

Athens Christian Church

January 2012: A NEW ERA



A Note from Nathan

When ancient Romans named the months of their calendar, they named them after gods and heroes. The month that starts the calendar year they named for Janus, the god of gates, who always looks forward and backward at the same time.

We Christians worship only one God, of course, but the image of the backward and the forward look still fits January. After all, as Christians, we look back in gratitude to God and in repentance of our sins and in memory of those we love, and we look forward in hope, setting our souls to follow where Christ will lead us.

As a congregation, this January we have good reasons to rejoice when we look backwards and when we look ahead. Our congregation is blessed with memory, people who have weathered storms before as members of Athens Christian Church and who can tell us stories of the faithfulness of the congregation in the midst of those moments. And our congregation knows the energy of youth, those whose dreams and whose energy will give shape to the Church in times to come, perhaps in ways that the rest of us cannot yet imagine.

Nobody will deny that ACC has sailed through stormy seas in the last stretch of time, but God's twin gifts of wisdom and hope, the backward look and the forward look, promise to give us the endurance and the faithfulness to continue the work of Christ, His proclamation and His mercy, here in Athens.

- **Coffee Hour** is moving to Sunday A.M.
- LOTS for Family Involvement in 2012
- Greeters are scheduled for 2012
- Communion Services is scheduled for 2012
- Wednesday Night Meals return January 25
- All Church Birthday party first week in February with Family Dinner
- Fifth Sunday this Month: Coffee Ministry

Athens Christian Church
PO Box 1241 Athens, GA 30603

located at
1200 Forest Heights Drive Athens GA
<https://www.facebook.com/athenschristian>

<http://www.athenschristianchurch.org>

Sundays

Sunday School 9:45 AM

Adults and Youth classes

Coffee Hour until 10:55 AM

Worship Service 11:00 AM

Wednesdays

Coffee Hour 6:00 PM

(Wednesday night meals return 1/25/12)

Adult, Teen and Kids Classes 7:00 PM

SERVICE TO OUR CHURCH IN JANUARY

Service Duty	1/1	1/8	1/15	1/21	1/29
Nursery 1	Gretchen	Karen	Gretchen	Karen	Gretchen
Nursery 2		Akwesi		Akwesi	
Toddler Room 1	Barbara	Mandy	Diane	Mandy	Barbara
Toddler Room 2	Caitlin	Terik	Becca	Lucie	Becca
PreSchool Room	Bonita	Bonita	Bonita	Bonita	Bonita
Greeting inside	Cotton	Cotton	Cotton	Cotton	Cotton
Greeting in Parking Lot 10:40 to 11:00	Robertson/ Hill	Robertson/Hill	Robertson/Hill	Robertson/Hill	Robertson/Hill
Clean Sanctuary <small>The following week</small>	Hill	B Washington	L & K Kelly	Saliki	Washington
Clean Ed Bildg <small>The following week</small>	Loveless	Cotton	Moore	Loveless	Cotton
Clean Fell Hall <small>The following week</small>	Rose	Rose	Rose	Rose	Rose
Communion Meditation	Stanton	Stanton	Stanton	Stanton	Stanton
Serve Communion	Jim	Jim	Jim	Jim	Jim
Serve Communion	Craig	Craig	Craig	Craig	Craig
Serve Communion	Jorrin	Jorrin	Sean	Sean	Terik
Serve Communion	Frank	Frank	Frank	Frank	Frank
Offertory Prayer	Frank	Craig	Jim	Frank	Jim
Wednesday Coffee <small>Hour Set up / Clean</small>	Pat	Pat	Pat	Pat	Pat
Wednesday Coffee <small>Hour Set up / Clean u</small>	Grace	Grace	Grace	Grace	Grace
Comfort & Security <small>Sanctuary Sunday</small>	Rose	Rose	Rose	Rose	Rose
Comfort & Security <small>Education Bldg Sun</small>	Eberhart	Eberhart	Eberhart	Eberhart	Eberhart
Comfort & Security <small>Fellowship Sunday</small>	Johnson	Johnson	Johnson	Johnson	Johnson
Comfort & Security <small>Sanctuary the following Wed</small>	Thacker	Thacker	Thacker	Thacker	Thacker
Comfort & Security Edu <small>Bldg the following Wed</small>	Loveless	Loveless	Loveless	Loveless	Loveless
Comfort & Security <small>Fellowship the following Wed</small>	Eberhart	Eberhart	Eberhart	Eberhart	Eberhart
Sunday Message	Nathan	Nathan	Nathan	Nathan	Guest Speaker
Wed. Message	Carl	Carl	Carl	Carl	Carl

Our church has a new mailing address. We are making use of a Post Office box and will soon be removing the mailbox at our driveway: **PO Box 1241, Athens GA 30633**. Frank Eberhart picks up the mail. We are still in the process of notifying people and companies. But we want you to keep coming to 1200 Forest Heights Drive for worship.





