

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

We now refer to them as “The Seven,” a group of men who stepped up to serve the early church at a critical moment. Remember the story from Acts 6? As the number of believers grew, so did its needs. Unfortunately, some congregants (e.g. Hellenistic Jews) felt as though they were being neglected in the midst of the growth. And complaints abounded! (I told you we could trace our Baptist lineage back to the first century!) The solution? The Seven! The forerunners of deacons! These men were selected by the church to wait the tables of Grecian widows and minister to their needs. Through their service, the fellowship of the church was protected, and the ministry was furthered.

These men continue to offer us a clear example of the deacon servanthood that should be found in churches today. Indeed, deacons are to do whatever it takes to maintain the unity of the church, even if that means waiting tables. As my Mississippi buddy, Jim Futral, explains, “Deacons are ‘problem-solving helpers.’” Now, I know that Baptist deacons are not always viewed in such a positive light. To many, they are considered the problem. Don’t forget that it was a Baptist college that chose a “demon deacon” as their mascot! But a genuine deacon

helps the church overcome obstacles that threaten the gospel’s advancement!

I am especially grateful for those brothers I call deacons here at Temple Baptist Church. They understand the initial responsibility of the deacon—to keep the fellowship of the church through service and ministry. For almost four years now, I have served with some of the most solid, selfless deacons I have ever encountered. And this Sunday, we have an opportunity to nominate ten more such individuals to the Deacons Council. Read Acts 6:1-7 and 1 Timothy 3:8-13 to help you in the process. Finally, I ask you to pray fervently this week for guidance and discernment as the Holy Spirit prompts your selections.

Luke reminded us about the powerful results of the first deacon election: “*And the word of God kept on spreading; and the number of the disciples continued to increase greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were becoming obedient to the faith*” (Acts 6:7 ESV). What an awesome statement! The choosing of deacons allowed the Kingdom to continue its advancement. Let’s pray that God will use this week’s deacon nomination as well to multiply ministry and expand the Gospel’s impact.

FROM THE RECORDS OF OCTOBER 6, 2019

Worship Attendance		Sunday School Attendance ‘19	
9 a.m. Blended Worship Service	552	9 a.m. Sunday School	130
9 a.m. <i>the gathering</i> Worship Service	181	10:30 a.m. Sunday School	763
10:30 a.m. <i>the gathering</i> Worship Service	262	First Steps	124
The Springs Worship Service	56	Off Campus	109
Combined Morning Total	1051	Total	1126

Sunday, October 6, 2019	
Budget	\$90,427.63
Share the Light	\$1,125.75



Preschool Ministry ~ First Steps

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

Sundays 9-11:30 a.m.

From The Minister of Pastoral Care

Dale Oden

I hope you are enjoying some pleasant fall days in Ruston, Louisiana. Sadel and I are in Orlando with our daughter Angela, and her three children. They are on a fall break. We are having fun at Universal Studios Park. We will return to Ruston on Monday, October 14.

That will get us home just in time to attend our monthly **Senior Adult Luncheon, Tuesday, October 15**. We meet at 11:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Last month, we had a wonderful crowd and were entertained by Becky Brown (who will be returning soon for another program). She was a blessing to all in attendance.

Our program for this month will be presented by one of our own Temple Baptist Church members, Dave St. Andre. Dave and his wife, Sharon, are active here in our church. He has been a featured soloist in many of our Sanctuary Choir specials. Dave has been given an outstanding talent, and he shares it with groups and in worship settings. I hope that you will come enjoy this musical program.

I will have some information to share with you at our luncheon on Tuesday, October 15, about a trip to Dallas to help with the **Operation Christmas Child Distribution Center**. The folks at Samaritan's Purse only provided an on-line sign-up on October 4, so look for all the details. It is a fun and helpful couple of days getting the boxes packed for distribution.

There have been some cancellations for our **November trip to Branson**. Give me a call if you have an interest in the trip, **November 11-15**. We are going to see five shows and do some other things plus do some good eating!



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



Congratulations to:
Harold and Helen Shrell on the birth of their great-granddaughter, **Maeve Kamill McFarlain**.

"Soup for the Soul"
Benefits Christian Community Action (CCA)
Tuesday, October 22
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Ruston Civic Center
(Eat In or Take Out)
Silent Auction | Tickets \$10
Available in the Church Office
or at the door



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BLOCK PARTY AT THE SPRINGS

Saturday, October 26
11 a.m.-2 p.m. | The Springs Parking Lot
(1601 S Barnett Springs)

Food * Music * Games * Door Prizes

Volunteers Needed!

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

South Asia Mission Trip Interest Meeting (Trip: May 24-June 3)

Wednesday, October 16 | 6:45 p.m. | Room 76

Mission: To work with missionaries and local believers to share the hope of Jesus Christ with local people through English corners, cultural exchange, sports, museum visits, and more

Special Called Business Meeting

Deacon Nomination

Sunday, October 13 | All Morning Worship Services

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Help and encouragement after the death of a loved one

GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life. We know it hurts, and we want to help.

