

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

“Remember this—a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop. You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. For God loves a person who gives cheerfully. And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others” (2 Corinthians 9:6-8 NLT). Paul's admonition to the Corinthian church still rings true today. As God witnesses His people giving joyfully, He not only meets their needs, but He also provides resources for them to share with others. How we at Temple can testify to that truth! The more we are able to give toward mission and ministry, the greater the blessings we see!

To be honest, I have been a part of some remarkably generous churches through the years, but none of them rival the benevolent spirit and practice of Temple. Weekly, I see you meet the needs of our church family through budgetary giving while you also meet special opportunities with grace and determination. For example, this past Sunday many of you stepped up to partner with our Compassion Ministry project in Nicaragua by sponsoring a child. Thank you! This strategic partnership will help us not only push back against poverty, but it will also aid us in advancing Christ's

kingdom. (If you would like to sponsor one of the 160 children at our project, we will provide a website where you can go directly to make that happen. Keep an eye out for link in future publications!) In addition to your generosity through Compassion International, you have also responded to the specific mission needs in Louisiana. To date, you have given \$25,914 toward our goal of \$27,500 for the Georgia Barnette State Missions Offering. Through these resources, you are supporting disaster relief efforts, church planting opportunities, etc. right here in our state. And what's more? We are more than taking care of our local programs and work. We have even secured the initial funding that will enable us to upgrade our video/media resources so that we can begin streaming our worship services through social media platforms. This will allow us to communicate biblical truth with a much larger audience and hopefully reach more people for Christ. My friends, thank you for your cheerful giving! I am grateful for how our Lord has blessed us to carry out our work of ministry together. What a pleasure He has afforded me to be your pastor! Every day I grow more excited about what our Lord is doing in and through Temple Baptist Church. Let's stay united! Let's stay faithful! Let's stay cheerful! See you Sunday!

FROM THE RECORDS OF SEPTEMBER 22, 2019

Worship Attendance		Sunday School Attendance '19	
9 a.m. Blended Worship Service	606	9 a.m. First Steps	81
9 a.m. <i>the gathering</i> Worship Service	203	9 a.m. Sunday School	160
10:30 a.m. <i>the gathering</i> Worship Service	334	10:30 a.m. First Steps	112
The Springs Worship Service	39	10:30 a.m. Sunday School	810
Combined Morning Total	1182	Off Campus	93
		Total	1256

	Sunday, September 22, 2019
 Budget	\$43,013.22
Share the Light	\$902.35
Georgia Barnette Offering	\$25,914.00



Preschool Ministry ~ First Steps

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

Sundays 9-11:30 a.m.

Neighbors and Nations

Ben Jernigan

Thousands of immigrants pass from Mexico into the United States daily. Why? Some are escaping violence, poverty, and gangs that rule their lands. Others are seeking the American dream. This is a serious issue in our country, and politicians vary in their proposed resolutions. As followers of Christ, it is difficult to watch people suffer and go without basic needs.

In Matthew Chapter 25, Jesus tells us that whatever we do for “the least of these,” we are doing for Him. How can we help? What can we do? Temple has decided to respond in a few different ways. Here is how you can help people crossing the border:

Go! Temple is sending a team to McAllen, TX, Friday, November 8 through Monday, November 11. The team will work at a Texas Baptist respite center in McAllen that has seen as many as 900 people daily this summer. The team will assist in serving the people and the ministries of the center as needed. **The cost for the trip is \$50 and will cover housing and transportation.**

Give! In the month of October, Temple will be **collecting supplies for hygiene kits** to be used at the respite center in McAllen. The needed items are shampoo, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs, and hand towels (standard size 18”x24”). Deodorant is the item of greatest need.

Pray! Please **pray for the Christian workers along the Texas and Mexico border.** Pray that God will give them strength to minister to the immigrants. Pray that God will give the workers boldness to share the eternal hope of Jesus Christ with the people they encounter. Pray for the mission team that the Lord is raising up from Temple to serve there!

I want to give a special thanks to all of those who donated items to the Louisiana Baptist Children’s Home this month and to those who gave to support the Georgia Barnette State Missions offering! I thank God for you!

