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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

But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: Be holy, because I am holy (1 Peter 1:15-16 NIV).

The concept of holiness may seem archaic. After all, it conjures up ideas of a Puritan lifestyle which long ago became outdated. Negative connotations of a strict, hypocritical existence have become associated with holiness; however, the pages of Scripture encourage us believers to demonstrate holiness. Why the disconnect in perception and practice? I believe we have forgotten that being holy means we are "set apart" or "different." It does not mean we have forsaken liberty but that we have understood genuine freedom to live for Christ. We are different because God is different, and through this distinction, we find joy. Too many of us focus on happiness without focusing on holiness. And yet, we believers will never be happy until we first become holy. In all we do, we must commit ourselves to be different!

For example, we should have different **thoughts**. Now understand me. I am not trying to pull out the latest psychobabble here to affect your thought life. Instead, I'm pointing you to God's counsel: *"Therefore, prepare your minds for action; be self-controlled; set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed. As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance"(1 Peter 1:13-14 NIV).* Don't think like you did think. Don't allow the world to squeeze you into its mold. Think differently. Demonstrate self-control. Think continually about hope.

In addition, we ought to embrace different actions. Not only do we think differently, but we **act** differently. We live our lives as *"strangers here in reverent fear" (1 Peter 1:17b NIV).* We act as authentic believers in every venue: at work, at school, or at home. When we commit ourselves to holiness, our actions stand out from the worldly crowd. People can take note of the difference, but more importantly, God observes our "set apartness."

Finally, we should nurture different **motives**. We reject the world's reasoning, and we are moved by right intentions. There is no place for allowing jealousy or envy to drive our actions; instead, love spurs us on in our journey. Peter declared, *"Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for your brothers, love one another deeply from the heart" (1 Peter1:22 NIV).* When I perform a good deed, it should be driven by compassion, not by the need for worldly recognition or advancement.

Whether it is our thoughts, or actions, or our motives, the message is the same—**be different!** When we totally surrender to Jesus Christ as Lord, He dramatically transforms who we are. We are no longer the same. We are set apart for His purposes. My friends, listen to our Lord as He once again challenges us to be His people: ***"Be holy, because I am holy!"***

FROM THE RECORDS OF FEBRUARY 4, 2018

Worship Attendance	
9 a.m. Blended Worship Service	641
9 a.m. *the gathering* Worship Service	161
11:15 a.m. *the gathering* Worship Service	316
Combined Morning Total	1118
6 p.m. Evening Worship Service	195

SS Attendance	'18	'17
Adults	441	402
Singles/ Young Adults	126	135
College	109	100
Youth	98	77
Children	116	124
Preschool	124	103
Local	1014	941
Off Campus	93	93
Total	1107	1034

Sunday, February 4, 2018

Give unto the Lord

Budget	$97,793.13
Share the Light	$2,120.00

Extended Session 2/11/18

9 a.m. Worship—Amy Breaux, Brandi Spurlock, Donna Hood, Lindsey Purvis, Marco & Emily Born, Joey & Jana Gulledge, Tonya Duggan, Jennifer Paul, Jennifer & Ainsley Riley

11:15 a.m. Worship—Charles & Jon Anne Winstead, Byron & Cheryl Williams, June & Amanda Meng, Hana Le, Jenny Robertson

The Journey Place
Tiny Trekkers & Summit Kids
Sally Hearn

This past week, our family has walked through some difficult days with dear friends. As tragic as this has been, I have been amazed by their faith, inspired by their courage, and blessed by their sweet spirits. You know, I truly do not comprehend how people face difficulties without our Savior. This week has truly been an example of God's grace carrying people moment by moment. I am so thankful for our Father who holds us in the palm of His hand and gives us the strength we need for each day. As we begin to prepare for WinShape Camp this summer, the theme is "The Shepherd: He is Mine." What a blessing to know that He is our Shepherd and He is all that we need.

Father/Daughter Banquet: February 23 at 6 p.m., Girls in Kindergarten-Grade 6 (Bring your Dad, Granddad or Special Friend). Reservations are due by Wednesday, February 14.

VBS: *Game On!* June 4-8, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., entering Kindergarten-entering Grade 6.

Registration for **WinShape Camp** (July 9-13) opens Sunday, March 4. Completed Grades 1-9. More information coming soon!

WEE*kday Ministry Registration for Fall 2018** is underway for Temple members and current ***WEEkday children. Contact Gina Holstead, ***WEE***kday Director for more information. Registration will open to the public on March 1.

Tiny Trekker Summer Adventure Camp will be held this summer for preschoolers. More information coming soon!

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

Montana Mission Trip
Sunday, February 25 | 5:30 p.m. | Room 76

More information at missions.temple.life
Contact: Ben Jernigan, ben@temple.life, 255-3745

Rolling Hills needs your donations!

A trailer from Rolling Hills will be placed at Temple from February 1-15 for your convenience in donating items.
Needs: knick-knacks, furniture, and odds and ends.

Thank you for helping with your donations!

WinShape Camps

SAVE THE DATES!
July 9-13

Registration opens March 4
Campers who have completed Grades 1-9
Discounts will be available to the first 150 who register!

BLOOD DRIVE
GIVE BLOOD, GIVE LIFE!

Wednesday, February 21
4-8 p.m.
Rooms 76 & 81
Goal: 15 Units

If we meet our goal, Temple members who need blood will move to the top of the list. Everyone come and give. Let's make and even exceed our goal!

