

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

I really don't like change. Or maybe more simply stated, I don't always like having to expend the necessary energy to change. For example, I need to lose about twenty pounds, but I am not wholly committed to giving up my bacon cheeseburgers to achieve that goal. It seems ludicrous that I would have to abandon such joy in my life! And yet, even now, I can hear some of you shouting your encouragement to me: "Forsake the cheeseburgers; lose yourself for the kingdom!" And you are probably right! I should at least moderate my bacon-cheeseburger-eating habits. Maybe I'll begin this week . . . but I urge you to measure your expectations. Don't expect to see a brand new, slimmer pastor in the pulpit this Sunday!

Change can certainly be necessary. We are keenly aware of that in the church itself. Over the past several months, our staff has wrestled with potential changes that we believe can position us for better growth opportunities, and we recently presented those recommendations to our deacon body. Thankfully, our deacons affirmed those decisions and have joined with us in committing themselves to the work ahead. So, **beginning in September**, our Sunday Morning Worship Services and Sunday School/Bible Study schedule will change a bit. At 9 a.m., we will continue to have our Blended Worship Service in the Sanctuary, as well as a simulcast in *the gathering* Worship Service (just like we do now). However, we will also have a new Sunday School hour beginning at 9 a.m. At 10:30 a.m., *the gathering's* second worship service will begin, as will a second Sunday School/Bible Study hour. Perhaps it would be best to put it like this:

- 9 a.m. Blended Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- the gathering* (Contemporary) Worship Service (Gathering Space)
- Sunday School/Bible Study

- 10:30 a.m. *the gathering* (Contemporary) Worship Service (Gathering Space)
- Sunday School/Bible Study

For the majority of you, nothing will be much different in your Sunday experience. Right now, 60-70% of you attend one of the 9 a.m. services, and then you attend Sunday School. For the most part, that will still be your practice.

Why the change? We need the room for our Sunday School/small group Bible Studies. Basically, every adult room is utilized on Sunday morning. We have a great, strong Sunday School program, and I give thanks for that. To me, small groups are more important to the well-being of our church than the larger worship assemblies themselves. But we need to start more classes to reach more people! We need to give people places to serve together in small groups. By going to two Sunday School/Bible Study times on Sunday morning, we double our space without having to invest in more building. I don't believe in change for change sake, but I do believe we do what is necessary to foster growth. And I pray this change will position us to do just that . . . grow! Of course, I also believe that moving *the gathering's* second worship service to 10:30 a.m. will make it more attractive to young families who have kids!

My friends, we need you to help us make this work. We need more teachers! We need more Sunday School directors! We need more class participation! That means we need you! Please contact us if you are interested in being a part of this new, exciting opportunity for ministry. And join us in praying for us to have the determination, the strength, the wisdom, and the resources to see this through to growth! Love you Temple family! See you Sunday!

FROM THE RECORDS OF JUNE 9, 2019

Worship Attendance		SS Attendance		'19	'18
9 a.m. Blended Worship Service	539	Adults	415	439	
9 a.m. <i>the gathering</i> Worship Service	158	Singles/Young Adults	112	95	
11:15 a.m. <i>the gathering</i> Worship Service	223	College	51	31	
The Springs Worship Service	41	Youth	73	94	
Combined Morning Total	961	Children	111	95	
6 p.m. Evening Worship Service	129	Preschool	100	77	
		Local	876	831	
		Off Campus	93	117	
		Total	969	948	

Sunday, June 9, 2019	
 Budget	\$73,143.55
Share the Light	\$980.00

Extended Session 6/16/19	
9 a.m. Worship —Adam & Marsha Hammons, Brandi Spurlock, Paige Smith, Jennifer Riley, Doug & Missy Gibbons, Jennifer Paul, Tonya Duggan, Josh & Lauren Fish	
11:15 a.m. Worship —Byron & Cheryl Williams, Dale & Sadel Oden, Jun Meng	

From The Minister of Pastoral Care

Dale Oden

Vacation Bible School 2019 was a wonderful experience! We had 327 children enrolled, with 139 workers for a total of 466 here at Temple for the week. There were 8 professions of faith! Isn't that great? Thanks to all who helped during the week. I enjoyed being in with one of the fifth grade classes.

Attention Senior Adults! We will have a luncheon next Tuesday, June 18, at 11:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. David Abernathy, Director of Rolling Hills Ministries, will be sharing with us. David grew up in Temple Baptist and has done a fantastic job in leading Rolling Hills Ministries. You will enjoy hearing an update on all that is going on at Rolling Hills. Bring a salad, vegetable, or dessert and come join us for lunch and the program.

We will not have our luncheon in July, but will have two luncheons in August. Those two luncheons will be on Monday and Tuesday following the **Senior Adult Summer Bible Study**. The dates for the annual Bible study are **August 18-21**. Dr. Argile Smith will be with us again this year for the study. He will preach during the Evening Worship Service, Sunday, August 18. Then, he will be teaching at the morning sessions, Monday-Wednesday, August 19-21.

The **trip to Branson**, November 11-15, is almost full. We have a few spots left, so if you have an interest in going, please call me or the Church Office. We have five shows lined up and some great meals planned.

It is hard to believe that the trip to see the **Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany** is now less than a year away. The travel agency is holding 40 reservations for us. Dr. Reggie and I would love to have you make the trip with us. If you think you might like to go with us, please stop by the Church Office for a brochure. *The deadline for getting the deposits in is Monday, July 15. Final payments are not due until January, 2020.*

WinShape Camp for Communities



July 8-12 ~ Completed Grades K-8

Register NOW! Cost: \$219
Sign up at winshape.temple.life

Grade 9-Senior Adult volunteers needed

Register at www.winshapecamps.org/volunteer.

