

# 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

We often speak of our missionary efforts, and we give thanks for the privilege we have to touch the world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. From South California to South Asia, we see His message being proclaimed. But I want to remind you that all of us are missionaries right where we are. We have been sent to those individuals right around us—our family, friends, coworkers, neighbors, etc. I am especially mindful of the opportunities many of us have as school begins. Whether you assume the role of educator, support staff, or even student, you have an incredible context to share the good news of salvation. God has literally placed unbelievers right before you so that your testimony can draw them to the Lord. Moreover, He has given you a sphere of influence which allows you to disciple other believers. How awesome is that! Like some of you, I have been praying for our children as they encounter this mission field. In addition, I have been interceding for our teachers, professors, administrators, and support personnel as they seek to invest Christ within their students and fellow employees. This Sunday, we will pause in our services to ask collectively for His favor to rest upon our educators as they begin this new academic year.

Of course, the violence of this past weekend reminds us of the import of such evangelistic and discipleship efforts. Demonic influences continue to wreak havoc upon our land, and the only hope for healing is through Jesus Christ. No political party or personality is powerful enough to wage the spiritual warfare necessary to defeat such evil foes. But our Lord can! Indeed, the Holy Spirit can! And my friends, He uses us to push back against the hate and destruction. Every life is valuable before God, and every individual has potential through Christ! That must be our message . . . the message of good news!

I believe that our educators play a key role in this fight. In my view, they are on the front lines of the battle as they demonstrate daily the love of Jesus Christ. I know some of the most formative influences that I have experienced in my walk with the Lord came through my teachers, professors, administrators, etc. They made a difference in my life! And educators still have incredible impact today! That is why I encourage you to join me in praying for all of those involved in the education process. Ask specifically for discernment and empowerment for each one. And may our God work within “our missionaries” in the schools to effect renewal and revival that will produce committed, life-giving Christ-followers! See you Sunday!

### FROM THE RECORDS OF AUGUST 4, 2019

Worship Attendance		SS Attendance		'19	'18
9 a.m. Blended Worship Service	595	Adults	427	445	
9 a.m. <i>the gathering</i> Worship Service	185	Singles/Young Adults	120	114	
11:15 a.m. <i>the gathering</i> Worship Service	165	College	49	36	
The Springs Worship Service	45	Youth	92	96	
Combined Morning Total	990	Children	112	118	
6 p.m. Evening Worship Service	130	Preschool	103	113	
		Local	911	922	
		Off Campus	93	93	
		Total	1004	1015	

Sunday, August 4, 2019	
 Budget	\$83,208.14
Share the Light	\$1,535.00

**Extended Session 8/11/19**  
**9 a.m. Worship**—Donna Hood, Kristie Frasier, Rene Davidson, Jared & Kim Little, Alicia Ball, Stacey Casady, Mary Lindsay & Mary Lou Funes  
**11:15 a.m. Worship**—Charles & Jon Anne Winstead, Alisia Thomason, Kelly Guerrero

# Education & Administration News

Jason Walsworth

It has been almost a week since our team returned from **East Asia**, and our team was amazing. From Ben leading the way to our entire group, you would have been so proud to have this group representing you and our Lord. It was not an easy trip. Our team worked long, hard days at basketball camps and clinics for 3 hours in the morning and afternoon. Thankfully, we were inside, and the Lord provided for us the energy and strength necessary. I think I am finally over the jet lag! It was a privilege to go, and definitely a trip I will never forget. The people were all very welcoming and friendly to us. I had my reservations given the political rhetoric and news, but they could not have been more kind to us. The brothers and sisters we met were a strong group and blessed us throughout our time in numerous ways. One of our most memorable experiences was at the home of a couple who were sent from their house church to minister in this city. We got to share a meal and worship time together, and the Lord showed up that night! Let me assure you the Lord is at work all over the world (even in East Asia) making himself known so that He may be glorified and worshiped even in the most difficult areas that are hard to reach and where little Christian influence is on display. We should be encouraged as we are reminded that He changed the world with just 12 men! I am thankful for our partners there and blessed to serve a church that seeks out the lost no matter how far or difficult they are to reach. You should be proud as well. And you should go (if you are able) to testify and to make Him known. I am certain there will be other opportunities in the future. I would love to speak with you about those, and I know Ben would as well.

**Monthly Sunday School Leadership Meeting is Sunday, August 11:** If you are a Sunday School Leader, please plan to join us this Sunday at 5 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. We will have refreshments and a good time! We took July off, so I hope to see all of you there as we discuss and plan for the following: ReGroup SS Conference, In Home Bible Study Groups, our New Sunday Schedule beginning September 1 and more!

