salt and light provided by Lincoln Christian University! Sarah and I try to give back by supporting the school financially and I serve on their Alumni Council. Learn all about it at LincolnChristian.edu.

We continue with four 30-minute worship services every Sunday: traditional at 8am and 9am, contemporary at 10am and 11am. Our large Youth Room serves as an overflow room with services on a big screen. Worship is online at 9am and 11am. Sunday school classes and Bible studies for all ages are from 10:00-10:45am! We may eventually host three Sunday services at 8:00, 9:15 and 10:30am, rather than our current four services. Get a free, updated pictorial directory to help you Worship, Connect and Serve even better! Our leaders are working to implement Logic Board (logicboard.org).

Run The Race (Hebrews 12:1-3) is our current giving effort reducing our debt in 2020-2022 with (1) prayer, (2) new commitments, (3) continued or increased commitments, (4) 100 people giving $5 weekly, or (5) a building payment. It's all for Jesus!

Our Sunday morning Bible study theme is The Gospel According to Paul, from Acts 8-28 and Paul's New Testament letters! Our ACC App will keep you fully up-to-date! With Bible in hand and a friend at your side, let's Worship, Connect and Serve every Sunday! Nothing can stop the Gospel! Pick five (or more) now! Thank you!

ACC to Participate in Athens Glory Days

Saturday, May 15, the Athens Community will host a parade and family fun day. Our church is planning to be a part of the parade at 10am and the Community Carnival from 11am to 1pm. For the parade, we will have a Vacation Bible School float and an ACC Outdoor float with targets and bows. If you would like to walk in the parade with us, please be at Athens High School at 9:30am. If you would like to donate candy for the parade, please leave a donation in the tub by the kid's check-in desk. For the Community Carnival, the ACC Outdoor Ministry will let everyone have a try at shooting a bow at a target and the ACC Kids Club/FUSE After School Program area will host a booth with kids games and popsicles! See Shane or Lorna to sign up to help with the Community Carnival. If you would like to purchase an ACC shirt or hat to wear, please visit **https://justicegraphics.net/collections/athens-christian-church** for options and to place your order.

FAMILY MATTERS

Shane Baker, Associate Minister
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DO YOU WATCH OUR LIVESTREAM?

We wish we could all be together to worship, but we know it is not always possible. Fortunately, we are able to send out our worship services live through our ACC App and on YouTube. Unfortunately, without your help, we don't know who is watching our livestream. So, we've created a Livestream Check-in. Help us out by checking in each week. You can find it in the description on YouTube or under the Livestream tab on the App. Thanks for checking in!

PARENT/CHILD DEDICATION SERVICE

At Athens Christian Church, we want to give parents an opportunity to dedicate their child(ren) to the Lord and to commit themselves to raise their child(ren) to know and love the Lord.

This year, as we celebrate Mother's Day on May 9, we are inviting parents and their child(ren) to be a part of our Parent/Child Dedication Service. During the service, the parents and child(ren) will come to the front of the Worship Center and repeat a commitment of dedication for themselves and their child(ren).

If you would like to be involved, please register at www.athenschristian.net/ministries/family-life or in our ACC App. We look forward to celebrating with you. We would like for you to send a current picture of your child(ren) you wish to dedicate and a family picture (BY MAY 1). You may submit your photos, via email, to shane@athenschristian.net.

NEW THIS YEAR

Shane and Lorna Baker will be offering a class on May 2nd at 10:00am during the Sunday School Hour for information about Parent/Child Dedication.

We will answer questions like:

- Why Parent Child Dedication?
- Will my child be baptized?
- What will I have to do or say?
- Do I receive anything?
- How can I pray for my kids?
- What do I do as a parent to raise my kids in a Christian home?

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

Lorna Baker, Children's Minister
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EGGAPALOOZA PARADE was an amazing day and we were able to send home 200 Resurrection Egg sets to share the message of Jesus with families! Thank you to all of the volunteers who donated supplies and candy, helped fill eggs, and/or hosted a trunk. Your prayers and help were so appreciated!

MOTHER CHILD BRUNCH

Mothers of all ages and their children are invited to join us for a special brunch and program on **Saturday, May 1st** from **9:30-11:30am** in the Family Life Center! The menu will include; company french toast, egg casserole, fruit, and a cookie. Please email a photo of your family with mom and/or grandma to lorna@athenschristian.net or add the photo when you sign up for brunch on the church website or App.

