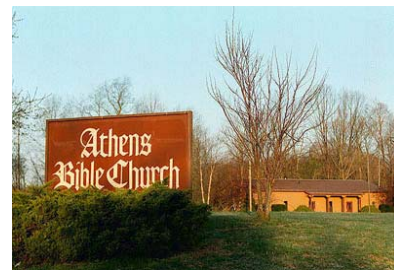


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Upcoming Events

- Apr. 2-3: George Black at Chillicothe Bible Church.
- Apr. 3: Visit by Dr. Hudson Shedd.
- Apr. 14: Ladies Fellowship 10:00 am.
- Apr. 17: Ladies Fellowship 1:30-3:30.
- Apr. 17: Building Committee Meeting 1:00 pm.
- May 15: Visit by Jack and Jennifer Mitchell.
- May 29: Visit by Daryl and Earlynne Thompson.

Church Services:

Sunday School: For all ages. Steve Benson will teach in Hebrews. 9:15 am

Children's Classes:
 Mrs. Mary Manning-ages 5-10. Mrs. Linda Hixson-ages 2-4 1/2.

Worship Service: Pastor Hixson will continue to teach in Exodus and the Old Testament picture of redemption. 10:30 am

Evening Service: Pastor Hixson will be teaching in Romans 3. 7:00 pm

Wednesday Prayer Meeting 6:15 pm

Wednesday Bible Study: Pastor Hixson will continue the minor prophet Hosea, with the theme-Redeeming Love. 7:30 pm

Chinese Bible Study Group

For 29 years, Athens Bible Church has been blessed in sharing the good news of the gospel with our Asian friends. We have witnessed many coming to Christ and grow with respect to salvation. Many have left the campus and their student life to take the gospel with them and teach their own friends and families. The Ohio University Chinese Bible Study Group meets in Gordy Hall across from the Alden Library every Friday night from 7:30- 9:00 pm. Occasionally, there will be special speakers and conferences to attend. If you know someone who would benefit from this ministry, contact: Yining Chen or Nianchu Chang; Alan Chen or Chia Ching Wang. For the past ten years, Yining and Nianchu have graciously given faithful leadership to this group, many of those years entertaining the Chinese class weekly in their home. Please remember them in prayer as they make preparations to move this summer to Kentucky. We trust the Lord will continue to use and bless you for His glory wherever you go. For additional information, visit the OUCBSG Web site at: <http://www.ohiou.edu/~chibible>.

Ladies Fellowship Meeting Dates

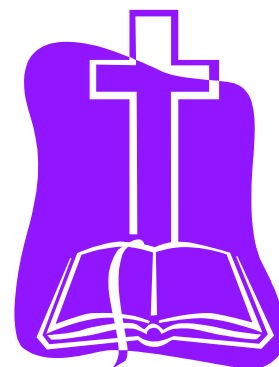
The Ladies Fellowship will continue their study of *The Excellent Wife* on Thursday April 14th at 10 am, and Sunday February 17th from 1:30-3:30 at the church.

Why Worship?

"As we join with other worshippers in church, our hearts are lifted out of this temporal world into God's eternal world. According to William Temple, in worship the *conscience* is quickened by the holiness of God, the *mind* is fed by the truth of God, the *imagination* is purged by the beauty of God, the *heart* is opened to the love of God, and the *will* is devoted to the purpose of God. And thus we are helped onward in our goal of becoming more like God" (OUR DAILY BREAD, January 2001).

Prayer Requests

- For missionaries with health related problems: Juan Prado, Daryl Thompson, & George Black's housekeeper.
- For ABC brethren with job and/or health related issues.
- For our ladies' visitation ministry. That they will continue to have good EXTRA prayer time for missionaries the third or fourth Sunday of each month.
- For Pastor Hixson's trip to South America for the GMSA meeting May 23-27 in Florida.
- For Andrew Brunk and fiancé Esther, who plan to marry in June in Vermont. Please pray for them as Andrew finishes up school, as they plan their wedding, look for summer work in Athens, and plan for possible ministries.
- For a healthy pregnancy for Bonnie K. Congratulations to the Kallet's who are expecting their first child in May!
- For Janie Blankenship who is battling health problems and recovering from recent surgery.



Church Ministry Schedule

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Greeters:

Apr. 3: Edwards Family
Apr. 10: Davis Family
Apr. 17: Edwards Family
Apr. 24: Davis Family

Scripture Readers:

Apr. 3: Jim-am, John-pm
Apr. 10: Steve-am, John-pm
Apr. 17: Jim-am, John-pm
Apr. 24: Steve-am, John-pm

Communion:

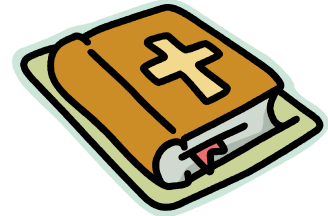
2nd Sunday: Mike F. & Bob J.
4th Sunday: John

Toddler Nursery:

Apr. 3: Candy
Apr. 10: Carol
Apr. 17: Amy
Apr. 24: Linda

Ushering/Offering:

Apr. 3: Jim E., Dave
Apr. 10: Hiley, Dave
Apr. 17: Chubb, Dave
Apr. 24: Bob J., Dave



Athens Bible Church Community Ministries

Home Bible Studies

Mondays: Heritage Commons, Athens-Taught by Pastor Hixson (6:30 pm)
Tuesdays: Manning Home, Marietta-Taught by Gary Manning (7:30 pm)
Tuesdays: Blankenship Home, The Plains-Taught by Dave Dupler (7:00 pm)
Thursdays: Swaim Home, The Plains-Taught by John Swaim (6:30 pm)

Student Groups

Mondays: Ohio University Bible Fellowship, Baker Center-Taught by Pastor Hixson (8:00 pm)
Tuesdays: Stocker Center, OU Campus-Taught by Josh Thomas (5:30 pm)
Fridays: Chinese Bible Study, Gordy Hall, OU Campus-Taught by Pastor Hixson and Others (7:30 pm)

Nursing Homes

Mondays: Hickory Creek, The Plains-Taught by Pastor Hixson (3:30 pm)
Fridays: Hickory Creek, The Plains-Taught by Pastor Hixson (3:30 pm)

Book Table Ministry at Ohio University

John Swaim plans to continue the Book Table ministry by setting up a literature and video display every Monday afternoon at one of the front campus gates. It has been a wonderful opportunity to sow precious seed and hand out invitations to the OUBF class. Please remember as spring and warm weather approach, many will stop to talk. If you have a desire to help, see John to donate an hour or two.

Words to Reflect On:

“Daily prayers lessen daily cares” (pg. 107).

Source: DeJong, B. R. (1985). Uncle Ben’s Instant Clip-Quotes. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House.