

# 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**

This week, many of us paused to give thanks to the Lord for His blessings. And rightly so! We recognize that He has provided overflowing resources to us. In fact, He has covered us in abundance. Haddon Robinson captures this reality when he writes:

“With Him the calf is always the fatted calf; the robe is always the best robe; the joy is unspeakable; and the peace passes understanding. There is no grudging in God’s goodness. He does not measure His goodness by drops like a druggist filling a prescription. It comes to us in floods. If only we recognized the lavish abundance of His gifts, what a difference it would make in our lives! If every meal were taken as a gift from His hand, it would be almost a sacrament.”

How true! The Thanksgiving table itself exemplifies the tremendous provision He has made for us. Turkey, ham, green beans, mashed potatoes, turnip greens, sweet potato casserole, dressing, mac and cheese, rolls, cornbread, chocolate pie, coconut cake, LEMON ICE BOX PIE, and

many more palate-pleasing options. We are beyond blessed personally and corporately!

I pray that our gratitude spills over into this coming weekend as we come together for worship. As we look at Mark 7:24-37 this Sunday morning, we will be challenged to “Tell Them He Has Done Great Things!” It is just natural to declare what wonderful things He has done in us and for us! Grateful people are vocal people!

Chuck Swindoll reminds us that Scripture affirms our “Shepherd-God as One who does ‘abundantly beyond all that we ask or think.’ Not just barely, but abundantly.” Our response to that excessive outpouring? Celebrative worship and bold proclamation! No doubt, the Spirit has manifested His work within the Temple family already, and I believe we will see even greater evidence of that activity in the weeks to come. May our Lord grant us insight into His abundant plans for us! May He overflow our cup and allow grace to super-abound! See you Sunday!

### FROM THE RECORDS OF NOVEMBER 19, 2017

Worship Attendance		SS Attendance		'17	'16
9 a.m. Blended Worship Service	558	Adults	408	367	
9 a.m. <i>the gathering</i> Worship Service	151	Singles/Young Adults	107	106	
11:15 a.m. <i>the gathering</i> Worship Service	165	College	21	20	
Combined Morning Total	874	Youth	65	63	
5 p.m. Evening Worship Service	100	Children	102	94	
		Preschool	74	96	
		Local	777	746	
		Off Campus	93	93	
		Total	870	839	

### Sunday, November 19, 2017



Budget \$52,150.92  
Share the Light \$713.96

### Extended Session 11/26/17

**9 a.m. Worship**—Faith Alexander, Memrie Lolley, Suzanne Tyler, Teena Doxey, Tiphonie & Kathryn Maxwell, Susan Rasbury, Michelle Robertson, Carmen & Katie Echols, Suzette Stroud  
**11:15 a.m. Worship**—Lynne Pippen, Rachel Sibley, Sherry McConathy, Anne Thompson, Jessica McClelland, Seth & Julie Riser, Misty Falting

# From The Minister of Pastoral Care

Dale Oden

This time of the year can get very busy with the two holidays, Thanksgiving and Christmas! Thanksgiving has come and gone (according to when you read your Tidings). Christmas is just around the corner! If you don't believe me, check your calendar. I hope that you will take time to **express thanks to God for His blessings throughout the year and especially thank Him for His greatest gift, His Son.** There will be lots of activities, but do pause and reflect on the meaning of the holidays.

Our November **Senior Adult Luncheon** is scheduled for next week on Tuesday, November 28, at 11:45 a.m. We meet each month in Fellowship Hall for a wonderful time of fellowship and to partake of some great food. The program for this month will be presented by Jeff Toms, who is from down around Quitman, Louisiana. He is a ventriloquist and uses an elderly dummy (no not me) for his act. I am looking forward to this month's luncheon. I hope that you will join us for this event.

We have 30 signed up to go to Dallas on November 30 to help at the **Operation Christian Child Distribution Center.** We will leave early Thursday morning and return late Friday afternoon. Pray for our group as we make our way to Dallas for this mission project. It is a fast-moving time, but enjoyable, to be able to assist in the process of packing the shoe boxes in big cartons for their overseas flight.

