

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 God raised Him from the dead” (Acts 13:30 NKJV). Those words continue to reverberate in our lives today. Indeed, the reality of the resurrection changed the course of human history as well as our eternal destinies. The Christ Event made all the difference! And it still has the power to transform!

What an awesome time we had this past Resurrection Sunday as we celebrated the life-giving truth of Jesus' victory over death! We rejoiced with three new believers as they identified with Him through baptism. We sang triumphant songs in praise to our reigning King. We read Scripture that declared that the Son of David lives even now. We experienced the authentic fellowship of joyful, hopeful believers. And we collectively recognized that one day He is coming back for us! I say again, what an awesome time!

My friends, every Sunday should be like that. Every time we come together, there should be that sense of vitality and expectation. And to be honest, all our services should be filled to capacity. Why? Because our programs are so great? Our music is powerful? Our friends are there? The preacher is from Mississippi? Nope!!! Our facilities should be at maximum occupancy because we serve the Only One who defeated death, hell, and the grave through the resurrection! People should stream into our buildings because He alone is worthy of adoration! To be honest, we need to work diligently and pray fervently until our recent Easter attendance is

our weekly attendance . . . and then we need to redouble our efforts to reach even more! We should never grow complacent nor be satisfied with where we are. Too much is riding on our faithfulness! For some, it could be the difference between heaven and hell!

I hope that you will join me as we continue to do everything we can to reach Ruston, Choudrant, Simsboro, Dubach, and North Central Louisiana for Christ. We have been strategically placed here to declare His glory. We must make it count! Will you make a visit or phone call this week to invite someone to worship with us? Write a note? Send a text? Let's rise up to make this past Sunday a regular occurrence in the life of our church. And of course, as we reach our “Jerusalem,” we then can go to “Judea, Samaria, and the ends of the earth.”

Lastly, I want to thank you for all you do to make His name great. Not only do you inspire me with your commitment to fellow believers, but you also encourage me through your zeal for His mission. For example, you already have given \$47,658.21 toward the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering to support our North American missionaries, and I believe you are going to help us exceed our \$60,000 goal. Time and time again, you have shown your determination to follow the risen Lord. Keep it up! But let us all do even more daily! Time is passing quickly! We must make these moments count for the Kingdom! See you Sunday!

FROM THE RECORDS OF APRIL 1, 2018

Worship Attendance		SS Attendance		'18	'17
9 a.m. Blended Worship Service	1003	Adults	443	434	
9 a.m. <i>the gathering</i> Worship Service	224	Singles/Young Adults	166	132	
11:15 a.m. <i>the gathering</i> Worship Service	241	College	44	91	
Combined Morning Total	1468	Youth	79	85	
6 p.m. Evening Worship Service	NA	Children	124	119	
		Preschool	118	124	
		Local	974	985	
		Off Campus	93	93	
		Total	1067	1078	

Sunday, April 1, 2018



Budget	\$82,001.08
Share the Light	\$2,765.00
Annie Armstrong Offering	\$47,658.21

Extended Session 4/8/18

9 a.m. Worship—Kristie Frasier, Rene Davidson, Donna Hood, Mary Lou, Morgan, & Mary Lindsay Funes, Lauren & Sydney Hull, Jared & Kim Little, Chris & Angie Taylor

11:15 a.m. Worship—Brittany Albritton, Justin & Danyelle O'Neal, Kelly Guerrero, Heather Meek

Education & Administration News

Loy Seal

Out of the approximately 650 Temple families, only about 150 have not been photographed for our **new pictorial directory**. Because of this strong response, we have been able to add two more photography days, April 13-14. If your family has not been photographed, you may sign up for one of these new days by going online to lifetouch.temple.life or simply call the Church Office.

There are many beautiful areas in the Temple Baptist Church building, but the most overlooked area may be the courtyard. This beautiful area, now full of blooming azaleas, has been recently renovated by several members, led by Master Gardener, Babs Barham. They will be adding more new plants as the spring progresses. Please walk through the courtyard to see how much has been done.

