

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

Reaching people for Christ; that should be the aim of every church; and frankly stated, it should be the personal mission of every believer. This Sunday, we will be both motivated and challenged to accomplish our task in a variety of ways. For example, Tim Elmore will join us for our Sunday services to remind us of the need to make a difference in those coming behind us. Tim is a well-known, national speaker who founded and now leads the "Growing Leaders" organization whose purpose entails reaching the next generation. He is passionate about understanding the emerging generation and helping adults teach them how to become leaders in their schools, their communities, and their careers. As a youth leadership expert and thought leader in his field, he educates adults to help them understand the challenges and experiences today's generation faces and connect with them in a way that resonates. We are unbelievably blessed to be able to host him at Temple this Sunday! During our Morning Worship Services, he will address the issue of reaching the next generation. On Sunday evening, he will present "Huge Mistakes Parents Can Avoid" for one hour beginning at 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Please commit to being on

campus for this important event! I am so grateful for Dr. Galen Turner and the folks of Louisiana Tech for helping us connect with Dr. Elmore. Also, I am thankful for those who provided the Hilan Jackson Series funds that allows us the resources to secure him.

And if that were not enough, this Sunday night at 5 p.m. is the launch of the first worship service at The Springs. Much work and preparation has gone into this moment. Contacts have been made, prayers have been offered, and even remodeling efforts have occurred. Last Sunday, many of you probably heard Bro. George talk about this great work before us, and I hope it encouraged you! Pray for George and his team as they lead The Springs this weekend and into the future. And don't forget our vision for The Springs: "That it would be a multicultural, multigenerational, multiethnic body of believers, embracing the love of Christ starting in their hearts, surfacing in their home, and spreading to their community." It is all about reaching people for Christ!

Thanks, my Temple family, for being committed to the work of the Lord! You are loved! And I look forward to seeing you soon!

FROM THE RECORDS OF MARCH 24, 2019

Worship Attendance		SS Attendance		
		'19	'18	
9 a.m. Blended Worship Service	509	Adults	343	410
9 a.m. <i>the gathering</i> Worship Service	138	Singles/Young Adults	109	112
11:15 a.m. <i>the gathering</i> Worship Service	232	College	99	102
The Springs Bible Study	30	Youth	54	65
Combined Morning Total	909	Children	78	98
6 p.m. Evening Worship Service	75	Preschool	78	113
		Local	761	900
		Off Campus	109	111
		Total	870	1011

Sunday, March 24, 2019	
 Budget	\$63,389.40
Share the Light	\$730.00
Annie Armstrong Offering	\$49,402.40

Extended Session 3/31/19

9 a.m. Worship—Amanda Barham, Josh & Ashley Walpole, Faith Alexander, Carmen Echols, Teena Doxey, Susan Rasbury, Suzette Stroud, Doc & Brooke Hoefler
11:15 a.m. Worship—Lynn Phippen, Sherry McConathy, Daniel & Amanda Reynolds, Seth & Julie Riser

YOUNG ADULT NEWS

Jacob Ambrose

I want to thank you all for your prayers and support of our young adult small group studies. We have had an average of 24 people per night at our young couple's study, and we had 14 singles at our house for the first night of our single's study! Keep praying that God would use these opportunities to grow us closer to Himself, while also attracting singles and couples who are un-churched or de-churched.

As you heard Dr. Reggie say in his sermon a couple of weeks ago, another one of my responsibilities here at Temple is the **First Impressions Team**. This team includes anyone who plays a part in the experience of a first-time guest: golf cart drivers, greeters, and the Guest Services desk volunteers. There several of you who have been serving in these areas for a very long time, and I first want to express how thankful I am for you. I had a conversation with someone last week who said the reason his family made Temple their home church was because of how welcoming we were to them. I'm positive that is the case with many more families! Over the next several weeks, we will be adding more volunteers to this team. If you are interested in joining any of the positions on this team, please email me at jacob@temple.life. With the Lord's help, we will continue to be a welcoming and hospitable church, so that the name of Jesus may be lifted high in Ruston and to the ends of the earth!

