

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

Compassion International is a ministry organization aimed at “releasing children from poverty in Jesus’ name.” But rather than trying to accomplish this purpose alone, it actually works through the local church to minister to children and their families. Any assistance can be readily identified through the church which, in turn, helps that local body of believers to advance the Gospel. In other words, this Christ-focused, church-focused, child-focused approach allows Compassion to promote a holistic work that fosters Kingdom growth. Compassion does want to help children overcome poverty; but as their purpose statement declares, it also hopes to extend Jesus’ name. I can personally attest to that effort. Last July, I traveled with a few other pastors to visit some Compassion projects in El Salvador. I was very moved by the ministry I saw; and even more, I was encouraged by the transparency and effectiveness of Compassion’s work. I spoke to children, their families, and the local pastors about their experience. Time and time again, I could tell that God is truly using these projects to meet people’s needs while strengthening the church’s witness.

For years, we at Temple have attempted to utilize our resources to alleviate poverty, especially in Nicaragua. Through our “Feed the Children” program, we have ministered to countless lives and helped families face intense poverty. You have been so faithful in your giving to this cause . . . as always! Thank you for that. In December, we will officially transition out of our “Feed the

Children” involvement as our partnerships there have evolved. However, we will still be able to continue a similar ministry in Nicaragua through Compassion International. Because of your generosity, we have been able to start a new Compassion project at **Iglesia Bautista Damasco (Damascus Baptist Church) in the Los Aburto Community, Villa El Carmen, Nicaragua**. Approximately one hundred and sixty children will be a part of this work. My hope is that we, Temple Baptist, will be willing to sponsor these children in the months to come. **(It costs approximately \$38/month to sponsor a child.)** I also pray this opens up a new opportunity to send short-term teams back into Nicaragua.

This weekend (Friday through Monday), we will host the **Compassion Experience** on our campus. The free event will allow you to walk through the life of a Compassion child and hear him/her describe Compassion’s impact in his/her life. Please consider making a stop by the Experience at some point. On Sunday morning in particular, you will have an opportunity to support a child at our Compassion Project. Some of you may already sponsor a child, but perhaps the Lord has blessed you to be able to sponsor another. That is what Leslie and I plan to do! To be honest, I am so excited about this new path in ministry! And I pray you are as well . . . as we continue to release children from poverty in Jesus’ name! See you Sunday!

FROM THE RECORDS OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2019

Worship Attendance		Sunday School Attendance ‘19	
9 a.m. Blended Worship Service	637	9 a.m. First Steps	84
9 a.m. the gathering Worship Service	246	9 a.m. Sunday School	164
10:30 a.m. the gathering Worship Service	321	10:30 a.m. First Steps	123
The Springs Worship Service	37	10:30 a.m. Sunday School	800
Combined Morning Total	1241	Off Campus	93
		Total	1264

Give the Gift to the Lord		Sunday, September 15, 2019	
Budget			\$55,851.05
Share the Light			\$1,115.00
Georgia Barnette Offering			\$22,932.00



Preschool Ministry ~ First Steps

Bible stories and Bible-learning activities for our preschoolers (Babies-Kindergarten).

Sundays 9-11:30 a.m.

College Connection Casey Casady

We had a great kick off to the year! We had 345 students at Shakes and Shenanigans and over 200 at the first Midweek! Students are leading out as we point people to God's purpose. God is also doing great things in our small groups. Our small group Bible Studies that occur during the week are called **Challenge Groups**. Our college students lead these studies in the homes of some very blessed people. Thanks to all those people who let college students invade their space, eat their food, and share in their lives. These people are awesome!

