ATHENS CHURCH COMPLCATONS





WHO THEY ARE

After officially launching in 2016, Athens Church had grown and established itself as a thriving community of believers. It occupied a clear space in the city, but it had yet to develop a recognizable visual identity. That's where we came in, as we developed a consistent brand that encapsulated the vision of the church.

ATHENS CHURCH WAS PLANTED IN COLUMBUS, INDIANA, TO LIVE OUT A SPECIFIC MISSION—TO SEE A PEOPLE, CITY, AND WORLD AWAKENED TO THE GLORY OF GOD.

Since their official launch, Athens has grown and established itself as a gospel-centered community. They do this by meeting regularly on Sundays, gathering together throughout the week, and providing various ministry opportunities. By consistently partnering with those in need, Athens is committed to making a difference in their city and in the lives of their members.

THE CHALLENGE

Columbus, Indiana, has no shortage of churches, but there were few churches with a mission quite like Athens. The church needed to make their mission clear—they stick firmly to scripture, advocate for their community, and glorify God in everything.

While the church had a logo before we came on board, they lacked a defined brand with consistent messaging and design. They knew, in order to communicate their values, they needed to take a fresh look at their logo and supporting brand documents.

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How we partnered together

After evaluating the brand value of Athens' logo, our team determined that a logo refresh, rather than a rebrand, would strategically maintain trust while improving logo usability and visual balance. To guide the church's execution of the brand, our team developed an engaging editorial style guide filled with visuals, helpful tips, and practical examples. In collaboration with the staff team, we implemented the brand across an app, marketing tools, digital communication, social media strategy and graphics, signage, environmental design, collateral, and print resources.

Branding & Implementation

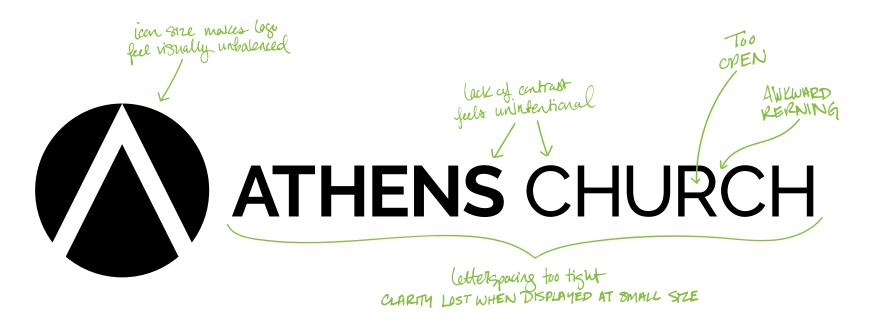
After establishing that the church's current logo was viable, our team began identifying ways to refresh the logo so that it would be more widely usable and visually balanced. Specifically, we selected a distinctive brand typeface, developed an icon system, a dynamic color palette, and design language.

Because Athens Church is small with limited resources, our goal was to create a brand around the logo, which would be easily implementable for staff and volunteers, regardless of how confident they were in their communication skills. To guide Athens' execution of the new brand, our team developed a brand and editorial style guide, which we supported with a variety of supplemental assets.

Using the refreshed brand and brand guide, we developed brand assets like letterhead, envelopes, notecards, name tags, Google templates, and business cards. Alongside the church's branding, we worked on its implementation across special initiatives like a yearlong Bible reading plan and Day of Renewal guide. We also incorporated the brand into ongoing church communications and resources like the Membership Class Guide or Baptism Class Guide.







REFRESHED LOGO



Brand Guide

God has planted Athens Church in Columbus, Incliana, to live out a specific missionto see a people, city, and world awakened to the glory of God. It's a big vision. And figuring out haw to communicate that mission to our people and community can feel overwhelming.