Temple WEEKday Summer Activities

Tiny Trekker Summer Camps

6 Months-completed Kindergarten

Camp is Tuesday-Thursday; \$50 per week

June 11-13, 18-20, 25-27, July 16-18, 23-25, & July 30-August 1

K Connect Readiness Camp

(Ms. Pam and Ms. Lauren)

Entering/Completed Kindergarten

Monday-Thursday; \$100 per week

June 10-13 and June 17-20

Registration begins for both on April 4.

You may pick up forms in *The Journey Place* or online at weekday.temple.life.

LaTegg Easter Evangelistic Outreach

Mission: To increase the number of students at LA Tech's Easter Outdoor Evangelism Worship Service

Would you help us by purchasing a dark, solid-colored t-shirt for a student? Adult Large or XLarge sizes only!

<https://templetechlategg2019.itemorder.com>

or purchase a package of dark-colored undershirts from Walmart

The gospel is free and this year it comes with a t-shirt!

Easter Egg Hunts ~ Invite Your Friends!



Grades 4-6 Flashlight Egg Hunt and Cookout

Thursday, April 18, 7-9 p.m.
at the Barr's home

Babies-Grade 3 Easter Egg Hunt

Friday, April 19, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
at the Neal's home



WinShape Camp for Communities

July 8-12

Completed Grades K-8

Registration is open NOW! Cost:\$219

Sign up at winshape.temple.life

Grade 9-Senior Adults are needed to volunteer.

Scholarship envelopes are available in *The Journey Place* and the Church Office.

Contact Sally, sally@temple.life, 255-3745



Vacation Bible School

June 3-7

Theme: "In The Wild"

Volunteers Needed!

Contact Sally, sally@temple.life, 255-3745

Women on Mission Groups

Mary Martha Women on Mission

Monday, April 1 | 6:30 p.m. | Home of Peggy Bain

Myrtle King Lunch Bunch

Thursday, April 11 | 12 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

Bring a sandwich. Guest Speaker: Kay Church

Mission Project: Life Choices-wipes, #4 diapers, baby rice cereal

Missionary Round Table

Friday, April 12 | 9:30 a.m. (Guests are cordially invited.)

at the home of Ann Futrell (Activities Rm. at The Arbor, Ruston)

Co-hostesses: Sandra Perdue; Reviewer: Annie Heard

Our Newest Membership Candidates:



Derrick & Mandi
Funderburg
(Also pictured is Eloise)



the family of Mimi Mabry,
sister of Rusty Mabry and Martha Stinson.

Candy and Eggs Needed!

Children's Ministry is in need of lots of individually wrapped candy AND Plastic Easter Eggs for our egg hunts.

(Please make sure the candy will fit inside plastic eggs.)

Drop-off baskets are located at each entrance.



Congratulations to:

Bobby and Jane Andrews on the birth of their grandsons,
Lewis David and Emmett Thomas.

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering



Temple's Goal: \$63,000
Received to date: \$49,402.40

The Springs ~ A Ministry of Temple Baptist Church

On Sunday, March 31, at 5 p.m., The Springs will hold its first worship service. The Springs is a new ministry work our church is undertaking in the Barnett Springs community. To see how you can be involved with this new ministry, please visit thesprings.life or contact George at george@temple.life or 318-255-3745.

Neighbors and Nations

Ben Jernigan

Psalm 36:5 states, "Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds." Do you have struggles? Fears? Financial hardships? Poor health? Are you mourning the loss of a loved one? Are you lonely? Are you disconnected? Are you struggling with questions of purpose? Congratulations, you most certainly are a human being! Moreover, God's love is true. It is real. It is certain. He is faithful. What a great truth we find in Psalm 36:5. Because of this hope, we can live, breathe and be on mission for Jesus! Here are some opportunities to pray over and join!