Pray for the following families as they share their space with college students: Mikey & Emma Shelton; Chris & Lisa Barr; Matt & Garson Woodard; Todd & Brandi Whitlock; Martha Smith; Gary & Amy Rambin; Chris & Angie Taylor

English As a Second Language Workshop

Friday, October 4 | 6-9:30 p.m. | Room 216 and
Saturday, October 5 | 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Training for volunteers interested in this ministry.
Cost: \$15 for materials

Deadline to register: Sunday, September 22

Contact Debbie Corley, 245-3815, debcorley@suddenlink.net

Border Compassion Mission Trip Interest Meeting

Wednesday, September 25 | 6:45 p.m. | Room 76

Mission: Taking hygiene supplies to refugees, serving meals, and other general jobs as needed.



Date Night with Kristin & Danny
Saturday, September 28 | 6 - 8 p.m.
Gathering Space

Tickets:
\$10 Individual
\$15 Couple

Childcare Deadline:
Sunday, September 22
registration at date.temple.life

TEMPLE TECH

TAILGATING | Friday, September 20

Tailgating at 5 p.m. | LA Tech vs. FIU
7 p.m. Kickoff

Tailgating is at the blue and white striped tent on the hill in front of the TAC. Join us for some good food and fellowship.



Menu: Hot Wings, Fries, Fried Green Beans

Celebration Choir will sing in the gathering

Sunday, September 29 | 9 and/or 10:30 a.m.

Arrive 15 minutes early to line up.

Open to everyone!

No age limit and no experience necessary!

Contact Zach Husser, zach@temple.life, 255-3745



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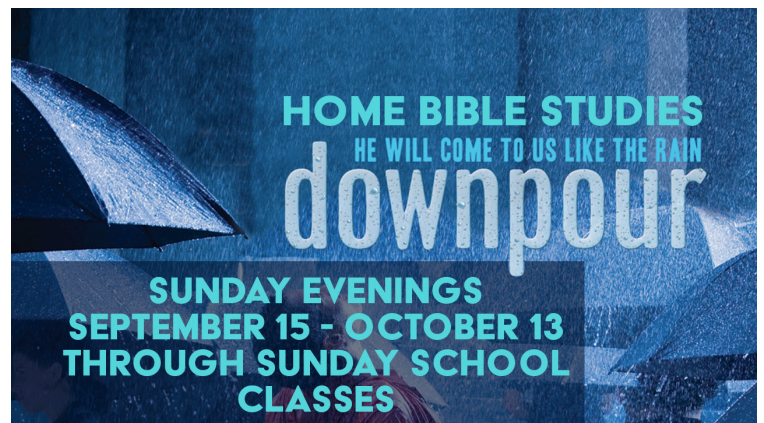
Special Called Business Meeting

Wednesday, October 2 | 6 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

For the purpose of electing the following to
the Minister of Community Engagement Search Committee:

Kyle Roberts, Chair; Fred Benefield;

Mike Brister; Norlyn Hyde; Garson Woodard



HOME BIBLE STUDIES
HE WILL COME TO US LIKE THE RAIN
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SUNDAY EVENINGS
SEPTEMBER 15 - OCTOBER 13
THROUGH SUNDAY SCHOOL
CLASSES

Newest Membership Candidates:
Temple The Springs



Nathan & Bianca Stowell



JoAnna Grant

Congratulations to:

Thomas and Maggie Graham on the birth of their son, **William Thomas Graham, Jr.** and Matt and Rebecca Graham on the birth of their son, **Stuart Weidemeyer Graham.** Proud grandparents are Randy and Sally Graham and proud great-grandmother is Linda Graham.



