

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

At our recent Senior Adult Luncheon, Becky Brown challenged the audience to leave a legacy for the generations who follow them. And then she stated pointedly, "If you are going to leave a legacy, you must live a legacy." Wow! I just sat there as that declaration smacked me in the face. Such truth encapsulated in such a powerful, pithy way. In subsequent days, I carried that statement with me and asked the Lord repeatedly to impress upon me the reality of living a legacy.

Not long afterward, Jason sent me a text about his work on the Annual Church Profile (ACP). As he has been putting together the year-end data to report to our Southern Baptist family, he noted that twenty-one of our members had passed away in the last year (September '18-August '19), and he mentioned what "great" legacies they left. The list? Sylvia Stroops, J.B. Jenkins, Bettye Long, Charles Hoffman, Virginia Selle, Linda Dick, Lon Bass, Sophia Wood, Lloyd Elkins, Violet Branham, Arvel Newsom, Mimi Mabry, Terry Bromell, Mack Estes, Bill Allbritton, Pete Larance, Charles Beck, James Young, Bill Graham, Billy Jack Price, and Virginia Shaver. What a collective testimony of faith and service! These believers left a legacy because they lived a legacy . . . one that will be reflected in the generations to come!

The writer of Hebrews exhorts, *"Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame,*

and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God" (12:1-2 NKJV). The great cloud of witnesses (which includes those listed above) encourages us to run well . . . to live well. Indeed, these witnesses have finished their race, and they have taken their place in the stands. Some days, I think we can hear a faint sound of their cheers/shouts as they spur us on in life. No doubt, their legacy challenges us to lay aside the "weights" that keep us from running effectively as well as those sins that would trip us up.

My friends, let's keep living a legacy individually and corporately. Let's look for ways to serve and minister in our community, our state, our nation, and our world. Let's seek to leave His imprint in every place we go. For remember that truth: what you leave is based on what you live!

In closing, thank you again for being a generous church. As of this past week, we had surpassed our Georgia Barnette State Missions Offering goal and had collected \$32,714! I am so grateful the Lord has blessed us so that we can give with such measure. In addition, I want to encourage you to join us on Monday, October 7, at 6 p.m. in the Gathering Space, as staff from the Louisiana Baptist Children's Home facilitates a time that will assist us in becoming a church that more fully embraces/supports fostering and adoption. I know some of you say that you can't be a foster or adoption family, but you can help encourage/support those who are walking through this time. Please consider attending this meeting to see how God could use you and us collectively. Again, I am so grateful for you! See you Sunday!

FROM THE RECORDS OF SEPTEMBER 29, 2019

Worship Attendance		Sunday School Attendance '19	
9 a.m. Blended Worship Service	706	9 a.m. Sunday School	150
9 a.m. <i>the gathering</i> Worship Service	222	10:30 a.m. Sunday School	741
10:30 a.m. <i>the gathering</i> Worship Service	240	First Steps	136
The Springs Worship Service	52	Off Campus	107
Combined Morning Total	1220	Total	1134

Give the  into the Lord		Sunday, September 29, 2019	
Budget			\$46,550.85
Share the Light			\$1,100.00
Georgia Barnette Offering			\$32,714.00



Preschool Ministry ~ First Steps

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

Sundays 9-11:30 a.m.

From the Associate Minister of Music

Zach Husser

We had a sweet time of worship in *the gathering* last Sunday! The Celebration Choir sang with *the gathering* Band which was a fresh reminder of the importance of voices in corporate worship.

In Psalm 111:1, the Psalmist talks about the bliss of offering praise in the “company of the upright.” Many times, we see worship as purely vertical (between us and God), but I think we sometimes miss the joy of togetherness in corporate worship. Our singing is primarily aimed toward God, but we also teach and encourage each other when we lift our voices. We are proclaiming to one another the truth of what we believe and are being fueled to praise the Lord even more!

Celebration Choir was a great example of that element of worship. So as you prepare for worship this Sunday, remember your voice is an instrument to encourage and edify the whole congregation!

Hope you all have a great week!

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



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

Where Moms Connect: A Time of Encouragement

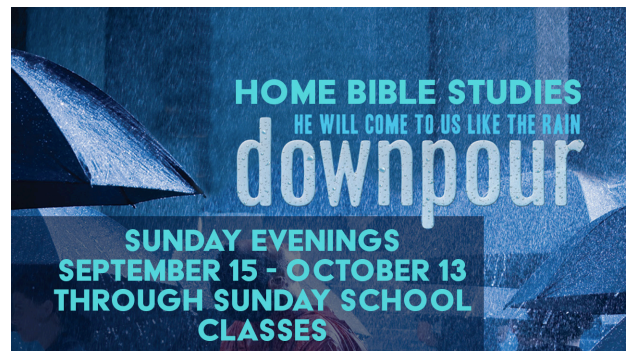
Monday, October 7, 9:30 a.m., *The Journey Place*

Moms, come and enjoy meaningful conversation, laughter, and friendship!