While it's natural to look to other churches for direction, this approach puts spoken and Interest a transition to date to date of the constant state and units opproved per species (and unspoken pressure on us to keep up. The constant production and demonds not only exhausts us, but most natably, it produces communication clutter which prevents us from effectively propelling the gospel to those in and around Athens Church.

We encourage you to look to others for inspiration, but recognize the unique context of ministry that God has for Athens Church. What works well for another church won't necessarily work well for us. Context is everything—a mam in an urban hub experiences and sees the world differently than a mam in a small town. When we ignore the unique context of our people, our communication suffers. When our goal becomes replicating context of our people, our communication stress. When our goal becomes replicating others, our communication suffers. When we seek to have the best communication strategy, graphics, or social nadia engagement, our communication suffers. No matter how great our communications may look, if we aren't facuad on building trust, we'll news authentically consist.

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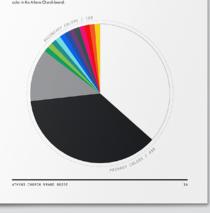
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ATHENS CHURCH BRAND GUIDE

The Athens Church color palette has been solected to reflect the character of our church. Continual use of this color palette is an important part of building brand consistency with the logo and the overall identity.

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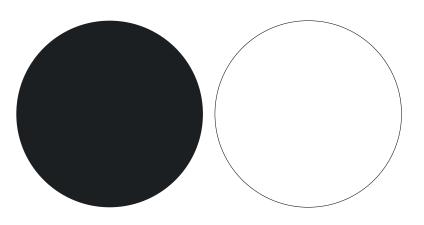
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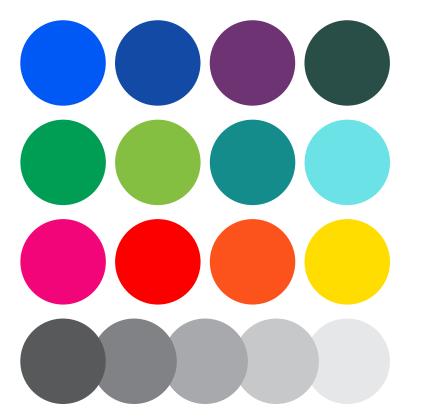
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Intro to Covenant Membership



01 THE BASICS

Becoming a Covenant Member Becoming a Covenant Member at Athens Church is a

four-step process.

 COVENANT MEMBERSHIP CLASS
 As you think about making a decision to join the church, we offer a class that covers what it means to be a Covenant Member, as well as our DNA, basic heliafe, and therefore; distancing, We ment and

beliefs, and theological distinctives. We want you to know exactly what it means to become a church member and what is required before asking you to make a decision.

 MEMBERSHIP INTERVIEW Following your Membership Class, you'll be invited to meet with an Athens leader for a membership interview. This is a time for us to eat to know you.

hear your story more personally, and answer any questions you may have about our membership covenant.

3. FINALIZING MEMBERSHIP & NEXT STEPS

Your membership interviewer will help you take any next steps to finalize your membership. For some, this may be signing your membership covenant and helping you take a next step In serving, community, and giving. For others, it may be waiking with you through any additional requirements for membership, such as baptism.

Baptimi is intereded only for those who have professed faith in Jesus Christ and can give sufficient testimony to the bacics of Christian beliefs. We baptize by immersion because it is not only the original suphificance of the word but to los best symbolizes the reality to which baptism points—our death and resurrection in Christ.

If you have not been baptized following salvation, we ask you to take this step before becoming a Covenant Member. To help prepare you, we offer a Baptism Class. The class covers the biblical significance of baptism, frequently asked questions, and gives you an a coportenity to share your testimony.

4. MEMBERSHIP VOWS

Following the completion of any remaining steps, we'll invite you to come up front on a Sunday morning, take our membership vows, and be welcomed by the congregation.

What is the church?

The church exists for the display of the glory of God bacouse all things exist for His glory. Those of us who trust in and follow Jesus are cought up in something much bigger than ourselves. We have graciously been invited into God's redemptive purposes in the world.