Lava Lava Luau Vacation Bible School

Registration is officially open and we are making plans to serve 140 kids during VBS this summer! We will need lots of helpers to make this a fun and safe program! You can sign up to help on the church website, App, or in the lobby! Helpers are needed in all areas, so see the lobby for a full list of areas to help in!

Lava Lava Luau is for kids **4 years old through entering 6th grade in the fall.** We have songs, skits, snacks, crafts, games, and stories each night! Save the following dates for our entire VBS week!

If you have used wire hangers or old Hawaiian shirts you can donate for VBS, please put them under or near the donation table in the lobby.

A MAN AFTER GOD'S HEART

Gary Frank, Associate Minister
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What does the Bible say about "Bible study"? Let's take a look...

Colossians 3:16
Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

2 Timothy 3:16-17
All scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

We are built by God. We are designed to be in fellowship with our Creator. Through this fellowship, He communicates with us and guides us through life. This fellowship is simply not complete without Bible study. Athens Christian Church offers several Bible studies throughout the week.

Monday Morning Men's Study - Led by Gary Frank. This study starts at 6am in Room 105. We focus on letting God's word remove the barriers that inhibit us from being the men God put us in the world to be. We are currently studying three men of the Bible - Moses, David, & Jesus.

Tuesday Morning Men's Study: "CLEAN" - Led by Gary Frank. This study starts at 8am in the Family Life Center. This is a general verse by verse Bible study focused on increasing Biblical knowledge of all participants. We are currently working through the book of John. This is a great fellowship opportunity for retired men. Many of the men who participate in the study stay afterwards to do service activities throughout the church.

Thursday Night Step Study - Led by Lorna Baker & Gary Frank. This is a gender specific Bible study meeting from 6pm to 7:30pm throughout the church building. This study helps us overcome our hurts, habits, and hangups that often get in the way of our true identity in Christ. No one gets through life without being hurt. Life's deepest wounds can come from our spouse, mom or dad, church, friends, a coach, or supervisor. These heart wounds run deep and everyone deals with them differently. We all are created by God in His image (Gen 1:27). However, the very moment we take a heart wound, we can buy into false beliefs about who we really are. Because of these false beliefs, we can develop unhealthy perceptions and attitudes about ourselves and who we really are in Christ. Heart wound generated false beliefs about ourselves are the genesis of all compulsive and addictive behaviors. If we don't take our wounds to Christ, then we will take them to the world and all its temporary fixes. Do you struggle with control, unforgiveness, resentment, anger, uncontrolled emotional outbursts, perfectionism, drugs, alcohol, pornography or sexual integrity, shopping, gambling, overspending or over/under eating? If any of these ring a bell, you may have suffered a heart and identity theft. This study will use a systematic approach to re-programing old beliefs about who you are and as a result, help you step into the real you. The person God says you are. Please join Lorna and I each Thursday night as we journey together into our true identity in Christ.

Friday Night Celebrate Recovery - Led by Gary Frank. This worship service & Bible study is aimed at helping participants recover. Each Friday night at 6pm at the Living Water Baptist Church in Sherman, participants share in a meal, worship service, and Bible based group share. The program is based on helping us recover from the hurts, habits, and hangups we accumulate throughout life.

Sunday Morning Bible Studies

General Bible Study: Room 105 at 10am - Led by Gary Frank - An in-depth verse by verse study through the Bible. We use the Standard Lesson Commentary to guide our studies through the Old and New Testament.

Young Adult Bible Study: Room 203 at 10am - Led by Dan Haynes - An In-depth study of John's Gospel.

Rooted NEWS & EVENTS

Tyler Basso, Youth Minister
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This year's youth group has been awesome! We had so many amazing discussions and a lot of fun along the way.
We had our last youth group meeting on April 21st. We finished up our study on Moses and how God can and will take our messes and turn them into miracles!

On Friday, April 16th, we hosted an event called, "Light Up The Night" where we gathered with our Jr. High students. We had 25 students attend! We enjoyed a fun night of activities and music. We also heard a message about what it means to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

On Sunday, May 23rd, we are having Graduate Recognition Sunday here at ACC. If you or your child graduated either from 8th grade, high school, college, or any other form of education, we would love to recognize them. Please fill out the form on our website or App and email a current picture and baby picture to tyler@athenschristian.net.