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

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

Germany, Prague, & Austria featuring the Passion Play of Oberammergau

12 Days: May 26-June 6, 2020

Visting: Berlin • Dresden • Prague •

Český Krumlov • Vienna • Salzburg • Munich

Hosted by Dr. Reggie Bridges and Dale Oden

\$4549 from Houston

The highlight of the trip will be attending the presentation of the Passion Week of Christ. *Brochures available in the Church Office.* The earlier we get deposits in, the better seats we can get for the performance!

Contact: Dale Oden, dale@temple.life, 255-3745



Christian Community Action (CCA) Summer Food Drive

Collection Dates: June 16-30

Bring any normal-sized canned goods.
This will help offset the summer shortage.
Baskets are at each entrance of the church.

LET'S CELEBRATE IN BRANSON

November 11-15

\$600/person for Double (\$750 for Single)

\$100 Non-refundable Deposit/person to reserve your spot

- 4 Nights at Hilton Convention Center
 - 4 Buffet Breakfasts at the Hotel
- 3 Other meals (Famous Dave's, Landry's, + 1 other)
- 5 Shows (The Texas Tenors, All Hands On Deck, Andy Williams Ozark Mountain Christmas Show, The Duttons, The Haygoods)
 - Some Shopping
 - Bus Transportation

Registration forms are in the Church Office.



SAVE THE DATE!

Vacation Bible School 2020
June 1-5

Concrete & Cranes:
Building on the Love of Jesus
Philippians 1:6

22nd Annual PATRIOTIC PROGRAM

Singers Needed!

Rehearsals on Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m.
in the Choir Room

Presentation on July 2 and July 3, at 7:30 p.m.
(Fireworks on July 3 following the program)

If you would like to contribute to the fireworks display, contact Jeremy Asher in the Church Office (255-3745, jeremy@temple.life)

Service Personnel Memorabilia Display



We will have an Armed Forces memorabilia display in the church Foyer during the patriotic program. You may display a folded flag, a photo, or any medals in memory or in honor of a family member who served or is presently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces.

Registration and Drop-off in the Church Office

no later than Thursday, June 20.

Pick up your memorabilia following the program on July 3.

Contact Jeremy Asher or Cindy Burns at 255-3745 for more information.



the family of **Billie Lamkin**,
mother of Janet (Mark) Faulkner;
the family of **Pete Larence**,
husband of Darene; the family of **Thomas Earl Hammons**,
grandfather of Jillian (Blake) Burns.

Thank You cards have been received from...

Pastor Checkerz Williams

(Located on the bulletin board in the Library window)

Youth & Recreation Ministry

John Nugent

Puerto Rico Mission Trip ~ June 15-21

This Saturday our grades 10-12 students will leave on a mission trip to Puerto Rico to work with the North American Mission Board and Send Relief. We will be roofing houses and working at a school that is being transformed into a building to house a foster care and adoption agency. Please pray for us as we work and share the gospel. Pray for Kingdom growth, our travel, and safety. Here's a list of chaperones and students so that you can pray for us by name:

Leslie Bridges
Ashley Ellis
Jenny Ensminger
Tedd Hull
Stephen Kessler
Tim McCarthy
John Nugent
Jennifer Patton
Michael Shelton
Cassidy Simmons

Sarah Adams
Anna Albritton
Brandon Ball
Evan Bernard
Daniel Brown
Sarah Doxey
Davis Glen Ellis
Beau Farrar
Michael-Anne Garlington
Alana Hudson
Ty Lolley
Alex McConnell
Kenneth Ray
Laney Robbins
Anna Kate Scriber
Tatum Stephenson
Emily Tooke
Galen Turner IV
Chloe Mae Winstead

Nicholas Adams
Georgia May Albritton
Ashton Barber
Abigail Bridges
Sarah Margaret Davison
Andrew Ellis
Lauren Ensminger
Allison Freeman
Clayton Guyotte
Sydney Hull
Cameron McCarthy
Lauren Osafo
Madison Robertson
Annelise Robison
Sophie Smith
Taryn Sternitzky
Ben Turner
Jalyn Walsworth
Ainsley Wood



Men's Choir Invitation

Join us Sunday, June 16
9 a.m. Blended Worship

Rehearsal:

Sunday, June 16 | 8:15 a.m. | Sanctuary

ALL men are invited to sing with us!

Father's Day Schedule ~ June 16

9 a.m. Blended Worship & *the gathering* Worship

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

11:15 a.m. *the gathering* Worship

All Afternoon Activities and

Evening Worship Canceled

Deacons of the Week— June 16-22

Donnie Barmore & Mike Barmore

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Week-at-a-Glance

Tiny Trekker Adventure Camp

High School Mission Trip ~ June 15-21

CCA Summer Food Drive ~ June 16-30

Sunday, June 16 (Father's Day)

8:15 a.m. - Men's Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

9 a.m. - Blended Worship | Men's Choir (Sanctuary);
the gathering Worship (GS)

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

11:15 a.m. - *the gathering* Worship (GS)

5 p.m. - The Springs Worship (The Springs)

Evening Worship Canceled

Tuesday, June 18

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

Wednesday, June 19

9 a.m. - Quilting/Sewing (FH)

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

The Springs Small Group (The Springs)

5:30 p.m. - *temple-tech* Summer Wednesday Night Bible Study (Rm 216)

5:45 p.m. - Children's Summer SONTastics (JP)

6 p.m. - Bible Study/Informational Meeting (FH);

GROW Visitation - ORANGE TEAM (FH);

Youth Wednesday Night Worship (Youth Rm)

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

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm)

Thursday, June 20

10 a.m. - GriefShare (Rm 76)

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 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