

# 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

On the last Sunday of His life, Jesus was welcomed into Jerusalem by the crowd's cry of "Hosanna" and proclaimed to be the "Son of David." Little did the multitude realize that the Messiah had entered the holy city with the primary purpose of laying down His life as the one-time, sufficient sacrifice for their sins. During the days that followed, Jesus challenged the religious leaders and taught His disciples as He set His face toward the completion of His earthly mission. Of course, the week culminated with the celebration of the Passover meal, Judas' betrayal, various "trials," and Jesus' death. For many, the week that had begun with a coronation had quickly ended with a crucifixion.

This Palm Sunday, we will come together to celebrate the cross and its consequences. On the surface, that seems strange, doesn't it? Celebrating death? And yet, living on this side of the Christ event allows clearer perspective and reflection. We know that Jesus' life was not taken from Him, but rather, He freely laid His life down. We also know that His death was necessary for the work of salvation. Only through His substitutionary atonement can we receive

forgiveness for our sins! Christ took our death so that we could experience eternal life! And of course, we further know that our Lord's time in the grave was temporary as He demonstrated the power of resurrection that Easter Sunday morning! Again, we will remember these truths as we worship together this Sunday morning by praising Him through song, observing the Lord's Supper, and studying His word.

I encourage you to invite someone to join us for these special days. As I mentioned this last week, studies show that 82% of the unchurched said that they would attend your church if they were invited. The problem? In the last year, only 2% of church members invited someone to church with them. Temple family, we have a great God who is worth telling others about! And we have a wonderful congregation that is worth being introduced to them! Let's be intentional about inviting our friends, relatives, associates, and neighbors to be a part of what our Lord is doing in our midst! I look forward to seeing you Sunday . . . with a guest!

### FROM THE RECORDS OF APRIL 7, 2019

Worship Attendance		SS Attendance		
		'19	'18	
9 a.m. Blended Worship Service	571	Adults	411	435
9 a.m. <i>the gathering</i> Worship Service	151	Singles/Young Adults	133	125
11:15 a.m. <i>the gathering</i> Worship Service	313	College	99	94
The Springs Worship Service	47	Youth	72	90
Combined Morning Total	1082	Children	105	117
6 p.m. Evening Worship Service	NA	Preschool	104	104
		Local	924	965
		Off Campus	110	111
		Total	1034	1076

Sunday, April 7, 2019	
 Budget	\$81,973.97
Share the Light	\$1,180.00
Annie Armstrong Offering	\$57,289.84

### Extended Session 4/14/19

**9 a.m. Worship**—Jada Walsworth, Memrie Lolley, Robert & Laura Amye Smith, Justin & Elyse Mills, Sharon Norman, Amy Breau, Lindsey Billberry, Sara Moore

**11:15 a.m. Worship**—Norlyn Hyde, Rachel Sibley, Chris & Cydni Scroggs, Anne Thompson

# Youth & Recreation Ministry

## John Nugent

### It's Time to Sign Up for Mission Trips!

It's the last week to sign up for our **Grades 10-12 Mission Trip to Puerto Rico**! Sign up by sending an email to John ([john@temple.life](mailto:john@temple.life)) that lets him know why you want to join in on this adventure! Come work with the North American Mission Board and help us put a roof on a house while sharing the Gospel with amazing people!

Only a few weeks left to sign up for our **Grades 7-8 Mission Trip to Oxford, Alabama**. We'll be working with World Changers to do some light construction work and community outreach. Come build a wheelchair ramp, paint a house, and show God's love to an amazing community of people. Sign up at [worldchangers.templebcstudents.org](http://worldchangers.templebcstudents.org)

If you can't come with us, make sure that you're praying for us and supporting us however you can!

*A Thank You card has been received from...*

The Family of Mimi Mabry

(Located on the bulletin board in the Library window)

### Church Offices Closed

Friday, April 19

in observance of Good Friday

With that, [Jesus] bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

John 19:30, NIV

### 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.



### *temple-tech* Hike-A-Thon Summer Missions Fundraiser

April 26-28 | Eagle Rock Loop, AR (28.2 mile)

Will you sponsor a college student per mile?

Contact: Casey Casady, [casey@temple.life](mailto:casey@temple.life), 255-3745

### GRADES 1-6 MOTHER/SON EVENT: NERF CHALLENGE

Friday, May 3 | 6 p.m. | Family Life Center

Cost: \$20 (includes dinner and ALL supplies)

Wear sneakers, comfortable clothes,  
and join us for a fun time!

Envelopes to sign up are in *The Journey Place*.

Due: Wednesday, April 24

### 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

### Temple *WEE*kday 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*—Entering/Completed Kindergarten

Monday-Thursday; \$100 per week

June 10-13 and June 17-20

Registration has begun. Forms are available in  
*The Journey Place* or online at [weekday.temple.life](http://weekday.temple.life).

