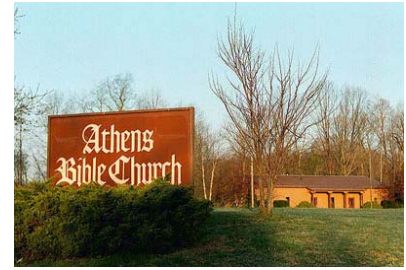


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*Upcoming Events*

- August 7: Building Committee Meeting 1:00 (lunch provided).
- August 14: All Church Lunch/Prayer Meeting 12:15-2:00 pm. Church Business Meeting 5:30.
- September 14: Baptism Service-Lake Snowden 6:00.
- September 17: Ladies Fellowship 9:00 am.
- September 21: No Services
- September 22: Mission Presentation-Location TBA.

**Ladies Fellowship**

The ladies will meet at a new time this fall. Look for us the third Saturday, 9:00am, for a time of prayer. Then, at 9:45, we will continue our study in *The Excellent Wife* by Martha Peace. Meetings will be at the church and conclude at 11:00.

**2005 Baptism Service**

An outdoor baptism is scheduled for September 14th at Lake Snowden in Albany. The service will begin at 6 p.m. A church-wide fellowship will follow at the shelter located next to the lake. A sheet will be distributed soon to sign up to bring light supper and snacks. Anyone desiring to be baptized, please contact Pastor Hixson for additional information.

**Mission Presentation**

Dave and Joy Rozelle will be in our area on September 22, Thursday, and will plan to present a special program for the Gospel Mission of South America. This will be a combination of prayer time as well. The usual Wednesday services will be moved to Thursday for this week only. The place will be announced later.

**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. 9:15 am
- Teen & College Sunday School:** Studying John Piper's *Don't Waste Your Life* with Pastor Hixson. 9:15 am
- 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 a new series TBA. 7:00 pm
- Wednesday Prayer Meeting** 6:15 pm
- Wednesday Bible Study:** Pastor Hixson will teach in Jonah. 7:30 pm

**Thank You**

- To Thorton and Roy for painting the hallways of the church. It looks beautiful!
- To all those who helped with baking for Camp. Your efforts were appreciated very much.
- To all who help each week to make Athens Bible Church a lighthouse for the Lord in this community.

**Prayer Requests**

- Pray for the young people who attended Camp Logos and for decisions that were made in each heart to bear fruit.
- Remember John and others who help at the Monday OU campus book table.
- Pray for the new school year as new contacts are made for OUBF and the Chinese Bible Class outreaches.
- Pray for news ones to attend our services who will receive and be a blessing to the church family.
- For Jim Reese's mother who is suffering with kidney stones.
- For the Word of God to be blessed in all the services and for changed lives.

**Completion of Forgiveness Series**

The recent series on "Forgiveness" was helpful and enlightening. What are myths of forgiveness? Do we correctly understand biblical forgiveness? How do we forgive people we have never seen, or those who have done abominable atrocities to us or our loved ones? If you missed the series and would like it on cassette or CD, talk to Kathy or Mick Grubb.

# Church Ministry Schedule

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## Greeters:

August 7: Edwards Family  
August 14: Davis Family  
August 21: Jennice Family  
August 28: Edwards Family

## Scripture Readers:

August 7: Steve-am, John-pm  
August 14: Steve-am, John-pm  
August 21: Jim-am, John-pm  
August 28: Jim-am, John-pm

## Toddler Nursery:

August 7: Linda  
August 14: Amy  
August 21: Carol  
August 28: Ramona

## Ushering/Offering:

August 7: Jim E., Hiley  
August 14: Hiley, Chubb  
August 21: Chubb, Bob J.  
August 28: Bob J., Alan C.

## Communion:

2nd Sunday: Steve B. & Bob J.  
4th Sunday: John

## 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).

## Mission News and Prayer Requests

- Jason Carson shared his desire to help young Korean Christians know the Word and be able to share the Christian faith with their peers. Pray for Word of Life to be effective in Korea, Taiwan and China.
- Praise for successful mission trip to Honduras for Jack and Jennifer Mitchell.
- Bill and Julie Harrison shared their burden to reach the tribal folks in Benin, West Africa. Be in prayer for their deputation, gathering of prayer support and language study as their goal to be on the field in fall, 2006.