New Pictorial Directory

Photography sessions are to be scheduled online at lifetouch.temple.life. Appointments are available Tuesday, February 27-Saturday, March 3 and Tuesday, March 13-Saturday, March 17. You may also contact the Church Office or sign up on Sunday or Wednesday. We want you to be a part!

Our Newest Membership Candidate:

Hannah Harper

Congratulations to:

John Hinton on the birth of his son, John Lawson Hinton, Jr. Proud grandparents are Clark and Betty Hinton; Randy and Kathy Frasier on the birth of their granddaughter and Louie and Janece Miller on the birth of their great granddaughter, Kenly Grace Frasier; Ben Arrant on the birth of his son, Rudolf "Rudy" Donovan Arrant. Proud grandparents are Chuck and Faith Arrant.

Gumdrops and lollipops are sweet, it's true!
Come join the fun just Daddy and You!

Father/Daughter Banquet
Girls in Kindergarten-Grade 6

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

$20/Family
Envelopes available in
The Journey Place Office and due
by Wednesday, February 14!

Bring your Dad, Granddad, or Special Friend!
*Casual Attire

*W*eekday *E*arly *E*ducation Ministry

REGISTER NOW

Accepting Fall 2018 applications during February for Temple members and those presently enrolled

Applications available in *The Journey Place.*
For a digital copy, email Gina at *gina@temple.life.*
Contact: Gina Holstead, 255-9506, gina@temple.life

Where Moms Connect: A Time of Encouragement

Monday, February 12, 9:30 a.m., *The Journey Place*
Moms, come and enjoy meaningful conversation, laughter, and friendship!

Education & Administration News

Loy Seal

About ten years ago, I lined up a high school coach from Shreveport to be the speaker for Temple's annual Tailgate Sunday that we had scheduled for October of that year. You may remember that Tailgate Sunday was a time when we had a football themed worship service in which we all wore the jersey of our favorite team. This was followed by tailgating in the church's parking lot by all of our Sunday School departments. I had asked him to speak about how God had worked in his life, especially in playing and coaching football. In August, I received a phone call from the coach. He explained that he needed to cancel his engagement with us because his former coach had offered him a coaching position in the NFL. He was very apologetic and seemed very uncomfortable asking to be released from his commitment. I congratulated him on his new position, wished him the best, and told him we could find another speaker, even on such short notice. That was the last time that I talked to him.

You probably have figured out by now that the coach was Doug Pederson, Brett Favre's long time backup quarterback. He is now the Head Coach of the Philadelphia Eagles. Sunday night, we watched him make one gutsy call after another as he coached the Eagles to a thrilling Super Bowl victory over the Patriots. We also got to watch him accept the Lombardi Trophy on the podium after the game. His first statement was praise for his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Years ago, I had expected him to do that in front of *1000* people at Temple. Instead, we waited ten years to hear him praise his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in front of *millions* of people watching on TV. It was worth the wait.

Chili Cook-off
&
Ice Cream Fellowship

Sunday, February 18,
following 6 p.m. Evening Worship

Sign up in Sunday School on February 11
to bring chili.

Bring your chili to Fellowship Hall
prior to Evening Worship.

***Deacons of the Week*—February 11-17**
Mike Barmore & Chris Barr

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Week-at-a-Glance

February 9-11 - XO Marriage Conference (Southlake, TX)

Sunday, February 11
9 a.m. - Blended Worship (Sanctuary); *the gathering* Worship (GS)
10:15 a.m. - Bible Study for all ages
11 a.m. - Youth Chicken Dinner Fundraiser (FH)
11:15 a.m. - *the gathering* Worship (GS)
4 p.m. - Financial Peace University (Rm 216)
4:30 p.m. - Bible Drill (JP); Bible Skills, Drills, & Thrills for Grade 3 Only (JP);
South Asia Mission Team Training (Rm 76)
5 p.m. - Sanctuary Handbell Rehearsal (Rm 213B);
Youth Seniors and Parents Meeting (Youth Rm)
5:15 p.m. - South Asia Mission Trip Interest Meeting (Rm 76)
6 p.m. - Evening Worship (Chapel); *temple-tech* Sunday Night Supper

Monday, February 12
9:30 a.m. - Where Moms Connect (JPMR)
5:30 p.m. - Upward Practices (FLC)
6 p.m. - GriefShare (Rm 76); Temple Jewels Women's Ministry Banquet (FH)

Tuesday, February 13
9:30 a.m. - Women's Ministry Bible Study - *Discerning the Voice of God* (Rm 275)
5:30 p.m. - Upward Practices (FLC)
6 p.m. - The Crossing Bible Study (JPMR)

Wednesday, February 14
9 a.m. - Friendship International (Rm 72); Quilting/Sewing (Rm 81)
3:45 p.m. - Women's Ministry Bible Study - *Discerning the Voice of God* (Rm 275)
5 p.m. - Family Night Meal (FH; Menu: Balance Brought Forward;
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 (FH); GROW Visitation - RED TEAM (FH);
Youth Wednesday Night Worship (Youth Rm)
6:45 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm);
East Asia Mission Trip Interest Meeting (Rm 76)
7 p.m. - CORPS Meeting (Rm 270); Ensembells (Rm 213B)

Thursday, February 15
5:30 p.m. - Upward Practices (FLC)

Saturday, February 17
8 a.m.-5 p.m. - Upward Games (FLC)

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

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)