ACC will be hosting a baccalaureate service for the AHS Class of 2021 on Wednesday, May 19th at 6:30pm.

Register now on our ACC App or on our website for the Christ In Youth conference trip! This summer we will be going to Lincoln, Nebraska from July 12-16, 2021. There is a $65 deposit due to save a spot. I am so excited for this summer!!
CIY Move is something that has had a huge impact on my life, and is something I look forward to every summer! This summer, students who attend Move, will look at this year's theme:

NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE...
NO MATTER WHERE YOU'RE FROM..
NO MATTER HOW GOOD YOU THINK
YOU ARE...
OR HOW BAD...
THE GOSPEL IS STILL FOR YOU.
FOR ALL. FOREVER.

Some of you may know, I was supposed to go to the Dominican Republic last summer and work with Go Ministries for an internship. Because of COVID, that did not happen. I am happy to say, this year I will be heading down to the Dominican Republic to serve with Go Ministries for 6 weeks. I will leave Friday, May 28th, and return on July 6th. Please be praying for me as I travel and work with an amazing organization to further God's Kingdom in the Dominican Republic.

Continued from Gary's article...

Andy Stanley Study, "Tough as Nails": Room 223 at 10am - Led by Doug Wendler & Harry Schirdinng. - Uncertainty is unavoidable. Being fearful is optional. In this 3-part DVD series, Andy Stanley reminds us that the faith of Jesus' early followers was characterized by fearlessness, confidence in Jesus, and love for others.

Ray Vander Laan DVD Series: Room 221 at 10am - Led by Anthony Bolton The series focuses on Biblical teaching and the real-world historical/archaeological connections in the Middle East that make it come to life in new and informative ways.

FUSE After School Program

Morgan Wells, Director
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April was a big month for FUSE! Before the children had the week off for spring break, we were able to share with them the true meaning of Easter. Because of Jesus' victory over death, we get to have a relationship with Him NOW and live forever in Heaven someday! The children learned Jesus is the Light and discovered ways they can shine their light for Jesus to those around them.

In all my years working at the After School Program, this was by far the strangest year but maybe the most spiritually rewarding. Who BUT GOD could turn a year of changes & uncertainties, into something so incredibly beautiful? An ASP parent was baptized, several families attended church services, and many enjoyed activities as a family because of our wonderful ACC Kids C.L.U.B program! God reminded me several times this school year of 1 Peter 5:7 that says, "Cast all your anxieties on Him because He cares for you." We continue to trust in the Lord in all circumstances and find joy in the little moments, many of which come from caring for the children in the program. Our last day in session for the school year is Tuesday, May 25th. Thank you for your continued prayers for this ministry!

Registration for the 2021-2022 school year is now open! If you, or someone you know, would benefit from our program, please contact Morgan at morgan@athenschristian.net or 217-636-8463 for more information.

WELCOME

Help us welcome our newest church family members! Please welcome them with a card or warm greeting!

Bill Beatty 14873 Boy Scout Trail Petersburg, IL 62675 Baptized 4-11-21	Sandy Beatty 14873 Boy Scout Trail Petersburg, IL 62675 Baptized 4-11-21	Maddison Harlan 107 E. Monroe St. Athens, IL 62613 Baptized 4-11-21	Zachary Dick 1728 N. Schrader Springfield, IL 62702 Baptized 4-18-21

It's A Boy!

Congratulations to Nick and Amy Schuecking on the birth of Dean Paul Schuecking. Dean was born on March 27th, 2021 weighing 4 lbs, 7 oz. and 18.5 inches long. He joins his big brother, Benjamin, at home. Proud grandparents are Laura Menghini and Ron and Penny Schuecking. Blessings to all!

Congratulations to great-grandmother, Mary Magee, on the birth of her great-grandson, Asher Mark. Asher was born on April 3, 2021 weighing 7 lbs. 13 oz. and 20 inches long. Blessings to all!

National Day of Prayer May 6, 2021

The National Day of Prayer theme for 2021 prays, "Lord Pour Out Your Love, Life, and Liberty." Please join individuals, churches, and spiritual leaders in America as we are praying and proclaiming a promise of God in our theme verse, 2 Corinthians 3:17, "Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty." For more information on the National Day of Prayer, check out their website at nationaldayofprayer.org.