As of today, November 15, we have 26 people signed up for the trip to **The Holy Land Tour** next year. We might be able to get a few more seats on the plane; but if you are interested, please get your registration form and deposit check (deposit of \$500/person and made out to NAWAS International Travel) to the Church Office as soon as possible.

## Children's Upcoming Activities



### **Family Ornament Party**

November 30 | 6-8 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

Come with your family to make ornaments.

We will have pizza and a birthday cake for Jesus.

### **M<sup>3</sup> Children's Christmas Program**

December 3 | 5 p.m. | Sanctuary

### **Parent's Night Out**

December 8 | 5:30-8:30 p.m. | The Journey Place

Blue sign-up envelopes are available throughout the church

Cost: \$3/child (Payment is due when you sign up)

Deadline to sign up: Sunday, December 3

## **Upward Basketball & Cheerleading!**



Registration through December 5

Boys & Girls in Grades 1 - 6

Register online at [upward.temple.life](http://upward.temple.life)  
or brochures located around the church.

Cost \$70

(Additional \$15 optional basketball shorts/cheer turtleneck)

Evaluations: December 4 & 5 from 5-7 p.m.  
in the Family Life Center

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](mailto:john@temple.life).

## **2018 Deacon of the Week Sign Up**

Ordained deacons lead the Offertory Prayer and Prayer of Blessing during the 9 a.m. Blended Worship Service.

During the week of their assignment, these deacons participate in GROW Visitation and maintain contact with the Church Office. They are also encouraged to faithfully attend services throughout the year.

If you are a deacon and would like to continue participating or want to participate for the first time in 2018, call the Church Office (255-3745), or email [cindy@temple.life](mailto:cindy@temple.life) by **Monday, November 27.**

## **Week of Prayer for International Missions**

December 3-10

## **2017 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering**

Temple's Goal = \$145,000

**March for Missions** on Sunday, December 3,  
during all Morning Worship Services

Guest: Elbert Smith, International Mission Board

# NICARAGUA FEED THE CHILDREN OFFERING

TEMPLE SUPPORTS DAILY FEEDING STATIONS FOR IMPOVERISHED CHILDREN IN TWO VILLAGES IN NICARAGUA. EVEN JUST \$1 PER TEMPLE MEMBER PER MONTH WOULD SUPPORT THE PROGRAM! BE A PART OF MEETING THESE NEEDS IN THE NAME OF CHRIST!

"As you did it to one of the least of these...you did it to me."  
-Matthew 25:40

## INTEREST MEETING

Calgary Family Mission Trip (July 28-August 4, 2018)  
Sunday, December 3 | 4:15 p.m. | Room 76

### Adopt-A-School Partnership Needs

Hospitality Team, Prayer Partners, and  
Visit with students & local nursing home residents

Contact: Sally Hearn, [sally@temple.life](mailto:sally@temple.life), 255-3745

## *The Life Tree Project*

(to benefit Life Choices of North Central Louisiana)

Wednesday, December 6-Wednesday, December 20

The Life Trees are located outside of the Counseling Room and the Gathering Space.

To Participate: choose an ornament, purchase item listed on back, and then return item and ornament to the Church Office or Life Choices.

## Christmas Poinsettias



Reservations will be received through  
**Sunday, November 26** for poinsettias purchased to display in the Sanctuary & the Gathering Space.

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

## Celebration Choir Rehearsal for Christmas Program

Sunday, November 26  
4 p.m. (*Time Change*), Choir Room

Open to everyone!

No age limit and no experience necessary!

Contact: Chris Albritton, [chris@temple.life](mailto:chris@temple.life), 255-3745



## Senior Adult Luncheon

Tuesday, November 28 | 11:45 a.m. | Fellowship Hall

Bring a salad, vegetable, or dessert to share.