Special Called Business Meeting

Deacon Nomination

Sunday, October 13 | All Morning Worship Services



TEMPLE TECH

TAILGATING | Saturday, October 12

Tailgating at 4 p.m. | LA Tech vs. UMASS

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 - 2500 Cal. Burger

Women on Mission Groups

Mary Martha Women on Mission

Monday, October 7 | 6:30 p.m. | Vivian Magee's Home

Myrtle King Lunch Bunch

Thursday, October 10 | 12 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

Speaker: Jacob Ambrose

Bring snacks, cookies, chips, etc. for Rolling Hills GED Program!

Temple's Newest Membership Candidates:



Michael, Angie,
Peyton, & Shelton
Chisholm



Luke Hansen



Meadow Burns
(also pictured Blake
& Jillian Burns)



the family of **Eric McKneely**,
grandson of Ronnie McKneely.

Congratulations to:

Rob and Carol Shadoin on the birth of their
grandson, **Tanner Maddox Elawadi**.

**IMPART.
TRUTH.
TODAY.**

"... we will tell the next generation ...
even the children not yet born ..."
Ps 78:4,6 NLT

Year to Date: \$32,714.00

Georgia Barnette
STATE MISSIONS OFFERING

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*



GRIEF SHARE[®]

SUPPORT GROUP

Thursdays, October 10-January 16 | 2 p.m. | Room 76
Facilitator: Linda Echols

Contact: Jason Walsworth, jason@temple.life, 255-3745

Hygiene Kit Collection

October 6-20

*(Items will be taken by Border Compassion Mission
Team - November 8-11)*

Needed Items: Shampoo, Deodorant, Toothbrush,
Toothpaste, Comb, and Hand Towel

Contact: Ben Jernigan, ben@temple.life, 255-3745

Neighbors and Nations

Ben Jernigan

Thank you, Temple Baptist Church, for your support for Compassion International and the Compassion Experience. The weekend was a great success! On Sunday morning in our church, we sponsored 56 children! All these children are from Nicaragua and will be a part of the Compassion ministry through our partnership with Damascus Baptist Church in Nicaragua! Over the entire four-day weekend, the Compassion Experience had 1,006 guests walk through and experience the life of a child in either Bolivia or Uganda. We saw 53 additional children sponsored on the Compassion truck making a total of 109. Thank you for your support of those in need!

Do you have your tickets? On Tuesday, October 22, Christian Community Action will host the annual Soup for the Soul Event at the Ruston Civic Center. This is the premier fund raising event for our ministry partner CCA, which helps our community fight against food insecurity in Jesus' name. Hot soup will be served from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., and there will also be a silent auction with all proceeds going to this ministry. Fight against hunger, and get your tickets in the Church Office now!

Have you read our blog recently? For more TBC missions stories, read our blog at tbconmission.wordpress.com and follow us on Instagram at temple.go.

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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—October 6-12
Greg McCarter & Tim McCarthy

Label here

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Week-at-a-Glance

Hygiene Kit Collection for Refugees ~ October 6-20

Sunday, October 6

- 9 a.m. - Blended Worship | Parent/Child Dedication (Sanctuary);
the gathering Worship (GS); Sunday School for all ages;
Connections Class (Rm 221)
10:30 a.m. - *the gathering* Worship | Parent/Child Dedication (GS);
Sunday School for all ages
5 p.m. - The Springs Worship (The Springs); College Connections Class (Rm 216)
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)

Monday, October 7

- 6 p.m. - Foster Care & Adoption Orientation Meeting (GS)
6:30 p.m. - Mary Martha Women on Mission (Home of Vivian Magee)

Tuesday, October 8

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

Wednesday, October 9

- 9 a.m. - Quilting/Sewing (FH); Friendship International (Rm 76)
5 p.m. - Family Night Meal (FH); Menu: Baked or Fried Fish; 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. - Prayer Meeting/Bible Study (FH); GROW Visitation - RED TEAM (FH);
Junior High Worship (Youth Rm); High School Bible Study (Rm 251)
6:45 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm); East Asia Mission Team
Interest Meeting (Rm 76)
7 p.m. - *temple-tech* Freshmen Bible Study (Rm 216)
8 p.m. - *temple-tech* Midweek (GS)

Thursday, October 10

- 12 p.m. - Myrtle King Lunch Bunch (FH)
6 p.m. - Young Adult Worship Night

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)

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