Central Illinois Food Bank Food Distribution

The CIFB will be distributing food from the Athens Christian Church parking lot on Thurs., May 13, Thurs., June 3, Thurs., July 1, Wed., August 11, and Tues., September 28th. We are seeking volunteers to load boxes into people's cars. If you, your family, or your group are interested in helping, please contact the church office or sign up in the lobby. Volunteers are asked to arrive at 3pm. Distribution begins at 4pm and ends on or before 6pm. Thank you for your help!

Senior News

SENIOR BUS TRIP

Please join the ACC Seniors as they gather for an enjoyable dinner at Tasty's Cafe in Sherman on **Saturday, May 8th.** After dinner, they will return to ACC to view a movie together. The bus will leave from the church parking lot at 4:30pm or you can meet at Tasty's Cafe at 5pm. Please sign up in the church foyer if you wish to join us! Please contact Jan Schoenhard at 217-636-8958 if you have any questions.

Young At Heart

Faith Based Events for those Aged 50+ in Central Illinois

Our monthly **Young at Heart** group will meet on **Tuesday, May 11th.** Free blood pressure checks begin at 9:30am in the Family Life Center. Then at 10:00am we will enjoy a presentation by **Meg Graney from Wild Birds Unlimited** about hummingbirds, orioles, and general summer bird feeding tips and needs**.** Next, Tyler Basso will share a brief devotion. A free luncheon will follow at 11:00am. This month's menu includes sub sandwiches, deviled eggs, jello salad, chips, and dessert. **The kitchen helper for May is Jan Schoenhard and Team 1 is doing the desserts.** Young At Heart is for anyone aged 50+ who wishes to attend. We hope to see you there!

Young At Heart Dessert Teams:

Team 1:

- Diane McCormick
- Shirley Wasilewski
- Jan Schoenhard

Team 2:

- Mary Magee
- Linda Ethell
- Melba Baker
- Barb Siddons

A Devotional Thought

Submitted by Terry Henrikson

Supplied by Joyce Barregarye from an article titled, "The Chaplain" written by Norris Burkes

In current times, there are often words people mistakenly credit to the Bible. Most of the time they are harmless. For instance, people will often say that Eve offered Adam an apple in the Garden of Eden. However, the Bible calls it "a fruit".

Another would be Jonah wasn't swallowed by a whale – only a "great fish". Of course, if you've ever seen a live humpback whale, they're big enough to do the job.

Another example might be "cleanliness is next to godliness". While you probably heard this from your grandmother, it's likely the preacher John Wesley said it first in 1791. In Matt. 15, Jesus minimized the ritual practice, saying that "washing or not washing your hands is neither here nor there." His thinking focused on the heart because "...out of the heart come evil thoughts."

Another word for thought is the word "hate". Even if God hates, which I don't think He does, He never told us to hate. Hating the sin isn't in the Bible, but this is: "Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins" (1 Peter 4:8).

But as a hospice chaplain, there is one misquote I won't tolerate: "God only gives you what you can handle." This folksy saying sounds like God will limit your personal tragedies to a certain quota which is just not biblically true. It's likely that most of us will go through things we can't possibly handle on our own. The saying suggests a poor paraphrase of I Corinthians 10:13, which is more accurately stated as, "God will not allow us to be tempted beyond our ability to escape." The verse's meaning is clear and simple. It's a promise that, whenever we feel tempted to do the wrong thing, God will provide an out.

If you have a recipe you would like to submit to our Senior News, please send it to Terry Henrikson at **henrikti@prodigy.net.**

Dave Ramsey's

Financial Peace UNIVERSITY

Led by Shane Baker

CLASS BEGINS SEPTEMBER 8, 6:30 pm

Register now at
http://www.fpu.com/1136425

September 8 will be an Orientation Class for anyone interested

GriefSHARE

GRIEF RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP

begins September 8th

Led by Heather Parks

ATHENS Christian CHURCH

More information coming this summer.

LSCA
Camp and Retreat Center

Spring Service Day

Saturday, May 15

The morning begins with cinnamon rolls and coffee at 8am. Participants will divide and conquer a list of projects around the camp, and then lunch will be provided at noon.

