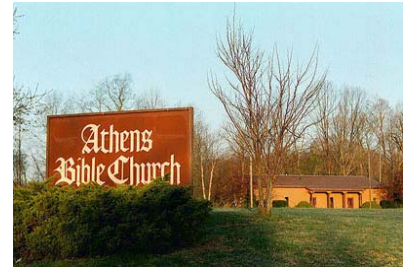


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Upcoming Events

- Nov. 13: All Church Lunch/ Prayer Meeting & Building Committee Meeting 12:15-2:00 pm.
- Nov. 19: Ladies Fellowship 9:00 am; Bible Study 9:45-11:00 am.
- Nov. 23: Prayer Meeting; no Bible Study.
- Nov. 24: Thanksgiving Service 9:30 am.



Thanksgiving Service

Those interested in joining us to give public thanks can meet together at the church on Thursday November 24th at 9:30 am. There will be no Bible study Wednesday evening, but we will have the usual prayer meeting at 6:15 pm.

ABC Family Services

The infant and toddler nursery staff welcomes your children during the worship service. The director is Carol Johnson. Qualified and interested helpers, please talk to her or call 594-8858. Parents of small children, please feel free to occupy the last two rows in the sanctuary as your little ones begin to enjoy and participate in family worship.

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 various messages from the book of Psalms. | 10:30 am |
| Evening Service: Pastor Hixson will continue teaching "The Apostle's Creed." | 7:00 pm |
| Wednesday Prayer Meeting | 6:15 pm |
| Wednesday Bible Study: Pastor Hixson will begin a new series on "Our Home in Heaven." Esther and Andrew Brunk will lead the Youth Bible Study. | 7:30 pm |

New Youth Bible Study

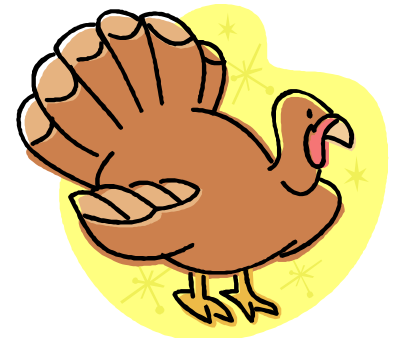
Esther and Andrew Brunk will be leading the new Wednesday night Youth Bible Study. Families come and bring your kids!! The Youth Bible Study will begin at 7:30, the same time as the adult Bible Study. They will be providing activities and Bible lessons for young people school age to junior high. Linda is still available for your preschool age children.

So What's the Difference?

Fritz Ridenour's book compares Christianity against 20 different worldviews. It is a very helpful and informative book, and is simply written. The teen and college age adults are studying this in the Sunday School class which meets Sunday mornings at the Hixson home. If you would like a copy for yourself, please contact Pastor Hixson.

Prayer & Thanks

- Please Pray for Pastor Brunk's mother as some serious health problems have occurred. Also some leadership problems must be confronted in South Africa.
- Prayer for the GMSA staff as they are still without power in Florida.
- Prayer for wisdom for the Building Committee.
- Thanks to Thorton Wilson for doing such a wonderful job painting the ABC restrooms.



Church Ministry Schedule

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<p><u>Greeters:</u></p> <p>Nov. 6: Jennice Family Nov. 13: Edwards Family Nov. 20: Davis Family Nov. 27: Coffman Family</p>	<p><u>Scripture Readers:</u></p> <p>Nov. 6: Jim-am, John-pm Nov. 13: Steve-am, John-pm Nov. 20: Jim-am, John-pm Nov. 27: Steve-am, John-pm</p>	<p><u>Toddler Nursery:</u></p> <p>Nov. 6: Linda Nov. 13: TBA Nov. 20: TBA Nov. 27: TBA</p>	<p><u>Ushering/Offering:</u></p> <p>Nov. 6: Alan, Jim E. Nov. 13: Hiley, Chubb Nov. 20: Bob J., Dave Nov. 27: Alan, Andrew</p>
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Communion:

2nd Sunday: Mike F. & 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 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).
- 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).

Missions News

- The GMSA mission home office in Ft. Lauderdale sustained significant roof damage from hurricanes Katrina and Wilma. Repairs should be getting underway. Pray for wisdom and direction as significant changes are being considered.
- The Brunks celebrated Josh and Joanna's wedding last month. Many friends from the church also helped to welcome the newlyweds on Sunday, October 30 with a reception at the church.
- The Brunk's departure date is set for January 11, 2006. The Brunk family will be holding the Christmas Day morning service, Dec. 25, 10:30.
- Dr. Jack and Jennifer Mitchell gave a presentation at the church on October 30th detailing their summer in Arizona while working on a Native American reservation. They also included a report from Honduras. The Mitchell's were able to help and minister to 1,500 people in one week! Many young people desired to make a profession of faith in Christ. The Mitchells need to increase some support. You can pray with them for more contacts and supporting churches.

Book Store Update by Mrs. Linda Hixson

There are four new books in the ABC library. Two of the books are by Elizabeth George. They are entitled *God's Wisdom for Little Girls* and *God's Wisdom for Little Boys*. Both will help to present godly character to your children. *Leading Little Ones to God* by Marion Schoolland, presents 86 lessons of Bible doctrine, a memory verse, a suggested hymn and prayer. In addition, the script is easy to understand. *Big Truths for Little Kids*, by Susan and Richie Hunt, will help families to establish regular habits of family devotions with Bible instruction. The format is a question and answer for kids to learn and memorize. There is an accompanying story with each lesson. The last two books are recommended for ages 5-10. Parents are the first and most important teachers your children will know. And God's mandate for parents to teach and instruct their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord is not only important but rewarding. A son remarked to his mother who was a teacher of little children for many years, "the payoff may be decades later." The child's heart is tender and their minds are quick to learn. Parents can never establish the daily habit of personal worship with their children at too young of an age. I have heard of (and have done it myself) mothers reading, praying and singing with their unborn children! Let me know if I can help with ordering books.