

Athens Christian Church

OUR MISSION:



November 8, 2020

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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8am, 9am Traditional Services

Prelude • Joe Effinger

Call to Worship

I Stand Amazed #223

Holy, Holy, Holy #323

Special Music • Joe Effinger

Sermon • Tim Effinger

“The Shrewdness of the World”

Luke 16:1-13

Invitation Hymn

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

Prayer Requests & Praises • Ken Gennicks

Announcements Video • Vonda Laffey

Communion & Offering Meditation • Ken Gennicks

Quietly move to Communion & Offering tables
before exiting the building

10am, 11am Contemporary Services

Prelude • Joe Effinger

King of My Heart

Great Are You, Lord

Special Music • Joe Effinger & team

Sermon • Tim Effinger

“The Shrewdness of the World”

Luke 16:1-13

Invitation Song

Living Hope

Prayer Requests & Praises

10:00 Shane Baker/11:00 Ken Gennicks

Announcements Video • Vonda Laffey

Communion & Offering Meditation

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Ken Gennicks, Senior Minister
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Sermon Notes

“The Shrewdness of the World”

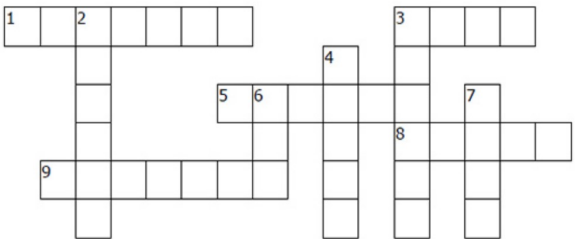
Luke 16:1-13

ACC Kids' CORNER

Do the Right Thing!

"Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. Luke 16:10 (NIV)

Based on Luke 16:1-13



ACROSS

1. A person who performs duties around the home of a master
3. To like something very much
5. Truthful, trusted, not likely to steal, cheat or lie
8. To have complete confidence in someone
9. To feel a strong dislike for someone or something

DOWN

2. A large amount of money or valuable possessions that someone has
3. A very small amount
4. The Son of God
6. To be obligated to repay a debt to someone
7. A very large amount

MUCH	OWE	LITTLE	SERVANT	DESPISE
LOVE	RICHES	HONEST	TRUST	JESUS

Prayer Requests

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

At Memorial: Donald Clark (Glen's brother/Heritage)

At St. John's: Rick Miller (Randy's dad), Shirley Hall (Sandy Beatty's mom/hip surgery was Wednesday)

At Decatur hospital: Denzel Howard (Mary Roszhart's brother)

At Peoria hospital: Mike/Mary Buttry's grandson-in-law, Payton Buckley (Braydon McNeal's cousin)

At St. Louis hospital: Bill Dolan (Amy Bolton's friend)

At Florida hospital: Merlin Kiesewetter (Randy Miller's relative)

At Japan hospital: Diane McCormick's niece (new liver)

Tests: Kathy Becker, Wanda Davis, Al Betz, Richard Sandidge, Annie Maliongas' brother, Nancy Nale's cousin, Jerry Basso, Stuart Kuehl (hospice), Barb Siddons' brother, Mike Austin, Tracy Scales, Elijah Staab, Debbie Rohlf, Mike Gronewald, Fran Petersen (Bollmans' friend), Andy Glass, Leslie Montgomery's brother, Zach Alderman (chemo), Jason Damhoff, Michelle Bloomquist, Roy Hinds, Dwayne Rudolph, Loretta (Bock) DeClerck, Nick Power, Amarah/Maggie Good

At home: Brian/Cindi Setzer, Hank/Karla Daubs' grandson, Eddie Miller, Terry Wunderle, Jen VanPelt, Glen Clark, Ella Grace Magee, Mike Sleight's grandma, Dee Clark's aunt/hospice, Elaine Bachman, Laurie Ingram's mother, Debbie Miller (Randy's mom), Scott McNeal, Raymond Poe, Joyce Cary's husband/mother-in-law

