

# 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

*"The glory of young men is their strength, and the splendor of old men is their gray hair"* (Proverbs 20:29 NKJV). Those who are young have strength, energy, and passion. (Just ask the teachers who this week have welcomed back such dynamic students to their classroom!) Young men and women add a special dimension of life and vitality to any context. Older people, on the other hand, are noted for their "gray hair." Now before you dismiss this statement about the more mature in our midst, let me attempt to clarify what I believe the Proverb writer intended. He wasn't talking simply about hair . . . although I would be very happy if the Lord would allow me to keep mine until I was older! (Unfortunately, at the rate I am going, I will never be able to use the blue rinse that I always planned to use on my flowing locks!) I believe the biblical author was highlighting the wisdom of older people. The "gray hair" underscored life experiences that had brought wisdom into their lives. So get this . . . younger people bring strength and energy while older people contribute wisdom and guidance. Sounds like a complementary relationship, doesn't it? I've always contended that we need all generations within our church experience. We need vitality and life! We also need wisdom and direction! To favor one generation while pushing away another generation is ultimately devastating for any church. We must have generational representation and interaction in the family of God.

Thankfully, we at Temple are especially blessed to be a multigenerational congregation. Consider this coming weekend for a moment. On Friday, our college students will travel to Panama City Beach for their annual Beach Retreat. I rejoice that eighty freshmen have connected with us already through this event. In fact, over one hundred and sixty students total will worship, study, and connect together! What an awesome opportunity! Join me as we pray for their travel safety and for their discipleship!

During Sunday School this Sunday, I also get the privilege of presenting Bibles to the first graders. I always love this time each year as the students (and their parents) are so excited to get their copy of God's Word. We make a big deal of the presentation as we challenge them to make the Scripture a priority of their lives.

On Sunday night, we will also begin our annual Senior Adult Summer Bible Study which will be led by Dr. Argile Smith. Dr. Smith has been here several times over the years, and you have recognized him to be a man of biblical scholarship and relational sensitivity. While many of you may know him as a great Bible teacher, I know him personally as a mentor, preacher, and friend. I am who I am because of Argile and his encouragement. (But don't tell him that; it will go to his head!) I am so looking forward to his leading us in "Teach Us to Pray: A Study of Luke 11." Even if you are not a "senior," you should try to join us as the study, no doubt, will enrich your lives.

So, think a minute with me. How many churches do you know that have a first grade Bible presentation, a college beach retreat, and a senior adult Bible study occurring simultaneously on one weekend? Or better yet, how many churches even have enough younger people AND older adults to consider such events? My friends, we are blessed to have energetic young folks and wise senior adults in our midst. Let's give God thanks for that, and let's work hard to keep it that way. You are a special faith family! That must be why I love you so much! See you Sunday!

### FROM THE RECORDS OF AUGUST 11, 2019

Worship Attendance		SS Attendance	
		'19	'18
9 a.m. Blended Worship Service	641	Adults	467
9 a.m. the gathering Worship Service	212	Singles/Young Adults	134
11:15 a.m. the gathering Worship Service	177	College	57
The Springs Worship Service	32	Youth	102
Combined Morning Total	1062	Children	123
6 p.m. Evening Worship Service	160	Preschool	106
		Local	987
		Off Campus	93
		Total	1080

Sunday, August 11, 2019	
 Budget	\$64,488.15
Share the Light	\$950.00

Extended Session 8/18/19	
9 a.m. Worship—Garson Woodard, Patrick & Katie Golden, Rebecca Williams, Tim & Jennifer McCarthy, Angelle Campbell, Lauren Hull, Dustin & Anna Alexander	
11:15 a.m. Worship—April Winstead, Ciria Lee, Allison Davidson, Jennifer Parker	

# From The Minister of Pastoral Care

Dale Oden

The time is here for our annual **Senior Adult Summer Bible Study**! We have been anticipating this event for several weeks. Dr. Argile Smith will be with us beginning this **Sunday night, August 18**. He will be leading us in a study entitled, **"Teach Us to Pray: A Study of Luke 11:1-11."** I've just finished reading those verses again this morning in different translations. I encourage you to read them several times and then come join us for this special study. You will be blessed as Argile leads us in an in-depth look at how Jesus taught His disciples to pray.

Sunday night's session will be in the Sanctuary at 6 p.m. Monday-Wednesday (August 19-21) sessions will meet in the Chapel at 9:30 a.m. Following the morning sessions on Monday and Tuesday, lunch will be served in Fellowship Hall. One day, fried fish will be on the menu; and on the other day, grilled hamburgers will be the featured menu item! Come join us and invite someone to join you for the Bible study and the meals.

Argile serves as Pastor of the Parkway Baptist Church in Biloxi, Mississippi. He has served as the J.D. Grey Professor of Preaching at the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and as Interim President of Louisiana College. This is the 8<sup>th</sup> year that Argile has come to lead our summer Bible study. His wife, Connie, will be with him. They are a delightful couple who have come to mean so much to our senior adults. I hope that we will have a great crowd here to welcome them back to Temple Baptist Church on Sunday-Wednesday, August 18-21.

This is a final appeal for the two trips that we have planned for the next few months. One of the trips is to **Branson, November 11-15**. We are almost full on this trip (*only 4 spots left*). The other trip is the one scheduled for **May 26-June 6, 2020 to Oberammergau, Germany**, to attend the presentation of "The Passion Play". There are eighteen signed up to go, and we would like to have some more to make this trip with us. If you have an interest in either trip, please give me a call.



Heartfelt Friends Groups

Registration is open for  
Heart Moms & Sisters

More information at [heartfelt.temple.life](http://heartfelt.temple.life)  
OR in your Sunday School.

