

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

Calgary. When most people think of the Albertan city, they naturally prepare themselves for the stampede. For over a century, "the greatest outdoor show on earth" has been drawing interest from people across the globe. Of course, Calgary also serves as an oil industry hub of the West; and as such, it attracts workers from many different nations. In many ways, the once conservative, frontier town has become an eclectic mixture of cultures and backgrounds. And the beauty of the actual city itself? Well, I think Calgary is awesome. Nestled by the Bow River, the city offers scenic views and escapes. And what's more, you can drive just northwest of town, and you will find some of the most stunning landscape in the world—the Canadian Rockies.

Sounds like a perfect vacation spot, doesn't it? Activities, beauty, culture. It offers so much for the tourist. But let me turn your attention for a moment to another side of Calgary . . . one that moves us beyond tourism to mission. Unfortunately, spiritual darkness prevails over the city in an overwhelming way. According to our North American Mission Board, only 5.2% of Calgary's 1.4 million inhabitants claim to believe in Jesus Christ. That is a staggering number! So many people unreached! Now, I know that we could talk about numerous cities and countries that face the same reality. In some way, the task of taking the Gospel to the world seems overwhelming . . . trust me, I feel the weight of the task. Yet, we have to begin somewhere as a people. Through our monthly support for the Cooperative Program and through our special mission offerings, we undergird the work of missionaries all around the world. To this effort, we have added other strategic partnerships in

areas like Nicaragua, South Asia, Chicago, Los Angeles, Baton Rouge, and beyond.

In the last couple of years, we have sensed a leading to engage prayerfully and to participate personally in the work of Christ in Calgary. Already, we have prayed, provided financial support, and sent short-term teams to assist church planters in continuing existing works and in beginning new works. And I am beyond excited to let you know that our partnership is seeing results! This coming Sunday, a new church, Multiply Church, will launch its first official service. Many of your Temple brothers and sisters helped "prime the pump" for this moment by helping Multiply Church introduce itself to the community through soccer camps, block parties, canvassing areas, etc. Our fingerprints are all over this effort. Now, please know that I tell you this not to brag on us; but rather, I share it to let you know that you are making a difference. You are making it "Count for Christ" when you help us push the darkness back!

This weekend, we are sending three couples to join Multiply Church in their launch service. Pray for the Jernigans, the Wallers, and the Woodards as they travel and as they celebrate this new beginning. Pray for Multiply Church's pastor, Chris Flora, his wife, Mindy, and for his family. They have been there for over a year, waiting for this moment! Pray for the leadership team members as they make final preparations and as they follow up with prospects. Just pray!

To me, the great beauty of Calgary and the Canadian Rockies shouts forth the glory of our God. Let's do what we can so that the people of the Calgary area will join that chorus of nature by exalting Jesus Christ as Lord! See you Sunday!

FROM THE RECORDS OF FEBRUARY 18, 2018

Worship Attendance		SS Attendance		'18	'17
9 a.m. Blended Worship Service	582	Adults	438	413	
9 a.m. the gathering Worship Service	148	Singles/Young Adults	113	117	
11:15 a.m. the gathering Worship Service	330	College	103	80	
Combined Morning Total	980	Youth	90	70	
		Children	100	114	
		Preschool	103	117	
		Local	947	911	
		Off Campus	93	93	
6 p.m. Evening Worship Service	274	Total	1040	1004	

Sunday, February 18, 2018



Budget	\$30,633.48
Share the Light	\$1,050.00

Extended Session 2/25/18

9 a.m. Worship—Tommy & Dolora Gregory, Rebecca Williams, Garson Woodard, J & Blair Walpole, Stacey Casady, Alicia Ball, Dustin & Anna Alexander, Tim & Jennifer McCarthy
11:15 a.m. Worship—Candee Anderson, April Winstead, Dale & Sadel Oden, Challys Williams, Patrick Patton

College Connection

Casey Casady

THE END IS NEAR!!! Yes, the end of Winter Quarter is around the corner. We are busily preparing our college students for their Spring Break mission trip called **Beach Reach**. We have over 75 going with us to Panama City Beach to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with the hundreds of thousands of college students who will visit the beach for spring break. This mission trip really embodied Gen. 50:20, "You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives." We are training our students in several evangelism tools, *Share Jesus Without Fear*, *Solarium*, *Perspectives Cards* (A spiritual conversation), *Three Circles*, and one minute testimony. We want to see lives changed as a result of an everlasting encounter with Christ. Many students will come to the beach with thought of evil, but they will be met by our students and the Gospel of Jesus. Pray for our students as they go and share. Pray for guidance, strength, and boldness. We will have Prayer Cards available next Sunday in the Church Office and in *the gathering* at 11:15 a.m. Text your favorite college student and let him/her know you are praying for him/her during this mission trip. Thanks for your support, encouragement and prayers in advance. May Roman 8:28 be the echo of our worship during this mission trip.

