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# Athens Bible Church

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### Upcoming Events

- ABC Business Meeting Dec. 5th at 2:00 pm.
- All-Church Prayer Meeting and Potluck-Dec. 12.
- Ladies Meeting-Jan. 11.
- Ladies Meeting-Jan. 16.

### Special Speakers

- 12/26-Steve DeMar will preach Sunday School and the morning worship service.
- 12/26-Dave Dupler will preach the evening service.
- 12/29-Gary Manning will lead Bible study.
- 1/2-Andy Price will preach Sunday School and the morning worship service.

### Church Services:

<b>Sunday School:</b> For all ages. Steve Benson will continue teaching in 2 Timothy.	9:15 am
<b>Worship Service:</b> Pastor Hixson will continue to teach in Exodus.	10:30 am
<b>Evening Service:</b> Pastor Hixson will be completing the gospel of Matthew.	7:00 pm
<b>Wednesday Prayer Meeting</b>	6:15 pm
<b>Wednesday Bible Study:</b> Pastor Hixson will teach in Hosea.	7:30 pm

## GMSA CONFERENCE IN URUGUAY

Pastor Hixson will be one of the main speakers at the annual missions conference for Gospel Mission of South America. The conference will be at the end of January in Uruguay. Pastor Hixson expects to be accompanied by Carl West and Andy Price who are also planning to attend.

### Church Business Meeting Today!

ABC will have a business meeting today (Dec. 5th) at 2:00 pm. A pot-luck lunch will be provided after the morning worship service prior to the meeting. The business meeting will include a financial report, the consideration of new deacons, and the Pastor's report.

### Special Speakers

Athens Bible Church will have several guest speakers in the next few weeks including Steve DeMar, Dave Dupler, Gary Manning, and Andy Price. See the Upcoming Events section for more information.

### Christmas Gift Baskets for the Needy

The Ladies Fellowship will be creating approximately 8-10 Christmas gift baskets for our elderly shut-ins. The baskets will be created by the ladies fellowship the week of December 12th. The ladies will purchase fruit, but in order to complete the baskets, there is a need for baked goods such as cookies, muffins, quick breads, etc. All items received will be divided among the total number of baskets. The ladies will distribute the baskets to the shut-ins and sing Christmas carols the week before Christmas. Those interested in contributing or participating in the distribution and caroling should contact Linda Hixson. Thanks to the Ladies Fellowship for their commitment and for doing such wonderful work in the Athens community!

### College and High School Retreats in Salem, OH

- College Retreat-January 7-8. Theme: "The Grace of God."
- High School Retreat-February 11-12. Theme: "Life's Relationships."

### Ladies Meeting Dates

Although the Ladies Fellowship will not meet during the month of December, they will continue their study of *The Excellent Wife* on Tuesday January 11th at 10 am. They will also have their general meeting and fellowship on Sunday January 16th at 1:30 pm.

### Prayer Requests

- Pray for many family and friends who will be traveling over the holiday season.
- For a safe and restful break for our students and a good start to the winter quarter.
- For some needing a job or better job.
- For the salvation of unsaved loved ones and for opportunities to speak the Truth in love.
- For Pastor Hixson, Carl West, and Andy Price as they travel to Uruguay at the end Jan. for the Gospel Mission of South America conference.
- Special prayer for the serious health needs of missionary Juan Prado.

# Church Ministry Schedule

## Greeters:

Dec. 5: Davis  
 Dec. 12: Edwards  
 Dec. 19: Davis  
 Dec. 26: Edwards

## Scripture Readers:

Dec. 5: Jim-am, John-pm  
 Dec. 12: Jim-am, John-pm  
 Dec. 19: Steve-am, John-pm  
 Dec. 26: Steve-am, John-pm

## Communion:

2nd Sunday: Steve B. & Jim E.  
 4th Sunday: John S.

## Toddler Nursery:

Dec. 5: Carol  
 Dec. 12: Linda  
 Dec. 19: Carol  
 Dec. 26: Candy

## Ushering/Offering:

Dec. 5: Jim E., Dave  
 Dec. 12: Hiley R., Dave  
 Dec. 19: Chubb, Dave  
 Dec. 26: Bob J., Dave



## Lending Library and Bookstore

Visit the church bookstore for Christmas gift ideas and some wonderful books. Don't forget the "extra shelf" space in the first Sunday School room including books on Old Testament studies, music topics, encyclopedias, and concordances. The video and audio selections are continuously being expanded. Some videos have been moved to the hallway for easier viewing. Questions regarding the lending library or bookstore may be directed to Linda or Dave.

## A Christmas Acrostic by Nathanael Olson

**C**-omfort: The Christ of Christmas promises, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee" (Heb.13:5).

**H**-ope: "Christ in you, the hope of glory" (Col.1:27).

**R**-edemption: "In whom [Jesus] we have redemption through His grace" (Eph.1:7).

**I**-nspiration: "All scripture is given by inspiration of God..." (2 Tim. 3:16).

**S**-alvation: The Bible says, "Now is the day of salvation" (2 Cor. 6:2).

**T**-ruth: Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life; no man cometh unto the Father but by Me" (John 14:6).

**M**-ercy: "The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plentiful in mercy" (Psalm 103:8).

**A**-ssurance: "The effect of righteousness [is] quietness and assurance forever" (Isaiah 32:17).

**S**-atisfaction: "...He [God] satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness" (Psalm 107:9).

## Check Out these Books!

**Major Bible Themes**-a standard in the Home Study program. Fifty-two short chapters (one per week) on Christian beliefs. Special price for Christmas only \$13.95 (suggested retail is \$22.95). **All of Grace**-a classic at explaining God's

Salvation only \$3.99. **The Case for Christ**-examine the evidence for Jesus

Christ's existence and resurrection by a former skeptic just \$5.95 (suggested retail \$12.99). **Missionary books**-benefit

for uplifting true stories of those on the front line of spiritual warfare. Finally, we have videos of **Camp Logos 2004**.

They are available in VHS tape or DVD format at cost for only \$3.00. Please contact Dave Dupler with any questions on

prices and/or availability.



## Words to Live By:

*"A temper is a valuable possession, don't lose it."*

Source: DeJong, B. R. (1985). Uncle Ben's Instant Clip-Quotes. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House.