Family Weekend Getaway

May 7th - 9th

Check-in on Friday night between 5-7pm for a weekend of fun! On Friday night, a family-friendly movie will be played in the steel tent. On Saturday night, a short, socially distanced outdoor worship service with music and a message will be provided.
Fishing poles, canoes, and kayaks will be available for rent.
Register at lscacamp.org/weekend-getaways/

At ACC we offer a one-time $50 camp cash scholarship for each child who attends Little Galilee Christian Camp or Lake Springfield Christian Assembly. Shane and Lorna Baker will host a few camps at Little Galilee Christian Camp, and we invite you to join us:

- Family Day Camp July 3, 2021
- 5th and 6th Grade Junior Main August 8th-10th

Lorna is planning to help at LSCA:

- 2nd and 3rd Grade First Chance Camp. July 15-16

Camp Cash

$50 Church Camp Scholarship to those who attend Athens Christian Church!

Lake Springfield Christian:
Enter Code: ATH2021-50D
www.lscacamp.org

Little Galilee Christian:
Does your church pay portion: Yes- $50
www.littlegalilee.com

"Be Still"

Christian Women's Conference

Lincoln Christian University

Wednesday, May 12, 2021

8:30am – 3:00pm

The LCU Women's Conference will be live and in-person this year! Please join us as we travel by bus to Lincoln to enjoy presentations by Alli Worthington and Christy Nockels. Alli is a published author of many books including, "The Year of Living Happy: Finding Contentment and Connection in a Crazy World". Her goal is to help women live the life God created them to live with encouragement and practical tools to make life happier, less busy, and with a fierce faith in the Lord.

Christy began singing and writing music in the church from a young age, as the daughter of a pastor in Oklahoma. Christy's devotion to creating earnest and honest songs prepared her to be an integral author and voice in songs like, "Healing is in Your Hands" and "Lord, I Need You".

The bus will be leaving the church parking lot at 8:30am and returning by 4:00pm. Please register online at lincolnchristian.edu or call 217-732-3168 ext. 2255. The fee is $35 on or before May 5th or $40 on or after May 6th. A box lunch is included in your registration fee.

BLOOD DRIVE

Athens Christian Church
Saturday, May 15
8:00 am - Noon

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY REGIONAL BLOOD CENTER
How life flows through our community.

Schedule an appointment:
800-747-5401
www.bloodcenter.org

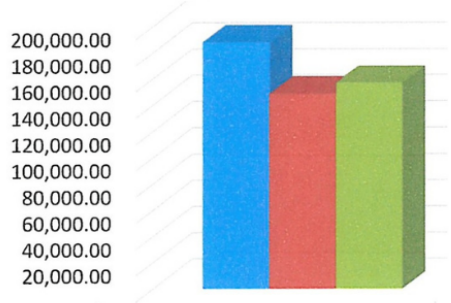
FINANCIAL UPDATE

March 2021

General Fund
Offering: $55,658.25
Expenses: $61,277.69

Building Fund
Income: $17,045.11
Expenses: $10,243.04

An additional $7,837.39 was paid toward the principal of our mortgage and a total of $8,105.00 was given for the Easter offering.



	Year to Date
Plan	188,057.49
Giving	148,597.78
Expenses	156,879.24

Giving Options at ACC for our General Fund and Building Fund

Mail a check to our church office:
PO Box 260
Athens, IL 62613

Electronic giving for a one-time or recurring gift:
www.athenschristian.net/give
ACC app on your mobile phone

Drop off in person:
A permanent dropbox is located near the office doors and another dropbox is available in the library.

2021 Communion Preparation

January: Roy and Pat Hinds
February: Nancy Bell
March: Jackie Hines
April: Sharon Judd
May: Ernie Harris and crew
June: Jeff & Janet Lopian
July: Dick & Elaine Bachman
August: _____
September: Nancy Bell
October: _____
November: Gary & Sharon Clark
December: Jeff & Janet Lopian

Please call the church at 217-636-8463 if you can help fill the open spaces.

2021 Pew Stocking

May Pew Stocker - Sharon Judd

Many Thanks

I've been meaning to write a thank you to all the people who have been praying for me since last September, but every time I get home, there is a new pile of mail to process. I really appreciated all of your prayers on my behalf. I want to thank John Hines, Curt Reichling and Curt's son, Ethan, for installing a ramp off my back porch. May the Lord bless all of you!