Since the beginning, God has been creating and calling forth His people for the display of His glory in a grand narrative of redemption and reconciliation. Though creation now suffers the curse of Genesis 3, the gospel is the means by which the world is being made right. The gospel also carries with it the promise of ultimate renewal, a restoration even more glorious than Eden, and thus believers eagerly anticipate the return of Christ. The Church universal (ie., all believers, everywhere) is the means by which God is fulfilling His purposes in the world (2 Corinthians 5:17-20). It is being used to write God's beautiful and dramatic story of redemption and aconciliation. In light of this reality, the opportunity to join a local church body (i.e., a particular group of believers in a particular locale) is much more than a commitment to consistent attendance or active involvement in community. It is also a sacred call to be involved in the redemptive work of our sovereign God to push back the darkness of a fallen world through the power of the Holy Spirit with the light of His Son, Jesus Christ.

The church is the gothering of the redeemed, the household of God (Ephasians 2:19), the bride of Christ (Revelation 21:29) and the body of Christ 11 Continuous 12: 12:31). 1 Contribions 12: speaks of many members which the same body. Just os a humon body relies upon mutual dependence of individual members. As the kinclining, is other body of Christ requires is conficial and responsible service by its individual members. As the Scripturs say, "The pay council say to the hand, "Have no need of yous"(11 Contributions 12:21). Likewise, a member of the church cannot say to conther member that her or the is unnecessary. We all have gift that differ according to the gracious provision of the Holy Spirit (Romans 12:3-6). Centrey to the balled of our colleyr, we need each other.

Membership of Athens Church is participation in a family, a microcean of the univeral household of God. All members are united to Christ and thus to each dret. Unity within the church is expressed in love for God and a love for others, both house within the family and those who are not. Because of the identification of Christ with His Church, Christian are expected to display this gospalin a manner which is worthy of Him (Ephesians 4.1).

What is a covenant?

A covenant is generally defined as "a written agreement or promise usually under seal between two or more ties especially for the performance of some action." 1 Within the Scriptures, we find a number of examples of covenants, some between God and man (Genesis 6, 9, 15; Ezekiel 20; Hosea 2; Jeremiah 31; Matthew 26), while others are solely between men (1 Samuel 18, 2 Samuel 5). In some covenants, one party binds his or herself to fulfill the obligations of both sides of the agreement. In others, the parties are reciprocally bound to adhere to the obligations. While God's covenant with the Church universal is an example of the former, the local church covenant represents the latter. If at any time one of the parties of this church covenant continues in a state of unfaithfulness to its provisions, the other is released from certain obligations.

The covenant of Athens Church contains many conditions that are merely general Christian obligations. For example, all Christians, whether methods are the Athens Church or elsewhere, are required to substit to the Scriptures, pursue holiness, steward resources, etc. Such requirements are universal obligations for the Christ-follower regardless of any failure on the part of local church to live up to her covenant obligations.

If at any time an individual member leaks as though the corporate church body is not remaining faithful to the requirements of the covenant, it is the responsibility of the individual member to lovingly and humbly express concerns to the leadenship of the church. The church elders are unwilling to change and pursue covenant faithfulness, then the member is freed from his or her membership obligations and encouraged to seek membership elsewhere given the church's disobedience. In addition, certain circumstances may provide sufficient and righteous grounds to transfer membership elsewheres.

While focusing primorily in language on the responsibilities between the individual parties, the corporate church body, her elders and the individual parties, the covenant is first and foremast an acknowledgement of general Christian obligations and an agreement to enter into those duttes for God's glory and the good of the body and bride of His Son.

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SOCIAL MEDIA IMAGES



ANNUAL BIBLE READING PLAN RESOURCES



THE WORK

Communication & Marketing Tools

By coordinating with the staff team, we implemented the brand across digital tools like PowerPoint slides, web event graphics, social media posts, and email and app templates. We also created digital and print marketing materials like postcards and brochures.

