

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

Have you ever paid off a specific debt? Maybe it was a car note that you had been paying every month for five years, or perhaps it was that thirty-year marathon you lovingly referred to as a mortgage. Do you remember how incredible you felt? The elation that overwhelmed you? I bet you were so overjoyed that you just wanted to go out and buy something else! Of course, I am kidding about that; but I cannot overstate how tremendous it is to know that your account is paid in full. No more payments, no more debt.

Now stay with me for a moment as we consider the spiritual payment that was made on our behalf to clear our accounts before God. According to the writer of Hebrews, Jesus Christ presented Himself as the necessary sacrifice to atone for our sins. Simply speaking, **all of us register a spiritual deficit on God's ledger.** We have all offended His will through our own sin, and we owe a debt that we could never repay. Therefore, God's Son voluntarily came to offer the one-time, sufficient payment to remove that sin debt.

You see, **our greatest need is not temporal; it is spiritual!** Money and skill can allow you to secure all kinds of earthly things, but those resources can never purchase eternal forgiveness. But again, Jesus provided what we could not. As the sinless, perfect Son, He offered Himself on the cross to provide us spiritual relief and release. And as we fully submit our lives to Him, we know

what it means to live in a meaningful relationship with a holy God.

Unlike the high priests of antiquity, we do not have to go before the Lord to offer continual sacrifices for our sins. **Jesus' payment was once and for all!** I don't need to finish off the remaining balance. There is no debt on the books. Everything has been taken care of through the blood of God's Son.

The saints of the Old Testament encountered God as **Jehovah Jireh, or the "Lord Who Provides."** And He did! He provided a ram for Abraham to sacrifice, grain for Joseph to distribute, and manna for Moses to serve. As I stated this past week, God has consistently demonstrated that He would provide for His people's physical needs. However, we also know that He has taken care of us spiritually as well.

The truth of the matter is that **Jehovah Jireh is Jesus Christ.** He came not only to meet our daily needs, but rather, He came to provide for our greatest need. He came to save us from our sin. Before the foundation of the earth was set, God had seen our plight and had tasked Jesus with a specific, salvific mission. He had already provided!

I pray that you have entered into a constant season of thanksgiving for His provision and that you will join us as we corporately celebrate that work together. **It is a great privilege that He affords us.** See you Sunday!

FROM THE RECORDS OF OCTOBER 29, 2017

Worship Attendance		SS Attendance		'17	'16
9 a.m. Blended Worship Service	599	Adults	435	398	
9 a.m. <i>the gathering</i> Worship Service	92	Singles/Young Adults	99	138	
11:15 a.m. <i>the gathering</i> Worship Service	313	College	100	128	
Combined Morning Total	1004	Youth	87	73	
5 p.m. Evening Worship Service	155	Children	120	103	
		Preschool	107	121	
		Local	948	961	
		Off Campus	93	95	
		Total	1041	1056	

Sunday, October 29, 2017



Budget \$36,605.84
Share the Light \$1,240.00

Extended Session 11/5/17

9 a.m. Worship—Amy Breaux, Brandi Spurlock, Donna Hood, Lindsey Purvis, Marco & Emily Born, Joey & Jana Gulledege, Tonya Duggan, Jennifer Paul, Jennifer & Ainsley Riley
11:15 a.m. Worship—Charles & Jon Anne Winstead, Byron & Cheryl Williams, Heather Meek, June & Amanda Meng, Hana Le, Jenny Robertson

From The Minister of Pastoral Care

Dale Oden

What a delightful and uplifting experience it was to be with 5,000+ senior adults at the recent Celebrators Conference in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. We were blessed by the preaching of David Jeremiah, Max Lucado, and Phil Waldrep. The music was also inspiring and featured Charles Billingsly, Greater Vision, and VERITAS.

Our group of 51 left the conference spiritually uplifted and traveled to visit the Creation Museum and The Ark Encounter in Kentucky. Both places are worth seeing. It is remarkable to see the enormous size of this replica of Noah's Ark. If you have the opportunity to do so, it would be worth your time to make the journey to Kentucky to see it.

