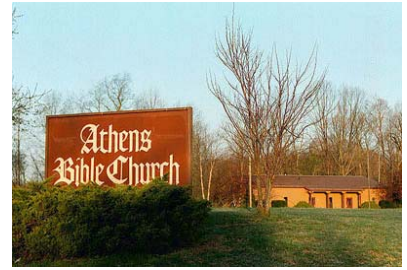


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*Upcoming Events*

- May 12: Ladies Fellowship Meeting 10:00 am.
- May 15: Visit by Jack and Jennifer Mitchell.
- May 15: Ladies Fellowship Meeting 2:30-3:30 pm.
- May 15: All Church Lunch/ Prayer Meeting 12:15-2:00.
- May 22: Building Committee Meeting 12:30 pm.
- May 22-28: Pastor's Mission Board Trip to Florida.
- May 29: Visit by GMSA Missionaries Rev. & Mrs. Daryl 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. 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 Mother's Day!!**

The first Mother's Day was held on May 10, 1908, in honor of Mrs. Ann Reeves Jarvis. Ann's daughter, Anna Jarvis, got the idea of having a day set aside when men and women throughout the nation would pay special honor to their mothers. Happy Mother's Day to all mothers.

**Wednesday Evening Prayer and Bible Study**

A prayerful church is a powerful church. Please join us! Got questions about Bible topics? Pastor Hixson usually opens the Bible study with "Does anyone have a question?" And questions are welcomed during the study as well. Haggai's theme is "Consider your ways."

**May Missionary Visits**

Jack and Jennifer Mitchell from Grace Dental Mission (May 15) and Daryl and Earlynne Thompson (May 29) will be with us during the month of May. Both couples will share their pictures and report on recent happenings on the mission field. Jack and Daryl will also preach during the morning worship services. The Thompson's will be in the Athens area to celebrate as their daughter Teresa graduates from Appalachian Bible College.

**OU Bible Fellowship**

OU young people are meeting during the week for encouragement and fellowship. See Megan Eanes for more info.

**New Cleaning Schedule**

Thank you to those who faithfully and lovingly clean the church each week. A new six-month schedule will be posted for July. Let Linda know if there should be any changes or additions.

**Helpers Needed for Yard Work**

Thank you to Frank Mahaffey and those who volunteer to take care of yard work each week. The more help we have, the lighter the work load for each volunteer. If anyone wants to join the team, talk to Dave Dupler or Pastor Hixson.

**Prayer Requests**

- For the health needs of Paul Blankenship.
- For ABC brethren with job and/or health related issues.
- For the ABC ladies' visitation ministry.
- For Pastor Hixson's GMSA mission board trip to Florida May 22-28.
- 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 healing for Bonnie K. Congratulations to the Kallet's, proud parents of a healthy son named Nathan.
- For Janie Blankenship who is recovering from health problems and recent surgery.
- For wisdom for the Building Committee as they make important decisions in the coming months.
- For Nianchu, Yining and family as they relocate to Kentucky.

**Building Committee Update**

The Building Committee is in the process of consulting with an architect. A new garage will be built to provide much needed storage space. The church building will also be sided and re-roofed. Indoor painting in hallways, as well as painting and papering the bathrooms will be a project for the near future.

# Church Ministry Schedule

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## Greeters:

May 1: Edwards Family  
May 8: Davis Family  
May 15: Jennice Family  
May 22: Edwards Family  
May 29: Davis Family

## Scripture Readers:

May 1: Steve-am, John-pm  
May 8: Steve-am, John-pm  
May 15: Jim-am, John-pm  
May 22: Jim-am, John-pm  
May 29: Steve-am, John-pm

## Toddler Nursery:

May 1: Amy  
May 8: Ramona  
May 15: Candy  
May 22: Linda  
May 29: Carol

## Ushering/Offering:

May 1: Jim E., Dave  
May 8: Hiley, Dave  
May 15: Chubb, Dave  
May 22: Bob J., Dave  
May 29: Mike F., Dave

## 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).

## Selections from Herber Lockyer's, All the Women of the Bible, as a Tribute to our Mothers

### The Watcher-Mother

She always leaned to watch for us,  
Anxious if we were late,  
In winter by the window,  
In summer by the gate.  
And though we mocked her tenderly,  
Who had such foolish care,  
The long way home would seem more safe  
Because she waited there.

Her thoughts were all so full of us-  
She never could forget!  
And so I think that where she is  
She must be watching yet.  
Waiting till we come home to her,  
Anxious if we are late-  
Watching from heaven's window,  
Leaning from heaven's gate.

*-Margaret Widdemer*

### Mother Forever

If I could live ten thousand years,  
I still would think of Mother,  
Remembering her smiles and tears,  
And how we loved each other.

Years cannot dim that vision bright,  
I count my dearest treasure;  
They only seem to shed more light  
Upon her worth and measure.  
The Christian faith that through her shone  
Is still my inspiration;  
The wisdom of her ways I own  
With more appreciation.

If I could live ten thousand years,  
How think you, friend and brother,  
Could I forget that dream that cheers  
And oft brings back my Mother?

*-Ralph T. Nordlund*