Transitions: Imogene Way, Bill Beatty's mother, Sara Melton's brother/kidney transplant, Canyon/Caleb Breazeale/ Aaron Reiterman/Wyatt Alderman/Michael Ray/Everett Shuck/Wallace Christy/Zac Miner (military), Tom Halberstadt (Quincy), Sue Williams (Jackie Hines' sister), Wes Jockisch (Ron's brother/hospice), Paul Moore (Dee Clark's uncle), Beverly Hall (Bridge), Jen Cullen's dad/Villa, Frank Platt/Villa, Mike Chrysler/Bobby Croft (job search)

Wednesday Night Connection: 5:45 pm

Operation Christmas Child: till Nov. 15

Food Drive: Sun., Nov. 22, 7:30-noon/ACC parking lot

Area Thanksgiving Service: Mon., Nov. 23, 6:30/Athens Methodist

Angel Tree Project: Nov. 29-Dec. 13/foyer

Indoor Archery: Mon., 6-8 pm, Jan. 18-Mar. 22

Virtual Volunteer Training at ACC by LCU: Sat., Feb. 20, 9-noon

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

Kyle Gennicks: missionchurchmontgomery.org

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

Our missionaries/military/families/terrorism/economy

Each other/unspoken needs

Get Connected at Athens Christian Church

**Thank You for Worshipping
with us at ACC!**

**Today we welcome Guest Speaker,
Tim Effinger & Guest Worship Leader,
Joe Effinger from Evansville, Indiana!**

We are so excited to be together in person as a church family! We have temporarily reconstructed our usual 8 & 10:15 am worship service schedule to four services at 8, 9, 10 and 11 am. Sunday School for all ages is now 10-10:45 am. Many safety measures are always in place throughout the morning:

- 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

Join Us Today For A Special Thanksgiving Celebration & Congregational Meeting

11:30 am: Thanksgiving Lunch

A meal of turkey, mashed potatoes & gravy, corn, roll and pumpkin bar will be provided by the church.

Join us in the Family Life Center for a time of fellowship and good food. Celebrate with us as we give thanks together as a church family.

12:30: Annual Congregational Meeting

Our annual meeting will follow our Thanksgiving Dinner at 12:30pm. We will be affirming our leadership for the year 2021.

Potential deacons to be affirmed include:

Jeff Lopian Sr. & Craig Reichert



Operation Christmas Child
*Final week to pick up
your shoe box!*

You may pick up a shoe box at the display in the church foyer to participate in this amazing global event. **Filled shoeboxes should be returned to the church, along with the \$9.00 shipping fee, NEXT Sunday, November 15th.** For ideas of what to include in your shoebox, visit www.samaritanspurse.org. If you have questions, contact Sam or Leslie Montgomery at 217-636-7166 or montgomeryfarms5@gmail.com.

UPCOMING SENIOR EVENTS:

»Young at Heart this Tuesday, Nov. 10

Beginning at 9:30 am, free blood pressure checks are available in the Family Life Center. At 10:00 am., Art Wilson will give a presentation about the Underground Railroad Museum. Lorna Baker will share a short devotion, then we will enjoy a free lunch of turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes & gravy, cranberry salad, rolls and dessert. All seniors and friends are welcome!

»Seniors Trip to Tuscola Outlet Mall Saturday, November 14

Our comfortable church bus will leave ACC at 9:00 am to head for Tuscola Outlet Mall for some early holiday shopping!

FALL SERVICE DAY AT LSCA, NOV. 14

Lake Springfield Christian Assembly is hosting a fall service day on Saturday, November 14, beginning at 8:30 am with free cinnamon rolls & coffee. Many hands are needed as the camp prepares for winter and next summer's camps! Most projects will be outside and COVID 19 precautions will be taken for a safe environment. Lunch will also be provided. Bring a rake and the whole family!

Area Thanksgiving Service Monday, November 23, 6:30 pm

The annual Area Thanksgiving Service, led by believers and pastors from throughout the region, will be held this year at Athens United Methodist Church. A cookie and coffee fellowship will follow at 7:30 pm. ACC is asked to help provide cookies. Please sign up in the lobby if you are able to help provide 2 dozen cookies for the fellowship following the service.