Thursdays, October 10 - January 16
2 p.m. | Room 76

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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

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Temple's 2019 Goal = 600 boxes

You may use a regular or plastic shoebox
OR pick up an empty box from
The Journey Place.



Deadline to return filled boxes: Sunday, November 17

The Journey Place Tiny Trekkers & Summit Kids Sally Hearn

If you noticed the balloons and flagging out in the field on Sunday, it was a visual for the children's Sunday School lesson. What a fun way for the kids to learn about Noah by walking the perimeter of the measurements of the Ark. Thank you Gary Kleinpeter and Chris Barr for all your efforts to make this happen. Also, thank you to Gerry Williams, Daniel Reynolds, O'Neal Fox, Bridger Reynolds, Gracie and Daniel Fox, and Kennedy Hall for assisting Gary and Chris on Saturday with set up.

Operation Christmas Child: I know it seems so early but October is here! Temple boxes will be due November 17. Boxes are available in the Gathering Space Foyer, at Missions Hub, and in *The Journey Place*. We will host the Relay Center again this year, and volunteers will be needed during collection week, November 18-21. If you would be interested in serving during Collection Week, let Sally or Jessica know.

Mark Your Calendars for these Children's Ministry Events:

Family Ornament Party: Thursday, December 5

Children's Christmas Program/Musical: December 8

December Parent's Night Out: Friday, December 13

Vacation Bible School: June 1-5, 2020

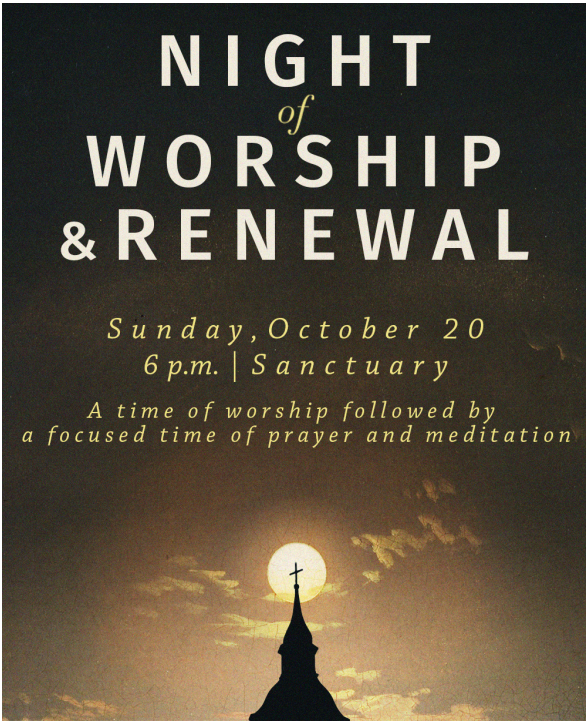
WinShape Camp: July 13-17, 2020

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NIGHT *of* WORSHIP & RENEWAL

*Sunday, October 20
6 p.m. | Sanctuary*

*A time of worship followed by
a focused time of prayer and meditation*



Deacons of the Week—October 13-19
Don Mears & Louie Miller

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Week-at-a-Glance

Hygiene Kit Collection for Refugees ~ October 6-20

Sunday, October 13

- 9 a.m. - Blended Worship | Special Called Business Meeting/Deacon Nomination (Sanctuary); *the gathering* Worship | Special Called Business Meeting/Deacon Nomination (GS); Sunday School for all ages; Connections Class (Rm 221)
- 10:30 a.m. - *the gathering* Worship | Special Called Business Meeting/Deacon Nomination (GS); Sunday School for all ages
- 5 p.m. - The Springs Worship | Special Called Business Meeting/Deacon Nomination (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

Tuesday, October 15

- 9:30 a.m. - Ladies' Bible Study (Rm 275)
- 11:45 a.m. - Senior Adult Luncheon (FH)

Wednesday, October 16

- 9 a.m. - Quilting/Sewing (FH)
- 5 p.m. - Family Night Meal (FH; Menu: Chicken Fried Chicken; 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 - ORANGE TEAM (FH); Junior High Worship (Youth Rm); High School Bible Study (Rm 251)
- 6:45 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm); Orchestra Rehearsal (Sanctuary); South Asia Mission Trip Interest Meeting (Rm 76)
- 7 p.m. - *temple-tech* Freshmen Bible Study (Rm 216)
- 8 p.m. - *temple-tech* Midweek (GS)

Thursday, October 17

- 2 p.m. - GriefShare (Rm 76)

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.



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Core Values:

Authoritative Truth • Strengthening Worship
Authentic Community • Intentional Transformation
Hands-On Missions • Relational Evangelism
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