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"... we will tell the next generation ... even the children not yet born ..."
Ps 78:4,6 NLT

Year to Date: \$22,932.00

Georgia Barnette
STATE MISSIONS OFFERING

Church Goal: \$ 27,500

GeorgiaBarnette.org



Ruston Foster Parent Information Meeting

Monday, October 7
Gathering Space
6-7:30 p.m.

register at
foster.temple.life

Join us as we discuss:

- The process of becoming a foster/adoptive parent
- Volunteer opportunities

For more information
email margie@bch.org



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MUSIC MINISTRY
Jeremy Asher

Christmas is Coming! ~ Hello, Temple family. I hope you are having a great week as you serve the Lord. I know that it is still so hot outside, but thank God for A/C! Another fun fact: Christmas is coming! I tried to tell the Sanctuary Choir that singing Christmas music can reduce the ambient temp in your environment by 8 degrees, but they didn't believe me (probably because they know me well and I totally made up that "science fact"). Here is what you need to know. Our Temple Music Ministry is hosting our **Christmas music launch on Wednesday, September 25, at 6:45 p.m.** All are welcome! No singing experience is necessary. All we ask is that you bring a joyful heart and a willing voice, eager to sing about Jesus, His coming, and His continued work in our lives. We are singing some wonderful Christmas songs that will be familiar to you as well as some new Christmas songs that artfully tell about the Savior who came to seek and save the lost. Our annual Christmas music program will be on Sunday, December 15, in Combined Worship at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Please join us this season, and I encourage you to jump in at the start! See you on September 25!

One final calendar note. On **Sunday, October 20, at 6 p.m.**, Temple will celebrate a **Night of Worship and Renewal.** Our Worship Ministry will be leading worship songs followed by times of focused prayer and meditation. Our Sunday evening **Home Bible Study**, called *Downpour*, is focusing on God's desire to bring revival to our hearts. I am praying that this Night of Worship will be a catalyst for that revival in my own heart. Please mark your calendars and join us that night as we seek the Father together. Have a great week, and keep on singing!



What is “The Compassion Experience?”

Hosted by Temple Baptist Church

Friday, September 20-Monday, September 23

An interactive journey where you will see and hear, firsthand, the testimony of a child who has found hope amid the challenges of extreme poverty.

Register to attend at compassion.temple.life.

Volunteer for “The Compassion Experience”

We need volunteers to welcome guests, set up iPods, assist in the World Impact Room to make this an impactful event for our community.

To volunteer or find out more information go to compassion.temple.life.

Deacons of the Week—September 22-28

Philip Johnson & James Jones

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Week-at-a-Glance

Georgia Barnette Offering ~ September 8-22

Compassion Experience ~ September 20-23

Sunday, September 22

9 a.m. - Blended Worship (Sanctuary); *the gathering* Worship (GS);

Sunday School for all ages

10:30 a.m. - *the gathering* Worship | Parent/Child Dedication (GS);

Sunday School for all ages

11:30 a.m. - Abernathy Sunday School Class Lunch (FH)

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

5:30 p.m. - Home Bible Studies thru Sunday School Classes and in Chapel

6 p.m. - *temple-tech* Sunday Night Supper; High School Worship (Youth Rm)

7 p.m. - *temple-tech* Volleyball (FLC Gym)

Wednesday, September 25

9 a.m. - Quilting/Sewing (FH); Friendship International (Rm 76)

5 p.m. - Family Night Meal (FH); Menu: Philly Steak Sandwich; Cost: \$4/person,

\$2/child under 8, \$12 max/family); The Springs Small Group (The Springs)

5:45 p.m. - Children's M³ (Missions, Music, & More!) (JP); Christ-Centered

Parenting (Rm 49); Financial Peace University (Rm 275)

6 p.m. - Prayer Meeting/Bible Study (FH); GROW Visitation - WHITE TEAM (FH);

Junior High Worship (Youth Rm); High School Bible Study (Rm 251)

6:45 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm); Border Compassion Mission

Trip Interest Meeting (Rm 76)

7 p.m. - *temple-tech* Freshmen Bible Study (Rm 216)

8 p.m. - *temple-tech* Midweek (GS)

Saturday, September 28

6 p.m. - Date Night with Kristin & Danny (GS)

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.-11 a.m.

Media Center Hours: Sunday: 8:15-9 a.m.; 10:30-11 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

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Core Values:

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