

# 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

Some years ago, two great pastors from our denomination conducted a survey of the twenty-five largest, fastest growing churches in our nation. These congregations were located in different areas of our country, and they were diverse in background/composition. Yet, John Bisagno notes that the researchers identified five common factors found in each church.

First, they were strongly pastorally led. This does not mean that the churches didn't have a myriad of boards, staff, committees, and teams. They did. But the reality was that each church was led (not driven!) by a pastor who had earned the respect of the people and who set forth God-sized goals. (By the way, this finding challenged me to step up my game as your pastor! I know I have a long way to go.)

Second, they were strong Bible churches. The Scripture provided the doctrinal and ethical foundation of each church. Pastors/leaders did not question its authority but accepted its eternal truth. The Word was loved, taught, and practiced in these congregations.

Third, they had celebration worship. Bisagno describes this element: "This is not to say the Sunday services were a hootenanny or the atmosphere carnivalistic. It is to say, they were happy churches with bright, warm, friendly atmospheres. The people felt the freedom to laugh, to cry, and to respond. Remember, you can't hatch eggs in a refrigerator. A warm, fluid service that allows for the freedom and spontaneity of the Spirit is conducive to tender response to the Spirit of God."

Fourth, they were churches in unity. The authentic fellowship and harmony of the local church is attractive to people who are battered daily by the world. People in growing churches place "priority on their oneness in Christ" as they recognize the Psalmist's exclamation, "How wonderful and pleasant it is when brothers live together in harmony" (133:1 NLT).


Fifth, they were churches who had an indomitable spirit of conquest. They felt that God was always calling them to greater work for the Kingdom. They would not remain content. As Bisagno points out, "each pulsed with an atmosphere of more, more, more."

As I read through these traits, I was both convicted and challenged. Certainly, Temple exhibits some of these characteristics, but as the last observation reminds us, we must not be satisfied with where we are. We must move ahead courageously and committedly in His mission and ministry. We must not stop until Christ's fame is known in our communities, our nation, and our world! No doubt, God is moving among us right now, and we must be obedient to His call.

Let me encourage you to pray with me for the upcoming services and ministries. Ask our Lord specifically to manifest His power in our presence as we worship and serve. And join us to see what's up! I especially hope that you will gather with us Sunday night to set aside Kenny and Michelle Robertson for vocational ministry service. I (like you) love this couple dearly; and while it is tough to lose them in our fellowship, I am convinced God has great plans for them! And we get to celebrate the "sending out" with them! See you Sunday!

### FROM THE RECORDS OF JANUARY 21, 2018

Worship Attendance		SS Attendance	
		'18	'17
9 a.m. Blended Worship Service	604	Adults	449 468
9 a.m. the gathering Worship Service	159	Singles/Young Adults	123 145
11:15 a.m. the gathering Worship Service	332	College	123 102
Combined Morning Total	1095	Youth	103 103
6 p.m. Evening Worship Service	195	Children	139 137
		Preschool	107 125
		Local	1044 1080
		Off Campus	93 106
		Total	1137 1186

Sunday, January 21, 2018		
	Budget	\$39,705.69
	Share the Light	\$975.00

**Extended Session 1/28/18**  
**9 a.m. Worship**—Jada Walsworth, Doug & Missy Gibbons, Lindsey Billberry, Leigh Nugent, Aubrey & Ainsley Wood, Royce & Sharon Norman, Alan & Paula Trammell  
**11:15 a.m. Worship**—Norlyn Hyde, Connie Eagles, Jonann Byargeon, Ginger & Jaina Robinson, Chris & Cydni Scroggs, Jennifer & Hannah Parker

# YOUNG ADULT News

Jason Walsworth



## XO Marriage Conference

**What?** A fun marriage getaway featuring Max Lucado, Jimmy Evans, Taya Kyle, and others

**Where?** Gateway Church in Southlake, TX (Dallas area)

**When?** February 9-11

**Who?** ANY married couple at Temple and their friends

**Cost:** \$250 for the first 5 couples, \$300 for couple #6 plus, includes two nights stay at Marriot Solana, Southlake, TX, conference fees, and lunch Saturday.

**Interest Meeting:** Wednesday, January 31 | 5:30 p.m. | Room 76

*Contact: Jason Walsworth for more information: [jason@temple.life](mailto:jason@temple.life), 255-3745*

**Registration Deadline:** Wednesday, January 31

### Ordination of Kenny Robertson to the work of the Gospel Ministry

Sunday, January 28

Ordination Council (All Ordained Men)

4 p.m. | Room 76

Ordination Service

6 p.m. | Sanctuary

A reception will follow in Fellowship Hall.

### Men's Super Bowl Sunday Choir

Singing in the 9 a.m. Blended Worship Service  
on Sunday, February 4

#### Rehearsals:

Wednesday, January 31 | 6:45 p.m. | Choir Room  
and Sunday, February 4 | 8 a.m. | Sanctuary

Men and boys of all ages are welcome to join us.  
Dad's, invite your son(s) to join you.

### Myrtle King Lunch Bunch

Thursday, February 8 | 12 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

Bring a sandwich

Project: Sugar for Christian Community Action (CCA)

Speaker: Member from India Mission Team



### Hats off to volunteers

### Volunteer Appreciation Banquet

Monday, February 5 | 6 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

Featured Guest Speaker: Dr. Dennis Swanberg  
America's Minister of Encouragement

If you helped in *any* volunteer capacity in the last year,  
please be our guest for dinner.

