

# 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

It is hard to believe that our summer is quickly coming to an end—especially since the oppressive heat remains! Yet, August is here; and soon, students and teachers will be returning to school. In my perspective, this summer has been a memorable season of ministry and mission. In virtually every area of Temple Baptist Church, we have witnessed God's incredible presence and power. Take missions for example. We have trekked across the globe in an effort to share the Gospel of Christ. From Boston to East Asia, from Birmingham to Puerto Rico, from Chicago to South Asia, from West Palm Beach to West Yellowstone, from Arlington to Calgary, our teams ministered and proclaimed the Good News. In addition, we have continued His work right here in Ruston. We have gathered to celebrate and worship. We have studied and experienced authentic fellowship. We have even reached out to our community through events like block parties, the annual patriotic program, Vacation Bible School, and WinShape Camp. Moreover, the Springs has continued its weekly outreach efforts. In other words, there has been no summer vacation for the Temple family. We have been about His business!


I point out this reality not to brag but to express thanks. First, I am grateful that God allows us to experience such work and blessing. Without His invitation to join Him, we would be left to fend for

ourselves. Second, I am appreciative of a leadership team that communicates both vision and determination. Our leadership staff is truly committed "to love Him fully and follow Him faithfully." Third, I am thankful for the hands and feet that move the ministry. In most cases, these are the people behind the scenes—literally hundreds of volunteers who cook, teach, sing, and serve in various capacities. This selfless army enables us to fulfill God's agenda and empowers us to reach for new heights. For example, Bill Cox and his kitchen crew helped sustain us over the past few months as we ate together on Wednesday nights and at other special events. We couldn't have gotten by without them! To them, I say thank you. (By the way, Glenda Robbins is returning as our Kitchen Coordinator next week as we resume our Wednesday Family Night Meals for the fall!) Indeed, there is no family like the Temple family when it comes to the giving of time and energy for the Kingdom's sake.

Yes, the 2019 summer is coming to an end, but its activities will have a long-lasting impact. Again, thanks to those of you who have contributed to this effort, and may God continue to use us all as we serve together in the coming months! Looking forward to gathering with you on Sunday morning as we dig into the book of Haggai and experience His renewing presence together! See you then!

### FROM THE RECORDS OF JULY 28, 2019

Worship Attendance		SS Attendance		
		'19	'18	
9 a.m. Blended Worship Service	540	Adults	407	452
9 a.m. <i>the gathering</i> Worship Service	127	Singles/Young Adults	104	96
11:15 a.m. <i>the gathering</i> Worship Service	165	College	43	35
The Springs Worship Service	36	Youth	79	71
Combined Morning Total	868	Children	104	111
6 p.m. Evening Worship Service	126	Preschool	88	97
		Local	823	862
		Off Campus	93	93
		Total	916	955

Sunday, July 28, 2019	
 Budget	\$40,391.44
Share the Light	\$1,550.00

**Extended Session 8/4/19**  
**9 a.m. Worship**—Brandi Spurlock, Paige Smith, Robert & Laura Amye Smith, Jennifer Riley, Doug & Missy Gibbons, Jennifer Paul, Tonya Duggan  
**11:15 a.m. Worship**—Byron & Cheryl Williams, June Meng, Dale & Sadel Oden

# Minister of Community Evangelism

George Lee

The Lord has continued to do a great work at The Springs. We've recently begun a new sermon series called **Close to Home**. When you think about the idiom "close to home," it speaks of personal and intimate things that reach the core of who we are. It is our hope and prayer that as we search God's Word and discuss His design for our families, closest relationships, home environments, and work lives, that we would have homes that display more of God's glory. So far, we've talked about the importance of family and our need for family. We've talked about dysfunction in the family and how sin distorts our relationships and leads to dysfunction. We've talked about faith in the family and how the faith of just one can be used to reach the entire family. This past Sunday, we saw an example of forgiveness in the family (tough stuff!).

Ultimately when we think about God's glory being the goal for our families, there should be frequent assessments of how we're doing. As a part of our series, we've given "Home Improvement" challenges each week. This week, we've challenged everyone to spend some time praying and journaling about areas in your family where forgiveness needs to take place. I pray for the Lord to move in your hearts as we become more and more like Him!

## ReGROUP Conference 2019

LA Baptist's Premier Training Event for Sunday School Leaders

First Baptist Church, Haughton

Saturday, August 17 | 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

*Deadline to sign up is Sunday, August 4*

Temple will pay your registration fee and lunch is provided.

*Keynote Speaker: Johnny Hunt,*

*Sr. VP Evangelism & Leadership NAMB*

If you will be able to go, please sign up by contacting the Church Office.

## Senior Adult Summer Bible Study

Sunday, August 18 | 6 p.m. | Chapel

Monday-Wednesday, August 19-21  
9:30 a.m. | Chapel

Lunch: Monday and Tuesday | Fellowship Hall

Dr. Argile Smith ~ *Teach Us to Pray: A Study of Luke 11*

Everyone is invited to attend.