GOSPEL COMMUNITY INFORMATION CARD



Find your people.

We often find ourselves pouring every ounce of energy into a million different things: work, school, family, kids, sports, friends, projects, and routines. By the time 9:00pm rolls around, we're left feeling exhausted, empty, and lost in the hustle.

But we weren't created for this kind of crazy. It's not what God desires for us. We were created for an intentional life-one with space for rest and a life-giving community of people around us. At Athens Church, we call these groups of people Gospel Communities. In a Gospel Community, you have the opportunity to meet with ordinary people like yourself to share life together, encourage one another, ask hard questions, find hope, and learn more about how Jesus transforms the everyday ordinary of our lives.

Whether you're exploring faith or have been a believer for many years, Gospel Communities are a welcoming place where you can come as you are, become part of a family, and grow in learning about Jesus. Would you join us at a Gospel Community?

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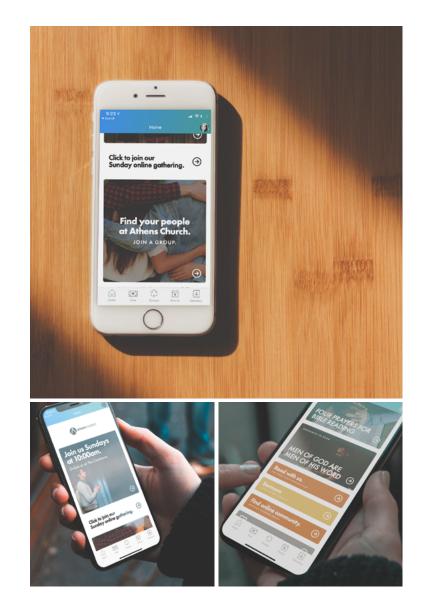
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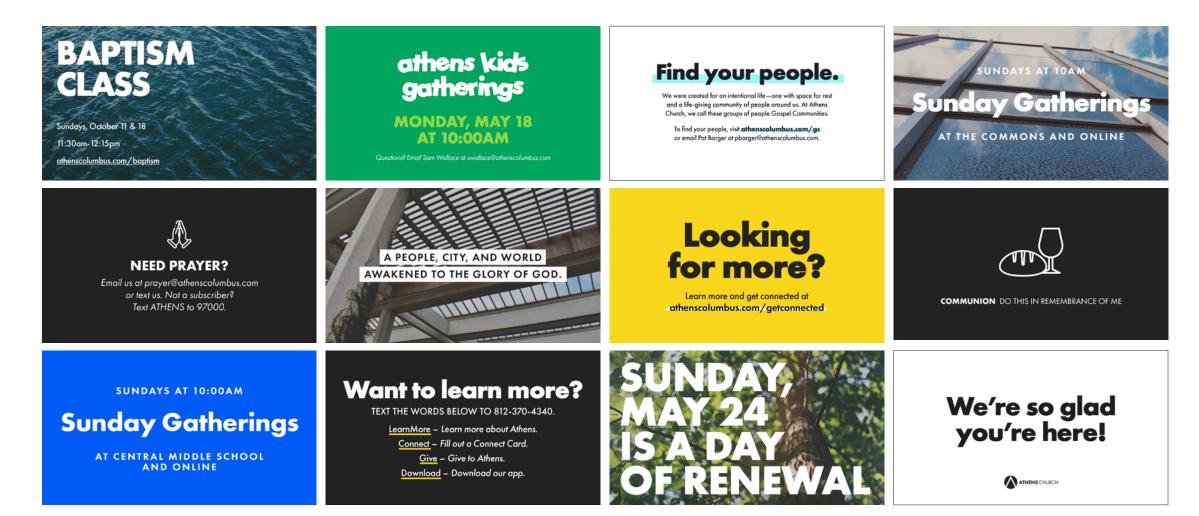
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SUNDAY MORNING ANNOUNCEMENT SLIDES