Guest: Jeff Toms, Ventriloquist

## Sing Gloria! Christmas Music Program



Sunday, December 10  
11 a.m. Combined Worship  
Sanctuary

## From the Associate Minister of Music

Chris Albritton

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone reading this wonderful edition of the Temple Tidings. Have you told your family all that you are thankful for today? I encourage you to do so. One highly quoted scripture at this time of year is Psalm 100:4 "Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise!" If you ask me, it is somewhat of a call to worship. If you were to look at the blueprints of the Old Testament temple, you would see the first and main entrance to the place of worship and sacrifice is the gate. Once you go through the gate, you enter the court (a meeting place of sorts). So, the scripture tells us to walk through the gate giving thanks and follow that with praise. Will you consider doing that this Sunday and every day? When the doors open, give thanks. When you meet for fellowship before and during the worship service, praise the Good God above who delights when his children honor Him in such a way. Psalm 118:1 says, "Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever."

Let me give you a quick **update on Celebration Choir and temple-tech Choir**. Celebration Choir did a fantastic job leading our time of worship on November 12. They will be singing again for the Christmas Music Program on Sunday, December 10. Also, *temple-tech* Choir has been working hard on their song for the program. Be in prayer for them as they are on break and shortly will begin a new school quarter.

## December Schedule Changes

### December 10

10 a.m. Bible Study for all ages  
11 a.m. Combined Worship | Christmas Music Program  
5 p.m. Evening Worship

### December 17

9 a.m. Blended Worship and *the gathering* Worship  
10:15 a.m. Bible Study for all ages  
11:15 a.m. *the gathering* Worship  
5 p.m. Church-Wide Caroling & Fellowship

### December 24

9 a.m. Combined Worship  
*Bible Study is canceled.*  
5 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

### December 31

9 a.m. Combined Worship  
10:15 a.m. Bible Study for all ages  
*Evening Worship is canceled.*

***Deacons of the Week—November 26-December 2***  
Cullen Simmons & Mickey Slaughter

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## Week-at-a-Glance

Nicaragua Construction Trip Homes Fundraiser ~ November 1-December 1  
Poinsettia Sale ~ Today is the last day - November 26  
Operation Christmas Child Distribution Center Trip (Dallas, TX) ~  
November 30-December 1

### Sunday, November 26

9 a.m. - Blended Worship | Advent (Sanctuary);  
*the gathering* Worship | Advent (GS)  
10:15 a.m. - Bible Study for all ages  
11:15 a.m. - *the gathering* Worship | Advent (GS)  
4 p.m. - Celebration Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)  
5 p.m. - Evening Worship Service (Sanctuary)

### Monday, November 27

6 p.m. - GriefShare (Rm 76)

### Tuesday, November 28

11:45 a.m. - Senior Adult Luncheon (FH)

### Wednesday, November 29

9 a.m. - Friendship International (Rm 72); Quilting/Sewing (Rm 81)  
5 p.m. - Family Meal (FH; Menu: Chicken Tenders;  
Cost: \$4/person, \$2/child under 8, \$12 max/family)  
5:45 p.m. - Children's M<sup>3</sup> Christmas Program Dress Rehearsal (Sanctuary/JP)  
6 p.m. - Prayer Meeting | Bible Study (FH);  
GROW Visitation - WHITE TEAM (FH);  
Youth Wednesday Night Worship (Youth Rm)  
6:45 p.m. - Orchestra Rehearsal (Sanctuary); Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm);  
East Asia Mission Trip (October 2018) Interest Meeting (Rm 76);  
Sanctuary Handbell Rehearsal (Rm 213B)  
7 p.m. - CORPS Meeting (Rm 270); Ensembells Rehearsal (Rm 213B);  
*temple-tech* Freshmen Bible Study (Rm 216)  
8 p.m. - *temple-tech* Midweek (FH)

### Thursday, November 30

6 p.m. - Children's Ministry Ornament Party (FH)

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)

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