Menu: Steak or Chicken

*Reservations required*

*Deadline: Sunday, January 28*

*Childcare by reservation only!*

### Interest Meetings

*South Asia Mission Trip*

Sunday, February 11 | 5:15 p.m. | Room 76

*East Asia Mission Trip*

Wednesday, February 14 | 6:45 p.m. | Room 76

*Contact: Ben Jernigan, [ben@temple.life](mailto:ben@temple.life), 255-3745*

## Youth Missions Chicken Dinner Fundraiser

Sunday, February 11 | 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Dine-in or Take-out

Dinners are \$8 & include: chicken, beans, corn, & bread

Buy from a student on Sunday mornings or Wednesday evenings to help raise money for their summer mission trips.



the family of Glen Benton Cannon, Jr., brother of Sandra Powell; the family of Nita Cheek, grandmother of Misty

Falting; the family of Howard Porter, father of Deborah McCarthy and grandfather of Tim McCarthy; the family of Joanna Pruitt, mother of Paxton Pruitt; the family of Voncille Hood, mother of Tina McCann; the family of Bob Ferrington, husband of Dottie.

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

Tom & Martha Stinson

(Located on the bulletin board in the Library window)

**Celebration Choir** will sing in *the gathering* at 11:15 a.m. on Sunday, February 4.



### Rehearsals:

Sunday, January 28 | 4:30 p.m. | Choir Room

Sunday, February 4 | 10:40 a.m. | Gathering Space

Open to everyone!

No age limit and no experience necessary!

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

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

### Father/Daughter Banquet

For girls in Kindergarten-Grade 6

Friday, February 23 | 6 p.m. | Fellowship Hall



### Concessions during Upward games

benefit College Summer Missions

Contact: Casey Casady, [casey@temple.life](mailto:casey@temple.life), 255-6184

## 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

## Neighbors and Nations

*Ben Jernigan*

**Pray** - Pray for our mission team in Nicaragua this week! This is an incredible service project that is continuing in a long legacy of our mission efforts. This week, we are building 13 houses for needy families. Pray also for our February Calgary mission team! Next month, we will send a group of young adults to serve Multiply Church on their launch Sunday weekend. Over a year ago, we entered a partnership with Multiply Church. This will be our fourth team to assist their church planting efforts in Calgary.

**Go** - The time is now. Join one of our many mission teams this year! Check out our website for more information on how you can be a part of what God is doing this year in Ruston and around the world.

**Give** - Give to support the mission endeavors of Temple Baptist Church. Our Sportsman's Banquet for Missions on Friday, February 2, is a sold out event! Thanks to all who have purchased tickets; all the money raised will go to support Temple's mission efforts.



## Now-February 4

A soup collection for Christian Community Action

Bring cans of soup by Sunday, February 4.

Drop-off baskets are located around the building.

For more information: [souperbowl.org](http://souperbowl.org)

**Deacons of the Week— January 28-February 3**

Bill Austin & Matt Barham

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## Week-at-a-Glance

January 18-February 4 ~ Souper Bowl of Caring Collection  
January 21-February 7 ~ Youth Chicken Dinner Ticket Sales  
February 2-3 ~ Collegiate Evangelism Conference (Alexandria, LA)

### Sunday, January 28

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 (GS)  
4 p.m. - Financial Peace University (Rm 216); Ordination Council Meeting (Rm 76)  
4:30 p.m. - Bible Drill (JP); Bible Skills, Drills, & Thrills for Grade 3 Only (JP);  
Celebration Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)  
5 p.m. - Sanctuary Handbell Rehearsal (Rm 213B)  
6 p.m. - Evening Worship | Kenny Robertson Ordination (Sanctuary);  
*temple-tech* Sunday Night Supper  
7 p.m. - Ordination Reception (FH)

### Monday, January 29

5:30 p.m. - Upward Practices (FLC)  
6 p.m. - GriefShare (Rm 76)

### Tuesday, January 30

5:30 p.m. - Upward Practices (FLC)

### Wednesday, January 31

9 a.m. - Friendship International (Rm 72); Quilting/Sewing (Rm 81)  
5 p.m. - Family Meal (FH); Menu: Breakfast for Supper;  
Cost: \$4/person, \$2/child under 8, \$12 max/family  
5:30 p.m. - XO Marriage Conference Interest Meeting (Rm 76)  
5:45 p.m. - Children's M<sup>3</sup> (Missions, Music, & More!) (JP)  
6 p.m. - Prayer Meeting/Bible Study (FH); GROW Visitation - WHITE TEAM (FH);  
Youth Wednesday Night Worship (Youth Rm)  
6:45 p.m. - Men's Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm)  
7 p.m. - CORPS Meeting (Rm 270); *temple-tech* Freshmen Bible Study (Rm 216)  
8 p.m. - *temple-tech* Midweek (GS)

### Thursday, February 1

5:30 p.m. - Upward Practices (FLC); Adult Game Night (FLC)

### Friday, February 2

6 p.m. - Sportsman's Banquet for Missions (Ruston Civic Center)

### Saturday, February 3

8 a.m.-5 p.m. - Upward Games (FLC)

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)



# 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