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THANKS FOR HELPING OUR YOUTH MINISTRY RAISE OVER \$6,000 FOR MISSIONS THROUGH OUR CHICKEN DINNER FUNDRAISER! WE WILL HAVE CLOSE TO 100 STUDENTS GOING TO EITHER CANADA OR NEW ORLEANS TO SHARE THE GOSPEL THIS SUMMER. THANKS FOR IMPACTING THE WORLD BY BUYING A GREAT LUNCH!

Weekday *Early Education* 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

Candy Needed!

Children's Ministry is in need of lots of individually wrapped candy for our egg hunts. (Please make sure the candy will fit inside plastic eggs.) Drop-off baskets are located at each entrance.



ON MISSION
**HERE &
NOW**

**Week of Prayer for
North American Missions
and
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
March 4-11**

Mission Trip Interest Meetings

Montana

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

Nicaragua Construction

Wednesday, February 28 | 6:45 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

South Louisiana

Sunday, March 18 | 5:15 p.m. | Room 76

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



Chili Cook-off Winners

1st Carole Carson
2nd Jennifer McCarthy
3rd Kip Franklin

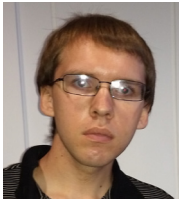
Special thanks to the Hostess Committee and the judges.

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

Our Newest Membership Candidates:



David Harvey



Janice Brower



Gina Puig

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 included!

Johnny's Pizza Discount Card!

Available in *The Journey Place* Office for \$10 (\$195 value).

Proceeds go to WinShape Scholarship Fund
to help send a child to camp!



the family of Billy Foster, father of
Angela Houck, grandfather of Lauren
and Anna Houck.



**WinShape
Camps**

July 9-13

Completed Grades 1-9

Registration opens March 4

\$184 for the first 150 campers!

After the first 150 campers, cost will be \$214.

From the Associate Minister of Music

Chris Albritton

As I was walking through a devotional this morning, I came across this quick writeup and wanted to share it with all of you.

“A massively talented actor once hosted an arts symposium. Many of his fans attended — all begging him to perform. Many suggested scenes from their favorite movies and TV shows. As the group quieted, an older clergyman in the back suggested he recite Psalm 23. Intrigued, the actor agreed, but only on the condition that the clergyman recite it himself afterwards. Using perfect tone and intonation, the actor recited the psalm, drawing great applause from his audience upon completion. The clergyman then reluctantly began his recitation, with voice cracking and muddled tone. When he finished, the room was silent. Every head was bowed and eyes glistened with tears. After a moment of silence, the actor said, ‘I may know the twenty-third psalm, but this man knows the Shepherd.’” Rob Brewer - Gateway Devotions.

I was challenged by this today in my quiet time and following the Evening Worship Service this past Sunday when Dr. Reggie challenged us to be doers of the word and not only hearers. May this motivate us throughout the week and on Sundays to live our lives knowing the Word and the One who inspired every word of it!

Worship Retreat is just around the corner! Please mark your calendars for this wonderful event, **March 16-17**. Ray Jones and the worship team from Community Bible Church in San Antonio will be leading us as well as a special message from our pastor following his return from the Holy Land! You do not want to miss this! Sign up today at worshipretreat.temple.life.

Please be in prayer for our college students, van drivers, Ben, Casey and me as we head down to Panama City Beach, FL, for **Beach Reach on February 28**. Pray for boldness to evangelize the lost! Also, Matt and Caitlyn Martin, former college students of ours, will be leading in *the gathering* the Sunday I'm out; so please welcome them with love as they join us! See You Sunday!



Upward Celebration Night
Sunday, February 25
6 p.m. Evening Worship
Sanctuary

To show our support for this area-wide
ministry, come and see the highlights
from this season's Upward basketball
and cheerleading and stay for dinner
in Fellowship Hall.

Deacons of the Week—February 25-March 3
Fred Benefield & Mack Blake

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Week-at-a-Glance

February 22-27 ~ Calgary Mission Trip
February 27-March 3 ~ Pictorial Directory Sessions
February 28-March 7 ~ temple-tech Beach Reach

Sunday, February 25

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 | Beach Reach Commissioning (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)
5 p.m. - Sanctuary Handbell Rehearsal (Rm 213B);
Montana Mission Trip Meeting (Rm 76)
6 p.m. - Evening Worship | Upward Celebration (Sanctuary)
7 p.m. - Upward Celebration Meal (FH); temple-tech Sunday Night Supper

Tuesday, February 27

9:30 a.m. - Women's Ministry Bible Study - *Discerning the Voice of God* (Rm 275)

Wednesday, February 28

9 a.m. - Friendship International (Rm 72); Quilting/Sewing (Rm 81)
12 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm)
3:45 p.m. - Women's Ministry Bible Study - *Discerning the Voice of God* (Rm 275)
5 p.m. - Family Night Meal (FH); Menu: Breakfast for Supper; 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 - WHITE TEAM (FH);
Youth Wednesday Night Worship (Youth Rm)
6:45 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm); Nicaragua Construction Mission
Team Meeting (FH)
7 p.m. - CORPS Meeting (Rm 270); Ensembells (Rm 213B)

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