Deadline: Wednesday, August 28

Women's Ministry  
at Temple Baptist Church

## Leadership Meetings

### Preschool Sunday School Leadership Meeting

Sunday, August 25 | 4:30 p.m. | The Journey Place Multipurpose Room

### Children's Sunday School Leadership Meeting

Sunday, August 25 | 7 p.m. | The Journey Place Multipurpose Room

## Date Night with Kristin & Danny

Saturday, September 28 | 6 - 8 p.m.  
Gathering Space

Tickets:

\$10 Individual

\$15 Couple

registration at  
[date.temple.life](http://date.temple.life)

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

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

## CHRIST-CENTERED PARENTING

GOSPEL CONVERSATIONS  
ON COMPLEX CULTURAL ISSUES

6 SESSIONS



Contact: Jacob Ambrose, 255-3745  
[jacob@temple.life](mailto:jacob@temple.life)

LifeWay

## 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.

## Temple's Newest Membership Candidate:



Miranda Howland



the family of **Virginia Shaver**, mother of Kim King, grandmother of Chris Otwell, and sister of Don Skains; the family of **Jerry Morris**, brother of Donna Small.



### SAVE THE DATE

Friday, September 20-  
Monday, September 23

### New Schedule for Youth Sunday School

#### 9 a.m. Sunday School

Junior High Boys Class	Junior High Girls Class
High School Boys Class	High School Girls Class

#### 10:30 a.m. Sunday School

Grade 6 Co-Ed Class	
Grade 7 Boys Class	Grade 7 Girls Class
Grade 8 Boys Class	Grade 8 Girls Class
Grade 9-10 Boys Class	Grade 9-10 Girls Class
Grade 11 Boys Class	Grade 11 Girls Class
Grade 12 Co-Ed Class	

## 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)

Contact: Jacob Ambrose, 255-3745, [jacob@temple.life](mailto:jacob@temple.life)

**FINANCIAL** *Peace*  
UNIVERSITY

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

The Charles Beck family; Betty & Clark Hinton  
(Located on the bulletin board in the Library window)

We need you to be a friend  
to internationals in our community!  
Join us Sunday afternoon to learn more!

### Friendship Families Kick-off Meeting

Sunday, August 18 | 5:15 p.m. | Room 72

## Youth & Recreation Ministry

John Nugent

### YOUTH MINISTRY MOVING FORWARD

**GRADE 6 INTO YOUTH MINISTRY:** We're excited to have students in Grade 6 moving into Youth Ministry starting in September! This will allow us to have a focused and personalized ministry for this age group that will meet them where they are spiritually and developmentally. The opportunity to serve in leadership roles and make BIG impacts in Youth Ministry will be now, without waiting on high school students to vacate those leadership roles. This will also be a better reflection of our school systems and will allow us to continue to build on their amazing experiences in Children's Ministry.

**JUNIOR HIGH WORSHIP: Wednesday Nights at 6 p.m.** will be a worship service just for junior high students in grades 6, 7, and 8. All the games, student-led music, and messages from Scripture will be tailored specifically for these students. Junior high students will not have to be nervous around older high school students and will have many more opportunities to serve in leadership roles early in their Youth Ministry experiences. It will be so easy to invite friends to come and be a part of a worship experience that is just for junior high students!

**HIGH SCHOOL WORSHIP:** High school students will also have their own worship service on **Sundays at 6 p.m.** Amazing, student-led worship and messages with practical applications from Scripture will be combined with thoughtful ways to experience God to make each High School Worship service exactly what these students need as they mature in their relationships with God. Many of our students are excited to see this move to worshipping on a night that will have fewer school, athletic, and extracurricular activities!

This new schedule will also allow us to expand our **discipleship** for high school students because there will still be multiple opportunities for them on **Wednesday nights!** Bible Studies, peer-to-peer discipleship groups, and multiple ways to serve younger students will all be on their menu for Wednesday nights.



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## NEW SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE BEGINNING 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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***Deacons of the Week—August 18-24***  
Kip Franklin & Paul Frazier

Phone: (318) 255-3745 • Fax: (318) 255-0134  
Website: temple.life

## Week-at-a-Glance

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

**South Asia Mission Trip ~ August 19-29**

### Sunday, August 18

9 a.m. - Blended Worship (Sanctuary); *the gathering* Worship (GS)  
10:15 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages | Grade 1 Bible Presentation (JPMR)  
11:15 a.m. - *the gathering* Worship (GS)  
4:30 p.m. - Deacons Meeting (Rm 76)  
5 p.m. - The Springs Worship (The Springs)  
5:15 p.m. - Friendship Families Kick-off Meeting (Rm 72)  
6 p.m. - Senior Adult Bible Study | Evening Worship (Sanctuary)  
7 p.m. - South Asia Mission Trip Final Meeting (Rm 76)

### Monday, August 19

9 a.m. - Senior Adult Bible Study (Chapel)  
11:45 a.m. - Senior Adult Bible Study Lunch (FH)

### Tuesday, August 20

9 a.m. - Senior Adult Bible Study (Chapel)  
11:45 a.m. - Senior Adult Bible Study Lunch (FH)

### Wednesday, August 21

9 a.m. - Quilting/Sewing (FH); Senior Adult Bible Study (Chapel)  
5 p.m. - Family Night Meal (FH; Menu: Chicken Fried Steak; 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> (Missions, Music, & More!) (JP); Christ-Centered Parenting  
(Rm 49); Financial Peace University (Rm 275)  
6 p.m. - Business Meeting/Bible Study (FH); GROW Visitation - ORANGE TEAM (FH);  
Youth Wednesday Night Worship (Youth Rm)  
6:45 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm); Orchestra (Sanctuary)

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