Environmental Design & Signage

At the time of this project, Athens Church met in a school, so all materials had to be simple to move and set up/tear down each Sunday. We didn't, however, want the space to feel boring, so we talked with the church's Connections Team. Together, we looked at Sunday morning foot traffic flow and the challenges that came with it. Using floor plan sketches and photographs of the space, we mocked up directional signage and environmental artwork displays to correct the issues, welcome/engage guests, and focus attendees on the mission of the church. After approval from church leadership, we moved to production and managed the process of ordering all the signage from vendors. Using a blend of retractable banners, temporary A-frame signage, and wall box fabric displays, we created dynamic environmental design that transformed a school into a welcoming church space.





OLD SIGNAGE





SUNDAY MORNING DIRECTIONAL SIGNAGE / POP-UP BANNERS



LANDMARK SIGNAGE / FABRIC WALL BOX DISPLAYS



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ATHENS KIDS CHECK-IN

> SANCTUARY

RESTROOMS

> NURSING MOTHERS ROOM THE WORK

Ministry Resources

The heart of ministry is the people involved in it, and Athens has a variety of ministries. With that in mind, we worked with the Connections Lead to identify ways to connect church attendees to those ministries. Ultimately, we developed tools to help new people get connected—this included engaging new volunteer name tags and lanyards, as well as other welcome materials.

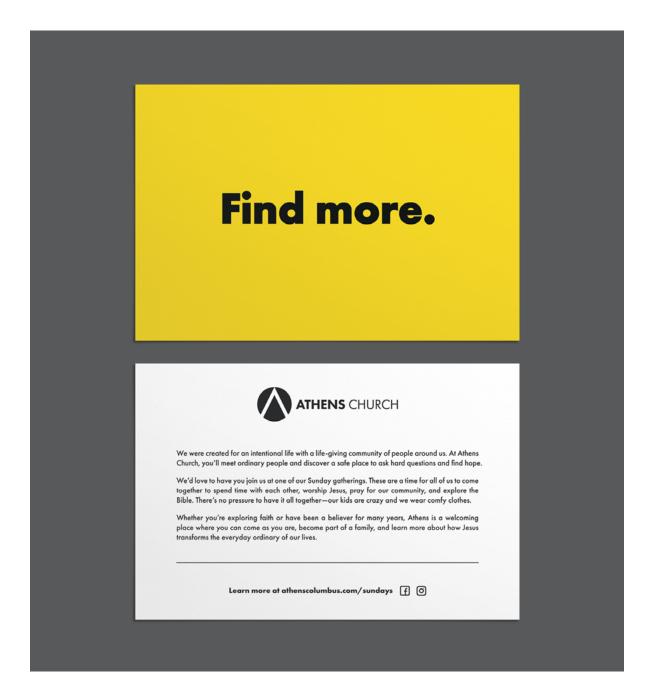
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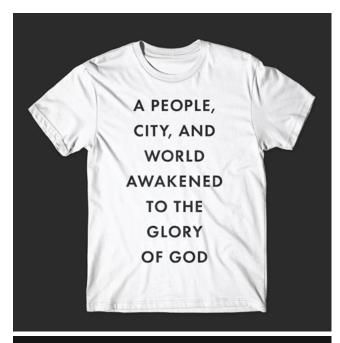
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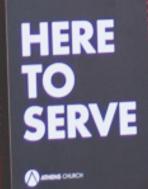
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The impact of our partnership

Because Athens Church is a small church with limited resources, our goal was to create a brand around the logo which would be easily implementable for staff and volunteers, regardless of communication skills. Providing a simple, yet invitational brand allowed for consistent and clear communication throughout Athens Church and its ministries.



Now that you know a bit more about what we can do, want to learn more about what we could do for you?

Email us at hello@weareamenable.com with any questions you have. We'd love to hear from you and have a conversation!

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