## Under Our Watchcare



Hallie Robertson

### Women's Ministry Event "A Sweet Celebration"

Tuesday, April 30 | 6:30 p.m. | Youth Room

Inviting all women involved in Heartfelt groups or those interested in joining a group to attend.

Sign up at [heartfelt.temple.life](http://heartfelt.temple.life)



the family of James McCullin,  
father of Jeannie (Kevin) Reynolds and  
grandfather of Amelia and Jake.



Lois Graham for 5 years of service  
at Temple and Cecil Barham  
for 10 years of service at Temple.



### WinShape Camp for Communities

July 8-12  
Completed Grades K-8

Registration is open NOW! Cost:\$219  
Sign up at [winshape.temple.life](http://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](mailto:sally@temple.life), 255-3745



### Vacation Bible School

June 3-7 | 9 a.m.-12 p.m.  
Children entering Kindergarten-Grade 6  
Theme: "In The Wild"

Volunteers Needed!

**T-Shirt Order** Envelopes available in *The Journey Place*.

Deadline to order: Sunday, April 28

Cost: \$10

Contact Sally, [sally@temple.life](mailto:sally@temple.life), 255-3745

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## From The Minister of Pastoral Care Dale Oden

Fourteen days and thousands of miles of traveling in the "footsteps of the Apostle Paul" was an incredible journey! Our group of seventy folks was inspired as we made our way through Greece and Italy. Also, we spent some time in Philippi, where the Gospel was first preached in Europe. It was exciting to visit the ruins of many of the cities where Paul spent time helping establish churches. A trip like the one we just were on truly makes the Bible come alive. I was reminded of how God used a man like Paul to help with the spread of the good news of Jesus. I am thankful that God can use us individually and cooperatively in spreading the news about our Savior.

Now that this trip is behind us, I want to again invite folks to join us on our trip next year to attend **the Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany**. The dates are **May 26-June 6, 2020**. The highlight of the trip is attending the presentation of the Passion Week of Christ. It is performed in a beautiful setting in the German village of Oberammergau. The people of this community prayed for God to spare them from the Black Plague that swept through Europe in the 1600's. When they were spared, the residents put on the play in gratitude for being spared. They have continued with the tradition every 10 years since then. The play is put on for six months of the year. It is a very impressive event.

Dr. Reggie and I would love to have you join us on this trip. Brochures are available in the Church Office. The earlier we get deposits in, the better seats we can get for the performance! We will also be visiting Berlin, Munich, Prague, Vienna, and Salzburg. Give me a call if you have any questions.

Our next **Senior Adult Luncheon** is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 16**. We will meet in Fellowship Hall at 11:45 a.m. Our program will be presented by David Worthington of Shreveport who will share some songs with us. We will also be sharing some of the highlights of our recent trip. Come join us and invite a friend to enjoy the food and fellowship!

## BLOCK PARTIES

(Local Missions Outreach Event)

**Saturday, April 13 | 2-5 p.m.**  
**The Springs or Mayfield Park**

Make plans to join us!



## CELEBRATION CHOIR

will sing in *the gathering*

**Sunday, April 14 | 11:15 a.m.**

Our ONLY rehearsal is  
Sunday, April 14 | 10:15 a.m. | Gathering Space  
(During our Sunday School hour)

No age limit and no experience necessary!

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***Deacons of the Week—April 14-20***

George Stone & Mike Stone

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## Week-at-a-Glance

**temple-tech LaTEGG ~ April 14-17**

### Sunday, April 14

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; Celebration Choir Rehearsal (GS)  
11:15 a.m. - *the gathering* Worship | Lord's Supper | Celebration Choir Singing  
(GS)  
4 p.m. - VBS Workday (JP)  
4:30 p.m. - Children's Bible Drill (JP)  
5 p.m. - The Springs Worship Service  
6 p.m. - Evening Worship (Chapel); *temple-tech* Sunday Night Supper

### Monday, April 15

6 p.m. - GriefShare (Rm 76); Armed Security Team Informational Meeting (FH)

### Tuesday, April 16

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

### Wednesday, April 17

9 a.m. - Friendship International (Rm 72); Quilting/Sewing (FH)  
12 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm)  
3:45 p.m. - Women's Bible Study - *Psalms 23* (Rm 275)  
5 p.m. - Family Night Meal (FH; Menu: Chicken Tenders; Cost: \$4/person, \$2/  
child under 8, \$12 max/family); Small Group at The Springs  
5:45 p.m. - Children's M<sup>3</sup> (Missions, Music, & More!) (JP)  
6 p.m. - Prayer Meeting/Bible Study (FH); GROW Visitation - ORANGE 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 18

7 p.m. - Grades 4-6 Flashlight Egg Hunt & Cook Out (Barr's Home)

### Friday, April 19

Church Offices Closed  
10 a.m. - Babies-Grade 3 Egg Hunt (Neal's Home)

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)

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### 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