

THE TIDINGS

GOD'S MISSION FOR TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH IS TO LOVE HIM FULLY AND FOLLOW HIM FAITHFULLY.

The Pastor's Perspective

Dr. Reggie Bridges

Phillip Yancey once wrote a book entitled *Church, Why Bother?* When I saw that title, I began to ponder the question for myself. After all, why should I bother with church at all? Two thoughts came to mind. The first concerned the PERSON. My whole perspective on life changed because of the man named Jesus. Specifically, my posture toward the church was altered. I started “bothering” with church because He bothered with the church. He laid His life down so that those who believed in Him might have eternal life. He loved the church that much. She is His bride, His treasured possession. That is the primary reason I bother with the church. By the way, we are included in that number; we are a part of the church. God has demonstrated His love to us. How we ought to demonstrate our love to Him and His church!

The second reason I bother with the church involves PEOPLE. God has placed our brothers and sisters in the church so that we might experience the most rewarding relationships imaginable. The church is the place where you share in the spiritual journey of becoming more like Christ. It is the community where people pray for you during difficult times, encourage you when you want to give up, and challenge you when you need to grow in your relationship to the Lord. Indeed, it is in the context of the

church that you find true Christian fellowship and love. How could a greater bond exist? You see, I bother with the church because the church “bothers” with me. Without my church family, I would be absolutely miserable. Thank God that He has given us the church! And personally speaking, thank God that He has allowed us to be a part of Temple Baptist Church!

Let me encourage you to reassess the benefit of being a part of a specific, local community of believers. Join me in worship of Him for what He has done through His people; but also, let's recommit to our brothers and sisters in Christ. We are part of the family with specific responsibilities to serve, minister, encourage, challenge, etc. That is why He has called us to be “members” of the body. As Rick Warren stated, “The difference between being a church *attender* and a church *member* is commitment. Attenders are spectators from the sidelines; members get involved in the ministry. Attenders are consumers; members are contributors. Attenders want the benefits of a church without sharing the responsibility. They are like couples who want to live together without committing to a marriage.” My prayer is that we will be true members of the Body of Christ. May we commit to “bother” with the church! See you Sunday!

FROM THE RECORDS OF FEBRUARY 10, 2019

Worship Attendance		SS Attendance		'19	'18
9 a.m. Blended Worship Service	671	Adults	474	439	
9 a.m. <i>the gathering</i> Worship Service	141	Singles/Young Adults	147	118	
11 a.m. Combined Worship Service	366	College	100	38	
The Springs Bible Study	30	Youth	90	89	
Combined Morning Total	1208	Children	118	117	
6 p.m. Evening Worship Service	122	Preschool	103	86	
		Local	1032	887	
		Off Campus	108	93	
		Total	1140	980	

Sunday, February 10, 2018	
 Budget	\$41,504.53
Share the Light	\$1030.00
Annie Armstrong Offering	\$100.00

Extended Session 2/17/19

9 a.m. Worship—Bobby & Karen Sanders, Sam & Kelly Hodge, Jody & Emily Adams, Aubrey Wood, Bill & Laura Davis, Jordan Hearn

11:15 a.m. Worship—Kathryn Martin, Lisa Barr, Leslie Bridges, Ann Marie Queen, Heather Meek

From The Minister of Pastoral Care

Dale Oden

What an impressive sight it was last Sunday at the 9 a.m. Worship Service in the Sanctuary! There were 65 of the 90 couples represented as we honored those who had observed 50+ years of marriage. Isn't that an amazing testimony of commitment? Temple Baptist Church is blessed to have these senior adults who are faithful and involved each week in many of our church's activities and ministries.