For more TBC missions stories, read our blog at tbcommission.wordpress.com and follow us on Instagram at [temple.go](https://www.instagram.com/temple.go)

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



Thank you for your generosity during our Blood Drive. We had an all-time high number of **20 units** of blood. You are the best!

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

IMPART. TRUTH. TODAY.
" ... we will tell the next generation ... even the children not yet born ..."
Ps 78:4,6 NLT
Year to Date: \$25,914.00
Church Goal: \$ 27,500
GeorgiaBarnette.org



NIGHT of WORSHIP & RENEWAL

Sunday, October 20
6 p.m. | Sanctuary

*A time of Worship followed by
a focused time of prayer and meditation*

East Asia Mission Trip Interest Meeting (Trip: January 11-21)

Wednesday, October 9 | 6:45 p.m. | Room 76

Mission: Basketball Camp for local children (grade school through high school) and sharing the gospel.

CCA Soup for the Soul

Tuesday, October 22 | 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Ruston Civic Center

Silent Auction | Tickets \$10

Available in the Church Office or at the door

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



Saturday, October 5 | 9 a.m.

Kick Stands up at 10 a.m.
Leave from Temple parking lot

Meet at 9 a.m. to discuss a
ministry opportunity.

Destination: Ride to Natchitoches for lunch
and sight seeing then home a different route

Contact: Trey Albritton, 318-331-0877,
treyalbritton@outlook.com

Congratulations to:

Warren and Julie Post on the birth of their granddaughter,
Remy Kate Post.

YOUNG ADULT NEWS

Jacob Ambrose

We are excited for “**Date Night with Kristin & Danny**” this weekend! I believe this is going to be a great night of laughter, healing, and ministry. As it comes to your mind this week, I would ask that you pray over the event. Please pray specifically for the following things: travel for Kristin & Danny, the media team, the lost couples that will be attending, the marriages that are in need of healing, and the couples going through seasons of grief. As a reminder, the event is this **Saturday, September 28, from 6-8 p.m.** Tickets will be available to purchase at the door, but the deadline to register children for childcare has passed (there will be no on-site childcare registration).

In other news, we have successfully kicked off the first round of **Discipleship Groups (D-Groups, for short) in the Young Adult Ministry.** We have six new groups that have been formed, with a total of 29 participants. The groups are going through Robby Gallaty’s “Foundations: New Testament” curriculum, which leads us to read through the New Testament in one year, memorize the Sermon on the Mount (Matt 5-7), journal each day about our readings, and meet weekly to discuss how the Lord has spoken to us in our readings throughout the week. After one year together, the groups will break off and multiply to form new groups. This is how we are following Jesus’s command to “make disciples.” If you know of anyone who would be interested in joining a group, ask them to email me at jacob@temple.life.

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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@lbch.org



Deacons of the Week—September 29-October 5
Tommy Ledford, Jr. & Allen Lee

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Week-at-a-Glance

Sunday, September 29

9 a.m. - Blended Worship | Parent/Child Dedication (Sanctuary); *the gathering*
Worship | Celebration Choir (GS); Sunday School for all ages
10:30 a.m. - *the gathering* Worship | Celebration Choir (GS);
Sunday School for all ages
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)

Tuesday, October 1

9:30 a.m. - Ladies' Bible Study (Rm 275)

Wednesday, October 2

9 a.m. - Quilting/Sewing (FH); Friendship International (Rm 76)
5 p.m. - Family Night Meal (FH; Menu: Brisket; 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);
Financial Peace University (Rm 275)
6 p.m. - Special Called Business Meeting | Prayer Meeting/Bible Study (FH);
GROW Visitation - GREEN TEAM (FH); Junior High Worship (Youth Rm);
High School Bible Study (Rm 251)
6:45 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm)
7 p.m. - *temple-tech* Freshmen Bible Study (Rm 216)
8 p.m. - *temple-tech* Midweek (GS)

Friday, October 4

6 p.m. - English As a Second Language Workshop (Rm 216)

Saturday, October 5

8 a.m. - English As a Second Language Workshop (Rm 216)
9 a.m. - Motorcycle Fellowship to Natchitoches

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

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)