There have been many who have indicated an interest in helping again this year at the **Operation Christmas Child Distribution Center in Dallas**. I was able to secure a spot at the center for one day. We plan to leave Ruston on Thursday, November 30, and return on Friday afternoon, December 1. Sign up in your Sunday School Department for this great ministry opportunity.

If you are interested in going with us on **The Holy Land Tour**, please join Dr. Reggie and me for an interest meeting on Sunday, November 5, at 4 p.m. in Room 81. We will show some pictures and answer questions about the trip. We already have several who have paid their deposit, but we have room for more to go with us. A trip to the Holy Land will make your study of the Bible come alive!

The next regular luncheon for our Senior Adults is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 28**, at 11:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. This is a change from our regular meeting on the third Tuesday to the fourth Tuesday of the month. The third Tuesday is two days before Thanksgiving, so it will be better to meet after the Thanksgiving holidays. Come join us if you can.

Mary Martha Women on Mission

Monday, November 6 | 6:30 p.m.

in the home of Maribell McKinney (1607 Ravine Drive, Ruston)

Myrtle King Lunch Bunch

Thursday, November 9 | 12 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

Bring a sandwich. Project: Shoeboxes/Samaritan's Purse

Speakers: Randy and Kitty Trail with Africans in France

Missionary Round Table

Friday, November 10 | 9:30 a.m.

at the home of Erma Hudson (2608 Briarhill Drive, Ruston)

Reviewer: Marilynn Lewis. Guests are cordially invited.



The Decorating Committee is looking for Christmas village pieces they may borrow for decorating during the holiday season. If you have a piece or two they could borrow, please call the Church Office by Monday, November 20.

TEMPLE TECH

TAILGATING

Saturday, November 4



Tailgating at 12 p.m. | Menu: Ribs & Brisket

LA Tech vs. North Texas | 2:30 p.m. Kickoff



Operation Christmas Child

Temple's Goal - 800 boxes

Due Date: Sunday, November 12

Boxes are available throughout the church.

Annual Thanksgiving Celebration with Temple Baptist Church and Zion Traveler Baptist Church

Sunday, November 12, 6 p.m. (Time Change)
at Temple Baptist Church

Come and worship together as Zion Traveler leads.
Meal to follow in Fellowship Hall.

THE HOLY LAND TOUR

led by

Dr. Reggie Bridges and Rev. Dale Oden

March 6-15, 2018



\$500/person due NOW!

Brochures are available in the Church Office.

Deadline to sign up is Friday, November 17

INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, November 5 | 4 p.m. | Room 81



Sewing for Nicaragua

Tuesday, November 7
6-8:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Very basic sewing skills needed to make dresses. Bring your sewing machine and other basic sewing supplies.

For security purposes, please enter the building through the Family Life Center to sew in Fellowship Hall.

SPECIAL CALLED BUSINESS MEETING

Sunday, November 12, all Morning Worship Services
Deacon Election, Budget Vote, and Annual Meeting

A Thank You card has been received from...

Special Olympics Louisiana
(Located on the bulletin board in the Library window)



Sunday, November 5

Daylight Saving Time will end!
Set your clock BACK one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night, November 4!

DEACON NOMINEES (Elect ten on November 12)	
Jody Adams	Ronnie Ainsworth
Fred Benefield	Mack Blake
Mike Brister	Mike Collie
John Corley	David Darland
Don Hogan	Gabe Hogan
John Hood	Ben Humphries
Ted McKinney	Randy McWhorter
Jeff Roberts	Leon Stamm
Mike Stone	Galen Turner III
Phillip Washington	Matt Woodard

Join us **Sunday, November 5, at 5 p.m. for our Evening Worship Service in the Gathering Space** (*location change*) to pray for the persecuted church and our missionaries serving in areas of persecution. We will unite our hearts in prayer for the church, as well as hear first-hand testimonies of what God is doing in these places.

Congratulations to:

Patrick and Katie Golden on the birth of their daughter, Sarah Margaret. Proud brother is Tripp.

SHADOW LIVING

Temple Women's Ministry Event

Monday, November 6 | 6 p.m. | Fellowship Hall
Jonann Byargeon will speak on "shadow living" and how it connects to prayer.