Schedules for 2012

As you read in the last couple of bulletins, we are trying something new, scheduling the full year's service roster for around the table and for greeters. Even though we asked members to let us know when you might not be available, of course, your plans may or will change. Substitutions will be necessary. Please try to get someone to substitute for you or switch when needed. Please let us know ahead of time so that we can get the correct name in the bulletin as your needs and your plans change.

Month	Server 1	Server 2	Server 3	Server 4	Communion Meditation	Offeratory Prayer
January	Frank	Jim	Craig	Jorin/ Sean	Stanton	Frank
February	Terry	Jerry	Shawn	Terik/ Pafe	Terry	Jerry
March	Dan	Nathan	Jim	Dale	Nathan	Jim
April	Frank	Jim	Craig	Jorin/ Sean	Dan	Frank
May	Terry	Jerry	Shawn	Terik/ Pafe	Jerry	Terry
June	Dan	Nathan	Jim	Dale	Carl	Dale
July	Frank	Jim	Craig	Jorin/ Sean	Jim	Jim
August	Terry	Jerry	Shawn	Terik/ Pafe	Terry	Jerry
September	Dan	Nathan	Jim	Dale	Nathan	Dan
October	Frank	Jim	Craig	Jorin/ Sean	Dan	Craig
November	Terry	Jerry	Shawn	Terik/ Pafe	Carl	Terry
December	Dan	Nathan	Jim	Dale	Dale	Jim






Welcome!

2012 Greeters at Athens Christian Church		
Month	Inside/ Bulletins	Parking Lot/Welcome
January	Cotton	Stanton, Shawn
February	Eberhart	Craig, Sean
March	Moore	Lane, Joseph
April	Shearer	Philomene, Dan
May	Nkefor	Morgan, Briana
June	Coon	Barbara, Jorin
July	Saliki	Pafe, Dan
August	Bishop	Aubrey, Craig
September	Hill	Rachel, Rebecca
October	Cotton	Dan, Emily
November	Loveless	Caitlin, Terik
December	Rose	Gretchen, Connor

Remember that when there is a fifth Sunday in the month we celebrate our year round coffee ministry to the Potter's House. Bring coffee of any kind to help for this ministry to the front of the sanctuary before the worship service. After the service it will be delivered to the Potters House.

Pat: 706-227-9510, 706-208-2883
 Stanton: 706-296-1935,
stanton.robertson@gmail.com

January 2012 ATHENS CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 New Years Worship 11AM	2	3	4  Coffee 6PM Classes 7:PM	5	6	7 Praise band practice 9:AM Deacons Elders Workshop Pat McNeily
8 Sun Sch 945 Worship 11AM Deacons and Elders 4PM	9	10	11  Coffee 6PM Classes 7:PM	12	13 Teen Night at the Thackers 7-9	14 Praise band practice 10AM Carl Shearer
15 Sun Sch 945 Coffee until 1055 Worship 11AM WINTER JAM	16 MLK Holiday	17	18  Coffee 6PM Classes 7:PM	19	20	21 Praise band practice 10AM MOVIE NIGHT pending Scrap Booking
22 Sun Sch 945 Coffee until 1055 Worship 11AM Directory Photos  MarkThacker	23	24	25  Meal 6PM Classes 7:PM Magdalene Nkefor	26	27	28 Praise band practice 10AM Reception for the Vernons 7-9
29 Sun Sch 945 Coffee til 1055 Worship 11AM Directory Photos Tri City Guest Speaker Coffee Ministry Potter's House  	30 Deadline for next months newsletter Chayce Eberhart Sean Johnson	31 Connor Loveless	1 Family Dinner with All Church Birthday Party will be Sat 2/4 →→→→	2 →→→→	3 →→→→	4 

The Coffee Hour is moving from Wednesday to Sunday Mornings.

We will serve coffee until 11:55 Ms. Grace Shearer is going to be in charges of the baristas. This will give is time and opportunity to get to know our guests just before church starts. It has already been made very clear to me (Stanton) that I still need to get to into the service on time no matter how good the coffee is. We would tell you that you could have your coffee in the auditorium during the service as some churches are starting to do. But since our new blue upholstery and carpeting is not quite paid for, we'll ask you not to bring it with you to the pews. So stand around and fellowship with our guests and visitors, invite them for a cup of coffee, chat in the narthex, in the court yard, but come on in when the music starts. See you in church. *Make mine a venti!*