Special thanks are due to Joy Carol Rowe, Helen Payton, and Cindy Burns for their help in getting the certificates, the letter, the bulletin inserts, and gifts ready for Sunday. Andy Carter and his intern, Landry, did a wonderful job in putting the photos together to be shown in the worship service. The beautiful flower arrangement was created by Lauren Roebuck Designs. Bill Cox (assisted by Mike Barmore and Ted McKinney) cooked up a delicious meal that everyone enjoyed. David Abernathy's class provided volunteers who served the meal to our honored guests. Lynn Rodrigues decorated the tables for the luncheon. So thank you to everyone who made the day so special and enjoyable!

Our monthly luncheon for all senior adults is scheduled for **Tuesday, February 19**, at 11:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. These monthly luncheons are a great time of fellowship, inspiration, and fun. The food is always incredible! The table decorations are always beautiful. So come join us and invite friends to come with you. The church provides the meat, but you provide the delicious salads, vegetables, and desserts. The program for this month will be presented by Nancy Futrell Berlin. Nancy is the daughter of Ann Futrell. She grew up in Temple Baptist and is a graduate of Louisiana Tech University. She will be singing for us. She and her husband, Rick, live in Shreveport.

Hopefully, I will have information soon on a trip to Branson later this year. I am gathering information on some of the Christmas shows that usually start around the first of November. There are already several folks who have expressed interest in the trip to Germany in May of 2020. You can pick up a brochure in the Church Office.

Thank you for the privilege of serving with you for these 43 years as of February 4. God has blessed me, Sadel, and our family through these years as we have been a part of Temple Baptist Church. We are grateful for your prayers and your love through the years.



Wednesday, February 20
4-8 p.m.
Rooms 76 & 81
Goal: 15 Units

If we meet our goal, Temple members who need blood will move to the top of the list. Everyone come and give. Let's make and even exceed our goal!

WEEKday Early Education Ministry Accepting Applications

Our **WEEK**day Early Education Ministry is now accepting Fall 2019 applications for Temple members and our currently enrolled students.

Registration will be open to the public March 4.
Applications are available in *The Journey Place*.

Contact Gina Holstead at 255-9506 or gina@temple.life

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering



Temple's Goal: \$63,000
Received to date: \$100.00

LOST AND FOUND ~ February 10-18

A table is located by the Church Office. Please stop and pick up your "lost" items.

Any items left after February 18 will be donated to Rolling Hills Ministry.



Mondays, February 18-May 13 | 6-7 p.m. | Room 76
Facilitator: Linda Echols
Contact: Jason Walsworth, jason@temple.life, 255-3745

Our Newest Membership Candidate:



Denise Thomas



2019 VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION BANQUET

We Treasure Our Volunteers

Tuesday, March 5 | 6 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

Sign up in Sunday School or call the Church Office (255-3745)

Reservation Deadline: Sunday, February 24

Childcare provided by reservation only.

Children need to eat before arriving.

A Welcome Reception for our New Minister to Young Adults



Jacob Ambrose and family,
Amanda, Lyla Grace,
and Joshua

Sunday, February 17

4:30-5:30 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

A light meal will be served.

Ecuador Medical Mission Trip Interest Meeting

Wednesday, February 20 | 6:45 p.m. | Room 76

Mission Trip Dates: August 17-24

Contact: Ben Jernigan, ben@temple.life, 255-3745



WinShape
Camps

WinShape Camp for Communities

July 8-12

Completed Grades K-8

Registration opens March 3:

\$189 for the first 175 campers to register

Cost for camp: \$219

Congratulations to:

Farryn Cooper on the birth of her daughter, Austen Mae.

Proud grandparents are Jeff and Candace Cooper.

Great grandparents are Royce and Vera Watson
and Woodie and Marianna Cooper



Vacation Bible School

June 3-7

Theme: "In The Wild"



the family of Judy McManus,
sister of Dennis Smith.

Youth & Recreation Ministry

John Nugent

This summer, students entering **Grades 7-9** are eligible to join us on an adventure and mission trip to **Oxford, Alabama**. We'll be working with World Changers on light construction projects and community outreach as we stretch comfort zones, discover spiritual gifts, and see what God does in and through students and adults as we share the Gospel through our projects. The dates are **July 15-20**, and the cost is **\$250**.