Beverly Hall

I just wanted to send a big "Thank You" for your thoughtfulness at this time. Your prayers are greatly appreciated! The card with everyone's signature was encouraging. These last few years have been hard as we dealt with multiple deaths, but I have to admit my brother's passing was especially difficult. So, thank you for being Jesus in a hard world!

Judy and Ken Thomas

Thank you all for the kind thoughts in my sister's passing. It means so much to have such a loving Christian family.

With love,
Chub and Elynor Nance

I wanted to simply say, "Thank you for your partnership!" We appreciate your prayers, encouragement, and financial support. It's been a challenging year in many ways and due to COVID; our enrollment was lower than in previous years. We took a punch, but we are still standing and moving forward. Our applications for the fall semester are ahead of schedule and it feels like we are turning a corner and beginning to build momentum. Thank you for being our partners in this great adventure. My Dad used to say, *"Always remember, no matter how dark it gets at night, the sun will shine in the morning."* Morning is coming...and the adventure continues!

David Upchurch
Lincoln Christian University

Thank you to Gail Farrell, Pat Basso, Linda Ethell, and Laura Menghini (our church administrative assistant team). They work hard year-round to serve our church and assist our ministers.

Ken, Shane, Gary, Lorna, Morgan and Tyler

ACC Mission of the Month: GO Ministries

GO Ministries empowers local leaders across the Dominican Republic and Haiti to REDEEM people, RENEW communities and RESTORE creation through mutual transformation. ACC financially supports three branches of GO Ministries: GO Seminary, GO Church Planting, and GO Kids.

GO Seminary

GO Seminary provides practical, sustainable, intensive biblical and theological training in ministry to local leaders. GO is committed to leadership multiplication and sparking gospel movements as they seek to redeem people, renew communities, and restore creation.

The GO Seminary programs are designed to reawaken the mission call of the local church and to cultivate Christian community through a cohort approach to education. GO's teams of Gospel-centered leaders whose service and combined leadership result in the fingerprints of the local church being all over the community.

In 2018, the ACC missions team was part of a construction project to build exterior stairs on the GO Seminary. In 2020 alone, 270 students were enrolled full or part-time at the GO Seminary. Classes were offered in both Spanish and Creole at seven locations.

GO Church Planting

GO Church Planting empowers local leaders to begin new churches that redeem people, renew communities, and restore creation through discipleship, mission, and the multiplication of leaders in more than 70 communities. The program vision is to see 1,000 churches begin in the Dominican Republic and Haiti. In 2020 alone, 15 new churches were planted throughout the island of Hispaniola.

Since 2019, ACC has supported a church plant in the community of El Cambronal, Santiago, Dominican Republic. El Cambronal is a predominately Haitian community where residents live in extreme poverty. Pastor George and his wife, Freya, lead the church in the El Cambronal community. Pastor George is a graduate of GO Seminary. The 2019 ACC missions team went on community prayer walks with Pastor George to spread The Gospel and invite El Cambronal residents to church. The missions team also painted houses and interreacted with children around El Cambronal.

GO Kids

Roughly 530 children attend Colegio Isaias Evangelico Emmanuel, a private Christian school in Hoya del Caimito, Santiago that prepares the future generation of leaders. In 2019, ACC's mission team painted school classrooms and laid concrete near the school entrance.

40% of Dominicans live in poverty, and only 25% of Dominican children complete high school, mostly due to economic strain on their families. Even public school is expensive for Dominican families with the cost of uniforms and supplies. Many children trade low-income jobs for school after the 8th grade, if not before.

Through the GO Kids Sponsorship Program, we are able to offer these families an otherwise unattainable private Christian school education for students pre-K through 9th grade. This education offers opportunities unavailable in public schools and the regular exposure to knowing Jesus as Lord. ACC sponsors a total of 17 children through the GO Kids Sponsorship Program, who the ACC missions team has met and had the chance to interact with.

Athens Christian Church is planning a return trip to the Dominican Republic in 2022!

