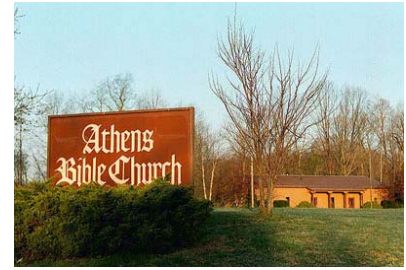


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*Upcoming Events*

- July 9: Esther & Andrew Wedding Reception-Logan.
- July 10: All Church Lunch/ Prayer Meeting 12:15-2:00 pm..
- July 10: Last Sunday for Nianchu, Yining, & Family.
- July 30-31: Collect Baked Goods for Camp Logos.
- July 31-Aug. 5: Camp Logos, Tar Hollow State Park.
- July: Church Business Meeting-TBA. All church members encouraged to attend.

**Goodbye and Welcome to Church Members and Friends**

**Goodbye to Nianchu & Yining**

Please take the time to say your good-byes to Nianchu, Yining, and their family. After many devoted years of service and work in Athens with our Chinese brothers and sisters, they will be relocating to Kentucky. We share many wonderful memories with you and look forward to hearing how the Lord will use and bless you after your move.

**Welcome to Esther & Andrew**

Esther and Andrew were married at Esther's home church, Trinity Baptist, outside of Burlington, VT, on June 11th. We look forward to getting to know them better as they begin their new life together here in The Plains. They are praying about ways to be involved in serving the Lord at Athens Bible Church. We are glad to have you with us. Congratulations and may God bless your new life together.

**Baked Goods Needed for Camp Logos**

Ladies can help with supplying this need again this year for the kids and adult staff at camp. If you would like to help or have questions, please see Linda. Baked goods will be collected July 30-31st.

**Church Services:**

- Sunday School:** For all ages. Steve Benson will teach in Hebrews. 9:15 am
- Children's Classes:** 9:15 am  
 Mrs. Mary Manning-ages 5-10. Mrs. Linda Hixson-ages 2-4 1/2.
- Teen & College Sunday School:** Studying discipleship with Pastor Hixson. 9:15 am
- Worship Service:** 10:30 am  
 Pastor Hixson will continue to teach in Exodus and the Old Testament picture of redemption.
- Evening Service:** Pastor Hixson will be teaching on forgiveness. 7:00 pm
- Wednesday Prayer Meeting** 6:15 pm
- Wednesday Bible Study:** Pastor Hixson will teach in Jonah. 7:30 pm

**Church Remodeling to Begin Soon**

The ABC hallways and restrooms will be getting a facelift soon. Thanks to Dave D. who is upgrading electric and to Thornton W. who will be leading the painting project. Listen for announcements as the hallways will need to be cleared. Yes, all those hymnals and books, books, and books! Oh, yes and the cabinets in the back. We'll do the preparing some Sunday afternoon and evening.

**Evangelism & Discipling Tools**

You may still pick up a copy of the DVD "Jesus." They are \$5.00 per copy. You may enclose the money in a small marked envelope and place it in the offering. A reprinted large print edition of Strombeck's *So Great Salvation* is also available. Thank you John Swaim for making these available.

**Prayer Requests**

- For Pastor Mike Brunk's time as senior camp speaker at Camp Logos July 31-Aug.5.
- For Pastor Hixson's guest message at Camp Logos.
- For Paul B. who is selling his home and relocating to Lancaster this summer.
- For more to come to Sunday School, Sunday Evening and Wednesday night services.
- For several who are battling severe health problems.
- For the Word of God to be blessed in all the services and for changed lives.
- For several of our young people making important decisions regarding their future.

# Church Ministry Schedule

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<p><b><u>Greeters:</u></b></p> <p>July 3: Davis Family          July 10: Davis Family          July 17: Jennice Family          July 24: Davis Family          July 31: Edwards Family</p>	<p><b><u>Scripture Readers:</u></b></p> <p>July 3: Jim-am, John-pm          July 10: Steve-am, John-pm          July 17: Jim-am, John-pm          July 24: Steve-am, John-pm          July 31: Jim-am, John-pm</p>	<p><b><u>Toddler Nursery:</u></b></p> <p>July 3: Ramona          July 10: Linda          July 17: Amy          July 24: Candy          July 31: Carol</p>	<p><b><u>Ushering/Offering:</u></b></p> <p>July 3: Bob J., Hiley          July 10: Hiley, Chubb          July 17: Chubb, Bob J.          July 24: Bob J., Alan C.          July 31: Alan C., Dave</p>
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**Communion:**

2nd Sunday: Steve B. & Hiley R.  
 4th Sunday: John

## Athens Bible Church Community Ministries

<p><b><u>Home Bible Studies:</u></b></p> <p>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).</p> <p><b><u>Student Groups:</u></b></p> <p>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).</p> <p><b><u>Nursing Homes:</u></b></p> <p>Mondays: Hickory Creek, The Plains-Taught by Pastor Hixson (3:30 pm).          Fridays: Hickory Creek, The Plains-Taught by Pastor Hixson (3:30 pm).</p>	
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### Mission News and Prayer Requests

- The Brunks report that the youth in South Africa are at Bible Camp for the week. Please pray for fruit to remain coming from this. The Brunks are finishing their final week of furlough. They will be visiting Maine, New Hampshire, and Connecticut, before returning to Athens on July 8th.
- The Mitchells will be serving in Honduras this month. April Dunaway (from OUBF) will be assisting.
- Teresa Thompson plans to work in the States then hopes to arrange a brief mission trip to South America next winter.
- The Prados report that Bibles are being distributed through the Valley. Health praises! Both Helen and Juan rejoice. Pray for their visitation and witness in the Elqui Valley. They have a children's club.
- Praise for a united team working at Pintores de Chile. And Uncle George Black also praises the Lord that several children have accepted Christ. He works with developing Bible churches in Caldera and Copiapo', in the north.
- The Goossens pray for the planning of the new church remodeling and parsonage. Pray for leaders to be raised up from within. Pray for the salvation of Victoriano and Orieta, and for Cristina and Maria.
- The Harbaughs pray for the growth of believers and for their study of the Word. A young people's conference will be held soon. The study will be on Godly marriage (Let Linda know if you need a full prayer list for the month from the Harbaughs from their recent emailed letter).