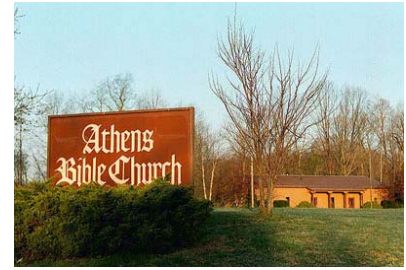


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Upcoming Events

- June 5: Chinese Picnic for Ing Gwa Liu Family 5:00 pm.
- June 11: Andrew and Esther Wedding in Vermont.
- June 12: All Church Lunch/Prayer Meeting 12:15-2:00 pm.
- June 12: Chinese Graduation Picnic 1:00 pm.
- July 9: Wedding Reception for Andrew and Esther, Logan 1:00-5:00 pm.
- July 31-August 5: Camp Logos, Tar Hollow State Park.

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 discipleship 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 in Romans 3. 7:00 pm
- Wednesday Prayer Meeting** 6:15 pm
- Wednesday Bible Study:** Pastor Hixson will teach another minor prophet, Haggai. 7:30 pm

Happy Father's Day!!

The first Father's Day was celebrated in June 1909 in Spokane, WA. Sonora Louise Smart Dodd of Spokane, after listening to a Mother's Day sermon decided she'd like to honor her father, as well as fathers everywhere. Her father, William Jackson Smart, raised six children after his wife died. She drew up a petition to adopt a national Father's Day. There were many supporters. But it wasn't until 1972, when President R. M. Nixon officially set apart the day to honor fathers (World Book Encyclopedia).

GMSA Board Meeting Update

Pastor Hixson thanks all who prayed for him and helped while he was in Ft. Lauderdale the last week of May. Many good things were accomplished. Each field director gave a long vision plan for their areas. Pastor Hixson was asked to be one of the speakers at the next missionary conference in Chile, January 2006.

American & Chinese Student Ministries

We praise the Lord for a good year. The Ohio University Bible Fellowship will see many graduate this year. The Chinese students will also say good-bye to many who are graduating. This Sunday, June 5, a picnic will welcome the return visit of Ing Gwa Liu and family from Maranatha Baptist College, where he teaches several science courses. Next Sunday, June 12, the Chinese students will honor their graduates with a picnic at one o'clock.

Andrew and Esther Wedding June 11th

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Daniel Reno are giving their daughter, Esther Elaine to Andrew Joseph Brunk, son of Pastor and Mrs. Michael Jason Brunk, in marriage Saturday, June 11, 2 o'clock, at Trinity Baptist Church, Williston VT. Dave Dupler and the Hixson family are planning to attend. The church family is invited to a reception, Saturday, July 9, from 1:00- 5:00 in the afternoon, 30574 Strawn Road, Logan, OH. RSVP via email: ae_brunk@juno.com. The couple has gift registries at Target, Bath and Beyond and Wal-mart.

Prayer Requests

- Praise for a good year of ministry to students, American and Chinese.
- Praise for good meetings as the GMSA Board met the last week of May.
- For the wedding of Andrew and Esther. That it will be honoring to the Lord, and for the safe travel of family and friends. For their adjustment to ministry in Athens, and for their job needs.
- For more to come to Sunday School, Sunday Evening and Wednesday night services.
- For comfort while Paul B. adjusts to changes after his wife's death.
- For the Word of God to be blessed in all the services and for changed lives.

Camp Logos Coming Soon!

For over thirty years, our Ohio "sister" churches have put their gifts and talents together to provide a fun and spiritually blessed week of camp. Many church people help as counselors, speakers or kitchen personnel. Pray for staff and campers. Camp Logos rents the group camp at Tar Hollow State Park, Laurelville, Ohio. For ages 9-high school senior, registration ends soon. The week of camp is always the last week of July.

Building Committee Update

A garage is being planned for construction this summer. The hall and bathroom painting will also get underway soon. Thanks to all who are helping with these projects.

Church Ministry Schedule

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<p><u>Greeters:</u></p> <p>June 5: Edwards Family June 12: Davis Family June 19: Jennice Family June 26: Edwards Family</p>	<p><u>Scripture Readers:</u></p> <p>June 5: Jim-am, John-pm June 12: Steve-am, John-pm June 19: Jim-am, John-pm June 26: Steve-am, John-pm</p>	<p><u>Toddler Nursery:</u></p> <p>June 5: Amy June 12: Candy June 19: Linda June 26: Carol</p>	<p><u>Ushering/Offering:</u></p> <p>June 5: Jim E., Dave June 12: Chubb, Dave June 19: Alan C., Dave June 26: Bob J., Dave</p>
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Communion:

2nd Sunday: Steve B. & Hiley R.
 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

- Jack and Jennifer Mitchell go to Arizona and Honduras this summer.
- Robert and Esther Marsh and family are expecting twins; they will be moving to Lubumbashi this July.
- Mark and Wyla Grings, in the states; Wyla has health issues.
- The Willoughbys' are visiting in the western states for two months.
- John and Amanda Herrick, looking for property in Ireland, are here in the northeastern states for the summer. Several folks being baptized.
- D. Thompsons-Isaac overseeing Coyhaique. Praise for a man newly saved there.
- Brunks are visiting churches and will be "on the road" for the next five weeks.
- Goossens had a large group of more than 65 at their Easter services. They are praying for more to help with teaching Sunday School.
- Brother George Black working with churches in Copiapo and Caldera, training and the 'ten year plan.'
- Ray and Carol Harbaugh training Jacob and Hernan for leadership and their families. Pray for Harbaugh children, Jonathan and Katie in college, David, Aaron, Tim and Ellie spiritual growth and home schooling.
- Juan and Helen Prado are working in the Elqui Valley, passing out Bibles. Pray for work that needs to be done on the Pirque Camp.

Missionary Visits

- The Daryl Thompson family was in our area for the past two weeks. They paid visits to Salem, OH and Pennsylvania before heading north to Michigan. Sunday, May 29, Pastor Thompson shared an outline borrowed from a notable Bible teacher, G. Christian Weiss and inserted personal testimony. Who is called to the mission field? The call comes from beyond-from the fields that are white unto harvest. John 4. The call comes from above, Acts 1:7. The call comes from regions below. Consider Luke 16 and the begging rich man. Lastly, the call comes from the regions of the heart as the Holy Spirit sends the personal prompt as in Acts 13:2.
- During a recent visit on May 15th by Dr. Jack and Jennifer Mitchell, Dr. Mitchell shared a very informative power point presentation on recent trips to Saipan and Australia. In the worship hour, Dr. Mitchell shared from the Word on getting leading from the Lord. Pray for their future trips. Much paper work and arrangements always take up time as well as the ordering of supplies before each trip. They cherish our prayers for safety and strength, the accompanying team members, each person who gets treated, and most importantly, the gospel message to be received and for the Lord to change lives.
- We've enjoyed having the Brunk family in our area for the past two weeks. Pastor Mike and Marie will plan to visit other areas in the next five weeks, then will be back in our area for the rest of the summer and fall.