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Age / Grade	Session	Date	Fees**
TRADITIONAL CAMPS (8am to 8pm daily)			
2nd & 3rd	First Chance	July 15-16	$85
3rd & 4th	Trailblazers	July 12-14	$140
4th & 5th	Explorers	July 19-21	$140
5th & 6th	Junior Camp	July 5-9	$230
7th & 8th	Junior High	July 26-30	$230
9th Grade	Niners	June 21-25	$230
10th—Just Grad.	High School	June 14-18	$230
ADVENTURE CAMPS (8am to 8pm daily)			
5th & 6th	Adventure 5-6	June 28-29	$95
7th & 8th	Adventure 7-8	June 30-July 2	$140
9th—Just Grad.	HS Wilderness	July 12-16	$230
DISCOVERY CAMPS (830am to 5pm daily)			
2nd—4th	Disc. Camp 1	June 14-18	$155
2nd—4th	Disc. Camp 2	June 21-25	$155
2nd—4th	Disc. Camp 3	June 28-July 2	$155
2nd—4th	Disc. Camp 4	July 5-9	$155
2nd—4th	Disc. Camp 5	July 12-16	$155
2nd—4th	Disc. Camp 6	July 19-23	$155
2nd—4th	Disc. Camp 7	July 26-30	$155
SKILL BASED CAMPS (830am to 5pm daily)			
6th—8th	Archery Camp	June 28-July 2	$175
INTRODUCTORY CAMPS			
2—3 yrs	Hello Camp 1*	July 23 (am)	$15
4—5 yrs	Hello Camp 2*	July 23 (pm)	$15
1st grade	Day Camp	July 22	$45

All Grades are based on Fall 2021.
The last day of a session will end at 5pm.

**Hello Campers are to be accompanied by one of their adults*
*** Canteen fees not included where applicable.*

$10 discount if registered BEFORE MAY 1 (not applied to Hello Camp)

Register @ www.lscacamp.org

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2021 Little Galilee Christian Camp Summer Schedule

Entering 2nd, 3rd or 4th Grades

Session	Date	Dean	Entering Grade	Cost
1. Day Camp 1	June 12	Cindy Shoaff	2nd - 3rd	$35
2. Day Camp 2	July 31	Ernie Harvey	2nd - 3rd	$35
3. Main Overnight 1	June 18 - 19	Amber Esparza-Shaw	3rd - 4th	$45
4. Main Overnight 2	July 16 - 17	Ken Kohler	3rd - 4th	$45
5. Wilderness Overnight 1	June 18 - 19	Shawn & Jennifer Woodson	3rd - 4th	$45
6. Wilderness Overnight 2	July 16 - 17	Joshua Gorrie	3rd - 4th	$45
7. Outpost Overnight 1	June 18 - 19	Max Aper	3rd - 4th	$45
8. Outpost Overnight 2	July 16 - 17	Max Aper	3rd - 4th	$45

Entering 5th or 6th Grades

Session	Date	Dean	Entering Grade	Cost
9. Junior Main 1 A -½ week	June 6 - 8	Shawn Lindsay	5th - 6th	$100
10. Junior Main 1 B -½ week	June 9 - 11	Shawn Lindsay	5th - 6th	$100
11. Junior Main 2	June 13 - 18	Allison Hitchings & Mike Cahill	5th - 6th	$185/195
12. Junior Main 3	August 1 - 6	Ryan Baker & Trevor Higgins	5th - 6th	$185/195
13. Junior Main 4 - ½ week	August 8 - 10	Shane & Lorna Baker	5th - 6th	$100
14. Junior Wilderness 1	July 4 - 9	Meghan Houk	5th - 6th	$185/195
15. Junior Wilderness 2	August 1 - 6	Terry Hoffman	5th - 6th	$185/195
16. Junior Outpost 1	June 27 - July 2	Marcus McCollom	5th - 6th	$185/195
17. Junior Outpost 2	August 1 - 6	Josh Kirk	5th - 6th	$185/195
18. Jr. Horse Camp (Girls only)	June 6 - 11	Crystal Horton	5th - 6th	$210/$220

Entering 7th, 8th or 9th Grades

Session	Date	Dean	Entering Grade	Cost
19. Jr. High Main 1	June 20 - 25	Lori Reed	7th - 9th	$185/195
20. Jr. High Main 2	July 11 - 16	Gabe & Josh Rutledge	7th - 9th	$185/195
21. Jr. High Main 3	July 25 - 30	Jon Scott	7th - 9th	$185/195
22. JH Wildpost @ Outpost	July 11 - 16	Christian Burris	7th - 9th	$210/$220
23. JH Wildpost @ Wilderness	July 11 - 16	Christian Burris	7th - 9th	$210/$220
24. Jr. High Wilderness 2	June 13 - 18	Meghan Houk	7th - 9th	$185/195
25. Jr. High Outpost 1	June 20 - 25	Shannon Busick	7th - 9th	$185/195
26. Jr. High Outpost 2	July 25 - July 30	Kurt Glosser	7th - 9th	$185/195
27. Jr. High Bike Camp	June 6 - 11	Jason Rennert	7th - 9th	$185/195
28. Jr. High Fishing Camp (Boys Only)	June 13-17	Andy Baker	7th - 9th	$185/195
29. Jr. High Paintball Camp	August 8 - 10	J.P. Hill	7th - 9th	$220/$230