ARE YOU EQUIPPED

TO TALK TO YOUR

KIDS ABOUT TODAY'S

CULTURAL ISSUES?

BY RUSSELL MOORE &  
PHILLIP BETHANCOURT

Join Us!

Wednesdays beginning August 21  
5:45-7 p.m. | Room 49



Contact: Jacob Ambrose, 255-3745  
jacob@temple.life

CHRIST-CENTERED PARENTING

GOSPEL CONVERSATIONS  
ON COMPLEX CULTURAL ISSUES

6 SESSIONS

LifeWay

## The Journey Place will be closed

August 8 & 9 (carpet cleaning)  
and August 15 & 16 (waxing floors).

## FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Class: 9 Sessions  
Wednesdays beginning August 21  
5:45-7 p.m. | Room 275

Contact: Jacob Ambrose, 255-3745, jacob@temple.life

FINANCIAL *Peace* UNIVERSITY

Temple's Newest Membership Candidates:



Daniel Asher



Jean Purvis



Jason, Carrifrances,  
& Grant Alexander  
(Also pictured: Luke & Reid)



Keith & Pam Walley



**Missions, Music, and More!**

**CHILDREN'S M<sup>3</sup> TEACHERS & HELPERS NEEDED!**

**Leadership Meeting: Wednesday, August 7 | 5:45 p.m.**  
**The Journey Place Multipurpose Room**

**Kick-off: Wednesday, August 14 | 5:45 p.m.**  
**The Gathering Space**

**Classes begin: Wednesday, August 21 | 5:45 p.m.**  
**The Journey Place**

Contact: Missions - Sally Hearn, [sally@temple.life](mailto:sally@temple.life) or  
Music - Jeremy Asher, [jeremy@temple.life](mailto:jeremy@temple.life), 255-3745

**New Sunday Morning Schedule  
Begins September 1**

**9 a.m.**

Blended Worship, *the gathering* Simulcast Worship,  
or Sunday School

**10:30 a.m.**

*the gathering* Worship or Sunday School

**Women on Mission Group**

**Mary Martha Women on Mission**

Monday, August 5 | 6:30 p.m. | Family Life Center

Speaker: Jeremy Asher

**MUSIC MINISTRY**  
**Jeremy Asher**

*“Speak to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord; always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God,”*

Ephesians 5:19-20, NASB

Church family, I hope you have had a great summer. As families begin to settle in to a new schedule with the start of school (and the new Sunday morning schedule beginning on September 1), I have two important announcements. First, our **Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra will lead in the loft beginning this Sunday, August 4. Wednesday rehearsals will resume on Wednesday, August 7**, with a combined choir and orchestra rehearsal. (Meet in the Sanctuary at 6:45 p.m.) Whether or not you have sung in choir before, I encourage you to come to a rehearsal and give choir a “test drive.” My prayer is that you would be encouraged in your walk with Christ and that you will bless others with your participation in the Worship Ministry. My motto this year has been this phrase: **God is real, He is working, and He is worthy!**

My second announcement is that we will have an **M<sup>3</sup> Teacher and Helper Meeting next Wednesday, August 7, at 5:45 p.m. in The Journey Place Multipurpose Room.** We will hand out teacher material as well as discuss our plan for the Christmas program on Sunday, December 8. If you are interested in helping, please contact me at 318-245-9849 or [jeremy@temple.life](mailto:jeremy@temple.life).

I hope that everyone in our church has a place to serve; If you need a place, the Worship Ministry has a place for you! God bless you this week.



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Serving Opportunities,  
Event Information,  
and more!



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You may also find  
Volunteer Opportunities  
at [volunteer.temple.life](http://volunteer.temple.life)

***Deacons of the Week— August 4-10***  
Jim Davison & James Davison

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## Week-at-a-Glance

**The Journey Place Closed ~ August 8-9 and August 15-16**

### Sunday, August 4

9 a.m. - Blended Worship (Sanctuary); *the gathering* Worship (GS)  
10:15 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages  
11:15 a.m. - *the gathering* Worship (GS)  
5 p.m. - The Springs Worship (The Springs)  
6 p.m. - Evening Worship (Chapel)

### Tuesday, August 6

11:45 a.m. - Jr. High Lunch with John (Meet in the Family Life Center)  
1 p.m. - Jr. High Game Time (Youth Rm)

### Wednesday, August 7

9 a.m. - Quilting/Sewing (FH)  
5 p.m. - Family Night Meal (FH; Menu: Chicken Fried Chicken; 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. - M<sup>3</sup> Fall Leadership Meeting (JPMR)  
6 p.m. - Prayer Meeting/Bible Study (FH); GROW Visitation - GREEN TEAM (FH); Youth Wednesday Night Worship (Youth Rm)  
6:45 p.m. - Orchestra Rehearsal (Sanctuary); Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm)

### Thursday, August 8

11:45 a.m. - Sr. High Lunch with John (Meet in the Family Life Center)  
1 p.m. - Sr. High Game Time (Youth Rm)  
6 p.m. - Young Adult Worship & Vision Night (Ambrose 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 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