Students entering **Grades 10-12** are eligible to come with us to **Puerto Rico**! We'll work with the SEND Relief branch of the North American Mission Board to repair roofs and point people to Jesus Christ as we work hard and share God's love. This trip is **June 15-21** and the cost is **\$600**.

You can help students go on these mission trips by buying some amazingly tasty chicken! Our annual **Youth Missions Chicken Dinner Fundraiser** is **February 24**, and you can buy tickets from teenagers through February 17.

More information about our mission trips and our Youth Ministry can be found at www.templebcstudents.org.

Youth Missions Chicken Dinner Fundraiser

Sunday, February 24

11 a.m. - 1 p.m. | Fellowship Hall



Get Your Tickets!

Dine-in or Take-out

Dinners are \$8 & include:
chicken, beans, corn, & bread

Buy from a student on Sunday morning to help raise
money for their summer mission trips.

Deadline to purchase tickets: Sunday, February 17

Deacons of the Week—February 17-23

Don Mears & Joe Mitcham, Jr.

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Week-at-a-Glance

Lost and Found Table ~ February 10-18

Upward Practices ~ February 18, 19, & 21; Upward Games ~ February 23

Calgary Mission Trip ~ February 21-25

Sunday, February 17

9 a.m. - Blended Worship | Baptism | Lord's Supper (Sanctuary);

the gathering Worship | Lord's Supper (GS)

10:15 a.m. - Bible Study for all ages

11:15 a.m. - *the gathering* Worship | Lord's Supper (GS)

4 p.m. - Deacon's Meeting (Rm 76)

4:30 p.m. - Children's Bible Drill (JPMR);

Welcome Reception for Jacob Ambrose and Family (FH)

5 p.m. - "CTV" Catch the Vision (The Springs)

6 p.m. - Evening Worship (Chapel); *temple-tech* Sunday Night Supper

Monday, February 18

6 p.m. - GriefShare (Rm 76)

Tuesday, February 19

11:45 a.m. - Senior Adult Luncheon (FH)

Wednesday, February 20

9 a.m. - Friendship International (Rm 84); Quilting/Sewing (FH)

4 p.m. - Blood Drive (Rm 76 & 81)

5 p.m. - Family Night Meal (FH); Menu: Chicken Fried Steak; Cost: \$4/person,
\$2/child under 8, \$12 max/family)

5:45 p.m. - Children's M³ (Missions, Music, & More!) (JP)

6 p.m. - Business Meeting/Prayer Meeting/Bible Study (FH); GROW Visitation -
ORANGE TEAM (FH); Youth Wednesday Night Worship (Youth Rm)

6:45 p.m. - Orchestra Rehearsal (Sanctuary); Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm)

7 p.m. - CORPS Meeting (Rm 270)

Thursday, February 21

4 p.m. - South Asia Mission Team Meeting (Rm 72)

Family Life Center Hours: Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday: 8 a.m.-7 p.m.; Wednesday: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Friday: 8 a.m.-1 p.m.
The Journey Place Playscape Hours: Monday: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday: 2:30-5 p.m.; Friday: 9 a.m.-12 a.m.
Media Center Hours: Sunday: 8:15-9 a.m.; 10:15-11:15 a.m.; Wednesday: 9 a.m.-12 p.m.; 1:30-5 p.m.
Broadcast: Sundays at 9 a.m. Channel 11 (KAQY)

Vision:
To become authentic, loving followers of Jesus,
who are experiencing life transformation through God's Word,
For the purpose of impacting our world.



TEMPLE

BAPTIST CHURCH

COME GATHER AROUND THE WORD

Core Values:

Authoritative Truth • Strengthening Worship
Authentic Community • Intentional Transformation
Hands-On Missions • Relational Evangelism
Compassionate Servanthood