

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

"Maggie." Her real name could not be used nor could her face be shown during the ceremony. Only a few individuals know which Level 3 security area she will be serving. Yet, she stood with determination before the commissioning service crowd and accepted her "official" appointment as an ambassador for Christ. Many of you would probably recognize "Maggie" if you saw her. During her college years, she was a very active at Temple Baptist Church; and she even has family connections here. And while she has ministered in various settings over the years, "Maggie" was commissioned last week through the International Mission Board (IMB) to take the Good News to a specific unreached people group.

"Junior." Again, we must refrain from using his real name because of where he has been deployed for the Gospel's sake. He is an engineering grad from Louisiana Tech, and he has constantly felt the Spirit's prompting toward international missions. Recently, he submitted to the fulltime call of foreign work and was sent by the IMB to a place of immense Kingdom darkness. "Junior's" life now is far removed from the days when he wandered the halls at Temple and engaged in ministry here.

"Maggie" and "Junior" are only a small part of the great story God is writing! There are so many more that He is calling forth globally and locally. I heard through the grapevine that Ruston was mentioned at the recent IMB trustee meeting as a "small town" that was having "big impact" for the Kingdom. No doubt! And we are just one church that gets to be a part!

"Susie." (I chose a fictitious name here to protect her identity, too.) She just began her studies at Tech; and thankfully she has

chosen to worship and serve with us at Temple. This week, Casey and I received a note from her dad that read in part: "Thank you . . . for your outstanding ministry to college students. My daughter . . . went on the beach trip, has been coming to your church for various events, and loves the experience God is granting her through your ministry. You raise a kid in church and guide them at home, hoping they'll pursue God when they are on their own, and there are no words to describe how much it means to "Susie's" mother and I for her to have a place like your church to make her feel at home. Thanks very much!" What an encouragement! And who knows what God has in store for "Susie" as she goes on to serve the Lord locally, nationally, or globally.

Of course, I felt like I should tell this father that the appreciation should not just be shown to us as staff members. Gratitude must ultimately be given to the members of Temple! "Maggie," "Junior," and "Susie" are where they are because of people who taught them Sunday School, or because of those who hosted challenge groups or Sunday night suppers, or because of others who financially support our budget, etc. Thank you for all you do to make a big impact for the Kingdom!

One final note. Prayer is essential for the Gospel advancement. We must daily tap into that intercessory power! Would you specifically join me in praying for Pakistan over the next year? If you simply text PakistanPrayer to 555-888, you will get a daily prayer concern that will prompt you to pray with me. Hope you will be a part of this effort! See you Sunday!

FROM THE RECORDS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

Worship Attendance		SS Attendance		'18	'17
9 a.m. Blended Worship Service	559	Adults	424	469	
9 a.m. <i>the gathering</i> Worship Service	96	Singles/Young Adults	125	137	
11:15 a.m. <i>the gathering</i> Worship Service	418	College	128	127	
The Springs Bible Study	13	Youth	89	76	
Combined Morning Total	1086	Children	137	126	
5:30 p.m. Home Bible Studies	362	Preschool	117	116	
		Local	1020	1051	
		Off Campus	102	93	
		Total	1122	1144	

Extended Session 10/7/18

9 a.m. Worship—Sarah Kilpatrick, Kay Church, Lou McWhorter, Margaret Alexander, Susan Williams, Ryan & Hollie Starks, Roman & Jennifer Farrar, Joey & Jana Gullede

11:15 a.m. Worship—Connie Eagles, Jonann Byargeon, Mike Barmore, Stephanie & Meghan Griffin, Stan & Johnna Cronk, Challys Williams

Education & Administration News

Loy Seal

Temple will host the **Louisiana Baptist Convention Annual Meeting** on November 12-13, which will mean we will need lots of volunteers to greet people inside the building and transport people via the golf carts during this time. There will be three sessions, Monday evening, Tuesday morning and Tuesday afternoon, so there will be plenty of opportunities for service. We will begin the sign-up process during Sunday School on October 14 and each Sunday thereafter. Please consider giving four hours of your time to welcome people from all over our state to Temple and to Ruston.

The Home Bible Study groups on *The Art of Neighboring* are going very well. Attendance has far exceeded last year, and we have more groups than last year. The last session is this Sunday, October 7, and *Released* will follow the next Sunday, October 14. What a great time it will be to work on your neighboring skills during *Released*.

Over 90% of our church members have picked up their church directories. If your family was photographed, please pick up your copy in the Church Office.



Sunday, October 21

Morning Services & 4 p.m.

Led by Steve and Debbie Wilson

Childcare for afternoon session is available by reservation only.

Online sign up at childcare.temple.life



Church-wide Mission Projects

Sunday, October 14 | 4-6 p.m.

We will be released as a Sunday School class to serve Lincoln Parish in various ways.

Sign up in your class

Contact: George Lee, IV, george@temple.life, 255-3745

Childcare by reservation only.