FAITH & FITNESS MINISTRY BEGINS THIS THURSDAY - 6:30-7:30 PM

This brand new ministry is for women of all ages and fitness levels! The night will begin with a short devotional with an inspiring Bible verse. You can expect to move your body with different exercises to promote heart health, toning, core strengthening, and muscle support. Exercises can be scaled to meet any level of physical fitness. It is recommended that each participant bring an exercise mat and water. The evening will end with prayer requests and prayer. For more information, contact Jennifer Frank at 899-9293 or jennfnp@yahoo.com.

This is a pilot session to get an idea of level of interest. Let us know you plan to participate on the sign up sheet in the lobby, and mark your calendar for these dates:

Thurs., 11/12 6:30-7:30	Mon., 11/30 6:30-7:30
Thurs., 11/19 6:30-7:30	Mon., 12/7 6:30-7:30
Mon., 11/23 6:30-7:30	Sat., 12/19 8:30 -9:30 am

Winter is on its way to Central Illinois...

WHICH MEANS SNOW!!

Please help us be prepared for whatever snow and/or ice may come our way on Sunday mornings or Wednesday nights. A sign up sheet is in the lobby with Sunday & Wednesday dates from November 1 through April 18. Please choose a date(s) to commit to be available to help prepare safe sidewalks for all those entering our church building. Shovels and ice melt are provided. Thank you in advance for serving in this way! You may also sign up to be a sub!



Upcoming Events to Help You Connect and Serve with ACC and Our Community:

*** Drive Away Hunger, Sunday, November 22**

A truck will be available in the ACC church parking lot from 7:30 until noon to collect non-perishable food items to be donated to the Athens Area Food Pantry.

*** Angel Tree Project Begins November 29 at ACC**

The Salvation Army Angel Tree program helps provide Christmas gifts for hundreds of children in need in Menard County. Please pick a card from the Angel Tree in our foyer and buy a gift of clothing for the child listed on the back label. The child's age and sizes are listed on the label. If you wish to give a gift of toys, you may leave unwrapped, unmarked toys under the tree. Contact Jackie Hines or Cathy Wiseman with questions.

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 (SUNDAY MORNING) or on the new ACC app! Services will also be available later on YouTube.

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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, November 8

Tim Effinger/Joe Effinger, Guest Speaker/Guest Worship Leader
Operation Christmas Child/foyer

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

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

10:00-10:45 Sunday School Classes For All Ages

- » 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 (Room 220/221)
- » Jr./Sr. High Sunday School, led by Tyler Basso (Room 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)

11:30 Thanksgiving Lunch Provided by ACC/Family Life Center

12:30 Congregational Meeting/ACC Worship Center

4:00 Elders' Meeting

6:00 ACC Church Board Meeting

Monday, November 9

Read James 4

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

Tuesday, NOVEMBER 10

Read James 5

8:00 CLEAN Retired Men's Bible Study in FLC

9:30 Free Blood Pressure Checks /FLC

10:00 Young at Heart

7:00 Ladies With a Heart to Pray Zoom chat

Wednesday, November 11 (Veteran's Day)

Read 1 Peter 1

5:00 Help set up for WNC

5:30 Blood pressure checks

5:45 Dinner in FLC (creamy shredded chicken on a bun, green beans, chips, dessert)

6:30-7:30 Classes for all ages

Thursday, November 12

Read 1 Peter 2

6:30pm Faith & Fitness Ministry/ACC Family Life Center

Friday, November 13

Read 1 Peter 3

Church office closed

Saturday, November 14

8:30 Fall Service Day at Lake Springfield Christian Assembly

9:00 Seniors Bus trip to Tuscola Outlet

Sunday, November 15 - Veterans' Recognition in All Services

Final Day for Operation Christmas Child/foyer

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

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

10:00-10:45 Sunday School Classes For All Ages