Montana Mission Team. Do you have a servant heart, like construction projects, a desire to bless a great church, and the landscape of beautiful Montana? If so, this mission team may be for you! Join the Montana Mission Team (May 25-June 1) led by Tim and Jennifer McCarthy. This trip is for people of all ages, and a great trip for families, too!

Baton Rouge Mission Team. Do you want to be a part of what God is doing in a new church plant in our great state? Do you enjoy serving, connecting with families and children? If so, this mission team may be for you! Join the Baton Rouge Mission Team (April 12-13) led by Zach and Marissa Husser as they work with Renew Church. This trip is multigenerational and is a great way to get the whole family involved in missions.

Calgary Mission Team. One of our most frequented mission partners over the past couple of years has been Multiply Church in Calgary, Canada. Would you consider serving with Jacob Ambrose as he leads a soccer camp in late July? If you are sports inclined, this is your team! If you are not, no worries. There are needs beyond soccer on this trip. This trip is geared for single adults AND families.

Block Parties! Are you looking for a local ministry opportunity? On April 13, our church will be hosting two different block parties; and we need your help! A sign-up sheet listing different ways to serve will be in your Sunday School department/class this week. Discuss and sign up to serve the people and children of Ruston at either Mayfield Park or The Springs!

Annie Armstrong. Have you contributed to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering yet? Did you know that Temple is one of the leading churches in our denomination to send college students to work with North American Mission Board church planters? Your Annie Armstrong dollars help plant healthy churches all across North America. Pray about your gift today! For more TBC mission stories, read our blog at tbcomission.wordpress.com and follow us on Instagram at [temple.go](https://www.instagram.com/temple.go)

Sunday, March 31
Guest Speaker – Tim Elmore
All Morning Worship Services
“Reach the Next Generation”



Evening
Worship Service
Sanctuary | 6 p.m.
“Huge Mistakes
Parents Can Avoid”

Childcare Registration (Babies-Grade 5)
for Sunday Evening helps us know
how many children to plan for and
makes sure we are staffed correctly
in the areas of need.
Register at childcare.temple.life

Deacons of the Week— March 31-April 6
Zack Spivey & Eddie Moss

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Week-at-a-Glance

Greece Trip ~ March 19-April 1

Sunday, March 31

9 a.m. - Blended Worship (Sanctuary); *the gathering* Worship (GS)
10:15 a.m. - Bible Study for all ages
11:15 a.m. - *the gathering* Worship (GS)
4:30 p.m. - Children's Bible Drill (JPMR)
5 p.m. - The Springs Worship Service
6 p.m. - Evening Worship (Sanctuary); *temple-tech* Sunday Night Supper

Monday, April 1

6 p.m. - GriefShare (Rm 76)
6:30 p.m. - Mary Martha Women on Missions (Home of Peggy Bain)

Tuesday, April 2

9:30 a.m. - Women's Bible Study - *one in a million* (Rm 275)
6 p.m. - Women's Ministry Jewels Banquet (FH)

Wednesday, April 3

9 a.m. - Friendship International (Rm 72); Quilting/Sewing (FH)
3:45 p.m. - Women's Bible Study - *Psalms 23* (Rm 275)
5 p.m. - Family Night Meal (FH; Menu: Pork Loin; Cost: \$4/person, \$2/child under 8, \$12 max/family); Small Group at The Springs
5:45 p.m. - Children's M³ (Missions, Music, & More!) (JP)
6 p.m. - Prayer Meeting/Bible Study (FH); GROW Visitation - GREEN TEAM (FH); Youth Wednesday Night Worship (Youth Rm); *You & Me Forever*-Study for Young Couples (Rm 49)
6:45 p.m. - Orchestra Rehearsal (Sanctuary); Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm)
7 p.m. - CORPS Meeting (Rm 270); *temple-tech* Freshman Bible Study (Rm 216)
8 p.m. - *temple-tech* Midweek (GS)

Thursday, April 4

5:30 p.m. - Senior Adult Game Night (FLC)

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