Available for purchase will be her newly published Prayer Guide.



the family of Carl Ringle,
brother of Colin Ringle.

Celebration Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, November 5, 3:30 p.m., Choir Room

Open to everyone!

No age limit and no experience necessary!

Contact Chris Albritton, chris@temple.life, 255-3745

Children's Upcoming Activities



Family Ornament Party
November 30 | 6-8 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

M³ Children's Christmas Program
December 3 | 5 p.m. | Sanctuary

December Parent's Night Out
December 8 | 5:30-8:30 p.m. | The Journey Place

Christmas Poinsettias



Reservations will be **November 5-26** to purchase poinsettias for display in the Sanctuary and the Gathering Space.

\$12/poinsettia - Red reservation envelopes are available throughout the church.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Jeremy Asher

WE SING OF CHRISTMAS – NOW!



With only a few weeks remaining before the Christmas music program, there is still time to come sing with us. I would love to have the choir loft completely filled with the sounds of Christmas worship! Rehearsals continue this Wednesday, and you pick the rehearsal time that works best for you: **12 p.m. or 6:45 p.m.** Come sing with us!

UPWARD SPORTS

Upward Basketball & Cheerleading!

Registration October 30 - December 5

Boys & Girls in Grades 1 - 6

Register online at upward.temple.life
or fill out a brochure and turn it in to the
Family Life Center with your payment.

Volunteers Needed: Coaches, Referees,
Greeters, and Half-time Devotion Leaders.

To volunteer, contact John or Michelle
in the FLC, 255-6184 or john@temple.life.

Deacons of the Week—November 5-11
Tim McCarthy & Patrick Patton

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Week-at-a-Glance

Nicaragua Construction Trip Homes Fundraiser ~ November 1-December 1
Poinsettia Sale ~ November 5-26

Sunday, November 5

9 a.m. - Blended Worship (Sanctuary); *the gathering* Worship (GS)
10:15 a.m. - Bible Study for all ages
11:15 a.m. - *the gathering* Worship | Baptism (GS)
3:30 p.m. - Celebration Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm)
4 p.m. - Holy Land Informational Meeting (Rm 81)
5 p.m. - Evening Worship (GS)
6 p.m. - Sanctuary Handbell Rehearsal (Rm 213B);
temple-tech Sunday Night Supper

Monday, November 6

6 p.m. - GriefShare (Rm 76); Women's Ministry "Shadow Living" Event (FH);
Mary Martha Women on Mission

Tuesday, November 7

6 p.m. - Sewing for Nicaragua (FH); The Crossing Bible Study (JPMR)

Wednesday, November 8

9 a.m. - Friendship International (Rm 72, 76, 84); Quilting/Sewing (Rm 81)
12 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm)
5 p.m. - Family Meal (FH; Menu: Baked or Fried Fish;
Cost: \$4/person, \$2/child under 8, \$12 max/family)
5:45 p.m. - Children's M³ (Missions, Music, & More!) (JPMR)
6 p.m. - Prayer Meeting/Bible Study (FH); GROW Visitation - RED TEAM (FH);
Youth Wednesday Night Worship (Youth Rm)
6:45 p.m. - Orchestra Rehearsal (Sanctuary); Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm);
Nicaragua Construction Team Meeting (Rm 76)
7 p.m. - CORPS Meeting (Rm 270); Ensembells Rehearsal (Rm 213B);
temple-tech Freshmen Bible Study (Rm 216)
8 p.m. - *temple-tech* Brinner (FH)

Thursday, November 9

12 p.m. - Myrtle King Lunch Bunch (FH)

Friday, November 10

9:30 a.m. - Missionary Round Table

Saturday, November 11 (Veterans Day)

12 p.m. - *temple-tech* Tailgating (TAC)

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 Free Play Hours: Monday: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday: 2:30-5 p.m.; Friday: 8-11 a.m.
Media Center Hours: Sunday: 8:15-9 a.m.; 10:15-11:15 a.m.; Wednesday: 9 a.m.-12 p.m.; 1:30-5 p.m.
Broadcast: Sundays at 9 a.m. Channel 11 (KAQY)