## 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

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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  
more information at [events.temple.life](http://events.temple.life)

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ON COMPLEX CULTURAL ISSUES

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[jacob@temple.life](mailto:jacob@temple.life)

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## Senior Adult Summer Bible Study

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

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.

## FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Class: 9 Sessions | \$109 per couple  
Wednesdays beginning August 21  
5:45-7 p.m. | Room 275

more information at [events.temple.life](http://events.temple.life)

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## TUTORING OPPORTUNITY

If you have 30 minutes during the school day once a week that you could help a first grade child with reading or math, please contact Edith Hawkins, [emhawkins@suddenlink.net](mailto:emhawkins@suddenlink.net) or 255-1962 or sign up in your Sunday School Class by Sunday, August 25. Please pray about your participation in this great ministry opportunity.

## Sugar for CCA

Local Mission Opportunity

We are responsible for **75 bags**  
of sugar each month.



## Policy for Announcements

All announcements to be considered for church-wide publications are due in the Church Office by noon on Thursday **prior** to the week of the next publication.

## The Journey Place Tiny Trekkers & Summit Kids Sally Hearn

We had an awesome summer! I am so thankful for our church family and the many, many ways you were involved in Children's Ministry! From VBS, to WinShape, to Summit Kids Serve Mission Trip, we could not have done it without you! Children came to faith in Christ, grew in their walk with Him and served others through missions efforts. I am so thankful for the privilege of serving with you here at Temple.

Well summer is over and fall is here! We will kick off **Children's M<sup>3</sup> (Music Missions and More!)** on **Wednesday, August 14**. This will be a wonderful time of worship for parents and children. We will share the vision for the school year and worship together. Join us at **5:45 p.m. in the Gathering Space**. Our regular Wednesday night activities will begin on Wednesday, August 21, from 5:45-7 p.m. in *The Journey Place*.

We are so excited about the **new schedule** beginning Sunday, September 1. Children (Grades 1-5) will have the option of Sunday School at 9 a.m. **or** 10:30 a.m. Our preschoolers, (babies-kindergarten) will have teaching time during both hours. Parents will drop off preschoolers at the 9 a.m. hour and pick up following the 10:30 a.m. hour.

**Students in Grade 6** will be moving to Junior High Ministry with John Nugent. We are looking forward to the opportunities this will bring for our middle school students as they begin this new ministry.

**Grade 1 Bible Presentation** will be held on Sunday, August 18, at 10:15 a.m. in *The Journey Place* Multipurpose Room. If you have a first grader, I hope you will plan to join us for this special time.

**The Playscape will be closed** Friday, August 9, and Thursday and Friday, August 15 & 16, for floor cleaning.

**WEEKday Ministry** will begin a new school year on Tuesday, August 27. Pray for our staff and children as they begin the new year.



**Missions, Music, and More!**



Classes Begin

**Wednesday, August 21**

**5:45 p.m. | The Journey Place**

***Deacons of the Week— August 11-17***  
**Bobby Ensminger & Terry Ewing**

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**Week-at-a-Glance**

**The Journey Place Closed ~ August 15-16**

**temple-tech Beach Retreat ~ August 16-20**

**ReGroup Conference 2019 ~ August 17**

**Sunday, August 11**

- 9 a.m. - Blended Worship | Educators Recognition/Commissioning (Sanctuary);  
*the gathering* Worship | Educators Recognition/Commissioning (GS)
- 10:15 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
- 11:15 a.m. - *the gathering* Worship | Educators Recognition/Commissioning (GS)
- 5 p.m. - Sunday School Leadership Meeting (FH); The Springs Worship (The Springs)
- 6 p.m. - Evening Worship (Chapel)

**Wednesday, August 14**

- 9 a.m. - Quilting/Sewing (FH)
- 5 p.m. - Family Night Meal (FH; Menu: Fried Fish; Cost: \$4/person, \$2/child under 8,  
 \$12 max/family); The Springs Small Group (The Springs)
- 5:30 p.m. - *temple-tech* Wednesday Night Bible Study (Rm 76)
- 5:45 p.m. - Children's M<sup>3</sup> Kick-off Night (The Gathering Space)
- 6 p.m. - Prayer Meeting/Bible Study (FH); GROW Visitation - RED TEAM (FH);  
 Youth Wednesday Night Worship (Youth Rm)
- 6:45 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm)

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.



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Core Values:

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