Entering 9th Grade Through 2020 High School Graduates

Session	Date	Dean	Entering Grade	Cost
30. HS Main 1	June 27 - July 2	Josh Rutledge	9th- HS Grads	$185/195
31. HS Main 2	July 4 - 9	Andy Baker	9th- HS Grads	$185/195
32. HS Wilderness 1	June 27 -July 2	Katey Hite	9th- HS Grads	$185/195
33. HS Wilderness 2	July 25 - 30	Ken & Julie Kascel	9th- HS Grads	$185/195
34. HS Outpost 1	June 13 - 18	Keith Merriman	9th- HS Grads	$185/195
35. HS Outpost 2	July 4 - 9	Keith Merriman	9th- HS Grads	$185/195
36. HS Fishing Camp (Boys Only)	June 13 - 17	Jordan Ziegenbein	9th- HS Grads	$185/195
37. HS Paintball Camp	August 11 - 13	J.P. Hill	9th- HS Grads	$220/$230

Camp for Children with Disabilities

Session	Date	Dean	Age	Cost
38. Camp Kaleidoscope	July 19-21	Nicole Kohler	4th Grade - HS Grads	$125

Parent & Child Retreats

Session	Date	Dean	Age	Cost
39. Family Day Camp	July 3	Shane & Lorna Baker	All Ages	$20p.p
40. Mother/Daughter	June 11 - 12	Cindy Popejoy	All Ages	$35p.p
41. Dads/Lads Retreat	August 6 - 7	Brent Salm	All Ages	$35p.p

Adult and Family Retreats

Session	Date	Dean or Speaker	Age	Cost
42. Scrapbook/Crafts 1	April 23 - 25	Ivy Koritz	18 & Up	$55 1 night/$75 2 nights
43. Family Camp 1	May 28-31	LGCC Staff	All Ages	See website
44. Family Camp 2	Sept. 3-6	LGCC Staff	All Ages	See website
45. Senior Saints Day	Sept. 25th	Hank, Greg, Jeff	55 & Up	$20 per person
46. Scrapbook/Crafts 2 2 nights	Oct. 29 - 31	Ivy Koritz	18 & up	$55 1 night/$75
47. Veterans Retreat	Nov. 12-13	Kurt Glosser	18 & Up	Free of Charge for

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$185 is the cost for early-bird registration from March-June 1. $195 after June 1st

Save the Date

Mother/Child Brunch
Saturday, May 1st
9:30-11:30am
at ACC in the FLC

Senior Bus Trip
Saturday, May 8th
Meet at ACC at 4:30pm

Parent/Child Dedication
Sunday, May 9th
9am and 11am Services

Young at Heart
Tuesday, May 11
9:30 - Noon

Central IL Food Bank Distribution
Thursday, May 13
4:00-6:00pm
In the ACC parking lot

Athens Glory Days
Saturday, May 15th
Parade participants
meet at AHS at 9:30am

CICBC Blood Drive
Saturday, May 15th
8:00-Noon
At ACC in the FLC

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Graduation Recognition
Sunday, May 23rd
9am and 11am Services

Vacation Bible School
Lava Lava Luau
June 14-18
6:00-8:00pm

Christ in Youth Conference
July 12-16
Lincoln, Nebraska

Summer Connection
Sunday, July 25th
4:00-7:00pm

Wednesday Night Connection
September 8 - November 17

We mail the Lifeline so each home will receive its copy before the beginning of the month, but in some homes, delivery has been delayed at times. You can also receive the full-color Lifeline as an email or find it on our ACC App. If you would like to have the Lifeline emailed to you, please contact the church office at 217-636-8463 and provide us with the email address you would like to use.

Please check the church website, App, Facebook, or call the church office for the most up-to-date information. Thank you!

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