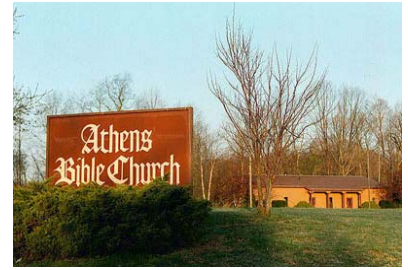


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Upcoming Events

- Jan. 7: Building Committee Meeting.
- Jan. 7: Memorial Service for Mrs. Wanda Brunk.
- Jan. 8: All Church Lunch Prayer Meeting 12:15-2:00.
- Jan. 11: Brunks' Return to South Africa.
- Jan. 19-Feb. 4: Pastor Hixson's GMSA Trip to Chile.
- Jan. 21: Ladies Fellowship 9:00-11:00 am.

Church Services:

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| Sunday School: For all ages. Steve Benson will teach in Hebrews. | 9:15 am |
| Children's Classes: Mrs. Mary Manning-ages 7-12. Mrs. Linda Hixson-ages 2-6. | 9:15 am |
| Teen & College Sunday School: Studying Fritz Ridenour's <i>So What's the Difference</i> with Pastor Hixson. | 9:15 am |
| Worship Service: Pastor Hixson will teach individual messages until the beginning of the next series. | 10:30 am |
| Evening Service: Pastor Hixson will continue to teach in Romans 9-11, "God's Sovereignty and Election." | 7:00 pm |
| Wednesday Prayer Meeting: | 6:15 pm |
| Wednesday Bible Study: Pastor Hixson will begin a new series on "Heaven, Our Future Home." Esther and Andrew Brunk will lead the Youth Bible Study. | 7:30 pm |

Memorial Service

As a church family, we to extend our heartfelt sympathy to the Brunk family in the loss of Pastor Mike's mother on December 21st. A memorial service will be held in her honor at 1:00 on January 7 at Galbreath Chapel on the College Green. Pastor Hixson will officiate the service.

Ladies Fellowship Update

The Ladies' Fellowship supplied fruit and goody baskets to our elderly and shut-in friends. They were much appreciated. Thanks to all who helped. Our monthly meeting will be Saturday, January 7. We'll meet at the church at 9:00 am for intercessory prayer. Have a brief fellowship at 9:30, then resume our study of The Excellent Wife at 9:45.

Brunks Return to the Mission Field

The Brunks return to South Africa on Wednesday, January 11th. They are thankful for blessings and safe travel as they visited supporting churches and logged thousands of miles. They desire your continued prayer support. Please contact them for email letter information if you wish to be more informed. They send weekly prayer updates. We have been blessed by their ministry these last nine months!

GMSA Conference in Chile

The Gospel Mission of South America will host its annual mission conference in Chile at the group camp at Lican Rey for missionaries and pastors. Pastor Hixson and John Swaim will attend. Pastor Hixson has a series of messages and Dr. Dan Anderson, president of Appalachian Bible College, will be the main speaker. Pray that the missionaries and pastors will be encouraged and blessed by this time.

Church Directory Update

If your current information is different from the 2004 edition, please provide your updated information (i.e. address, phone, email, etc.) to Andrew Brunk on or before January 18th.

Prayer Requests

- Prayer for Chubb Davis and the Davis family as Chubb continues to recover.
- Prayer for wisdom for the Building Committee.
- Prayer for Pastor Hixson and John Swaim as they travel to South America for the GMSA conference.
- Prayer for safe travel for the Brunks and Harbaughs.
- Prayer for the Brunk family as they deal with the loss of Pastor Mike's mother.

Ministries for Children

Sunday School is provided for all ages at 9:15 am. There is a Bible study for school age and pre-schoolers on Wednesday night during the adult Bible study. Nursery is provided for infants and young children up to age 4. There are college and high school weekend retreats in January (Salem Bible Church). A week long summer camp for ages 9- senior in high school is held at Tar Hollow Group Camp in Laurelville, Ohio every last week in July. We offer a teacher training course for those interested in teaching children. Talk to Mrs. Mary Manning for more information.

"Heaven" Series Now Available on Tape/CD

CDs and audio cassettes are available for anyone who may have missed Pastor Hixson's recent series "Heaven Our Future Home." Contact Mick or Kathy Grubb if interested.

Church Ministry Schedule

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<u>Greeters:</u> Jan. 1: Coffman Family Jan. 8: Edwards Family Jan. 15: Jennice Family Jan. 22: Brunk Family Jan. 29: TBA	<u>Scripture Readers:</u> Jan. 1: Steve-am, John-pm Jan. 8: Jim-am, John-pm Jan. 15: Steve-am, John-pm Jan. 22: Jim-am, John-pm Jan. 29: Steve-am, John-pm	<u>Infant Nursery:</u> Jan. 1: TBA Jan. 8: TBA Jan. 15: TBA Jan. 22: TBA Jan. 29: TBA	<u>Toddler Nursery:</u> Jan. 1: TBA Jan. 8: TBA Jan. 15: TBA Jan. 22: TBA Jan. 29: TBA
<u>Ushering/Offering:</u> Jan. 1: Dave, Jim E. Jan. 8: Hiley, Bob J. Jan. 15: Andrew, Alan Jan. 22: Hiley, Steve Jan. 29: Andrew, Bob J.	<u>Communion:</u> 2nd Sunday: Mike F. & Bob J. 4th Sunday: John		

Athens Bible Church Community Ministries

<u>Home Bible Studies:</u>	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).
<u>Student Groups:</u>	Mondays: Ohio University Bible Fellowship, Baker Center 334-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).
<u>Nursing Homes:</u>	Mondays: Hickory Creek, The Plains-Taught by Pastor Hixson (3:30 pm). Fridays: Hickory Creek, The Plains-Taught by Pastor Hixson (3:30 pm).