Sign up in Sunday School or call the Church Office.

TEMPLE TECH

TAILGATING

Saturday, October 6

Tailgating at 3:30 p.m. | LA Tech vs. UAB
6 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: **Ultimate Burger Challenge**



IN-HOME BIBLE STUDY

The Art of Neighboring

Sunday Evenings
Through October 7
5:30 p.m.

In select locations by Sunday School classes or in the Chapel.

It Starts at Home
Learn to Confidently Teach Your Kids About God

6-week Bible Study on Parenting

Learn to confidently teach your kids about God.

Wednesdays through October 17 | 6-7 p.m.

The Journey Place Multipurpose Room

It's not too late to participate!

Christian Community Action's "Soup for the Soul"

Tuesday, October 23

11 a.m.-1 p.m. | Ruston Civic Center

Cost: \$10

Tickets are available in the Church Office.

There will be a silent auction at the event.



Our Newest Membership Candidates:



Lory "Bill" Jr and
Linda Hamner

Evening activities
will be canceled on October 31.



the family of Ann Jones,
mother of Jonann Byargeon,
grandmother of Will.

Women on Mission Groups

Myrtle King Lunch Bunch

Thursday, October 11 | 12 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

Bring a sandwich.

Speaker: Chelsey Cole - HiSet (GED)

Project: Fun Snacks for this group

Program: Rolling Hills

Missionary Round Table

Friday, October 12 | 9:30 a.m.

at the home of Dottie Ferrington (701 Hundred Oaks Dr., Ruston)

Reviewer: Shirley Crump. Guests are cordially invited.

Celebration Choir will sing in *the gathering*
Sunday, November 11 | 11:15 a.m.



Rehearsals:

Sundays, October 21, 28, and November 4
4:30 p.m. | Choir Room

Sunday, November 11 | 10:45 a.m. | Gathering Space

Open to everyone!

No age limit and no experience necessary!

Contact Jeremy Asher, jeremy@temple.life, 255-3745

"Prince of Heaven" Christmas Music Program

Rehearsals: Wednesdays | 6:45 p.m. | Choir Room



(First on the rehearsal agenda! If you are only singing with the choir for Christmas, you may leave after the Christmas portion.)

Program: Sunday, December 16
11 a.m. Combined Worship Service | Sanctuary

The Journey Place

Tiny Trekkers & Summit Kids

Sally Hearn

This past Sunday was such a special time as we presented our **1st Graders with new Bibles**. This is a gift to them from our church family. The excitement on their faces as Dr. Reggie presented them individually with their Bible was priceless. Join us in praying that they will continue with this excitement as they read God's Word. May His Word mold them and guide them all of their days as they follow Him. Pray for God to give their parents wisdom, spiritual discernment, and His truth as they lead their children in the ways of the Lord.

It's **Operation Christmas Child** time. Boxes are available outside Fellowship Hall, in *the gathering* foyer and in *The Journey Place*. Help us reach our goal of 800 boxes this year. Boxes are due by Sunday, November 11.

Temple will be hosting the area **Relay Center** again this year, November 12-18. If you would like to volunteer to serve with the Relay Center, please contact Sally or Jessica in *The Journey Place* Office.

Mark your Calendars for these December events:

Family Ornament Party: November 29, 6-8 p.m.

Childcare for Sunday School Christmas Parties: December 7

Special Called Business Meetings

Deacon Nomination

Sunday, October 14

All Morning Worship Services

Budget Proposal Discussion

Wednesday, November 7

6 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

Deacon Election, Budget Vote, and Annual Meeting

Sunday, November 11

All Morning Worship Services

Deacons of the Week—October 7-13

Cecil Barham & Curtis Barham

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Week-at-a-Glance

South Asia Mission Trip ~ October 12-21

Sunday, October 7

9 a.m. - Blended Worship | Parent/Child Dedication (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. - Prayer for South Asia (Rm 216)
5:30 p.m. - In-Home Bible Studies (Chapel & Select Homes)
6 p.m. - *temple-tech* Sunday Night Supper
7 p.m. - *temple-tech* Volleyball (FLC); Sanctuary Handbell Rehearsal (Rm 213B)

Tuesday, October 9

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

Wednesday, October 10

9 a.m. - Friendship International (Rm 72 & 76); Quilting/Sewing (FH)
3:45 p.m. - Women's Bible Study (Rm 275)
5 p.m. - Family Night 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!) (JP)
6 p.m. - Prayer Meeting/Bible Study | South Asia Mission Trip Commissioning
(FH); *It Starts At Home* Bible Study (JPMR);
GROW Visitation - RED TEAM (FH);
Youth Wednesday Night Worship (Youth Rm)
6:45 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm);
Orchestra Rehearsal (Sanctuary);
South Asia Mission Trip Final 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* Midweek (GS)

Thursday, October 11

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

Friday, October 12

9:30 a.m. - Missionary Round Table (Home of Dottie Ferrington)

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