We are currently renovating several Sunday School rooms to give room for classes which have grown and to allow for future growth. Part of this plan is to begin a new Sunday School department when the new Sunday School year begins on June 3. Adult 11, led by Jody Adams, began nine years ago with a teacher and four couples. It now has six classes and 184 people enrolled. With the renovations, we will begin a new Adult 12 department and will have room for beginning new classes. The reason we begin new classes is to produce growth and allow more people the opportunity to study God's Word each week. After all, our motto is "Come gather around the Word."

Women on Mission Groups

Mary Martha Women on Mission

Monday, April 9 | 6:30 p.m.

at the home of Peggy Bain (139 Woodstone Dr, Ruston)

Myrtle King Lunch Bunch

Thursday, April 12 | 12 p.m. | Fellowship Hall | Bring a sandwich.

Project: Nicaragua money or their needs

Speaker: Report from India Missionary

Missionary Round Table

Friday, April 13, 9:30 a.m.

at the home of Ann Windsor (304 Frazier Rd, Ruston)

Reviewer: Ann Futrell. Guests are cordially invited.

International Summer Missions Fundraiser

temple-tech Hike-A-Thon!

April 6-8 | Eagle Rock Loop in Arkansas (28 mile loop)

Will you sponsor a college student per mile?

Goal: to raise \$5,000 for International Summer Missions

Contact: Casey, casey@temple.life, 255-6184

South Louisiana Mission Trip Interest Meeting

April 11 | 6:45 p.m. | Room 76

Mission trip dates are June 8-10

Pictorial Directory - Additional Photo Sessions

If you were unable to schedule a photo session for our Pictorial Directory, two new dates have been opened by Lifetouch.

Friday, April 13 2-9 p.m.

Saturday, April 14 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Call the Church Office to schedule an appointment or go online at lifetouch.temple.life

Robert S. & Vivian Magee Scholarship

College and Seminary applications are in the Church Office or may be downloaded from magee.temple.life.

Absolute deadline for applications: Monday, April 23, 5 p.m. in the Church Office.

Vacation Bible School ~ June 4-8

for children entering Kindergarten-entering Grade 6
Sign up now at vbs.temple.life or in *The Journey Place*.

Launch Training for Mission Teams

This is a mandatory training for all first-time international team members.

Sunday, April 8 | 4:30 p.m. | Room 76

OR Wednesday, April 25 | 6:45 p.m. | Room 76

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

Our Newest Membership Candidates:



Ying Chun Fu



Hai Jun Tang

Preschool/Kindergarten Summer Activities

Tiny Trekker Summer Adventure Camps

Themed camp weeks for children ages 2 years-completed Kindergarten Camp is Monday-Thursday with a sibling's class (6 month-2 years) on Tuesday/Thursday.

CKO Camp (July 9-12)

for children who have completed Kindergarten

All camp applications are available online at tiny.temple.life or cko.temple.life and in *The Journey Place*.

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!

Congratulations to:

Scott and Ame Gray on the birth of their granddaughter, Lillian MaryGrace "Lillygrace" Richardson; Thomas and Rachel Davison on the birth of their daughter, Lilley Renee. Proud grandparents are Todd and Renee Davison and proud great-grandparents are James and Dianne Davison.



IN HIS GRIP

IN HIS GRIP MEN'S INVITATIONAL

Monday, May 7 | Squire Creek Country Club

Cost: \$85/player or \$340/team
(Includes a gift bag and meal following your round)

Time: Morning-8 a.m. and Afternoon-1:30 p.m.

Sign up by calling the Church Office (255-3745) or online at the inhisgrip.temple.life

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



Mondays, April 16-July 23 | 6 p.m. | Room 76
Facilitator: Linda Echols

Contact: Loy Seal, loy@temple.life, 255-3745

The Journey Place Tiny Trekkers & Summit Kids Sally Hearn

It has been a wonderful Easter weekend. We are so thankful for everyone who helped with our Egg Hunts. Thank you Chris and Lisa Barr and Larry and Nelda Neal for hosting these events. Thank you to everyone who brought eggs and candy! Thank you to those who stuffed eggs, served at the events, and helped in various ways. I am so grateful for your support!

Sunday was a wonderful day of worship as we celebrated our Risen Savior! Thank you to our Extended Session volunteers who served so parents of our little ones could experience this day.

Game On! is the theme for **VBS 2018** which will be held **June 4-8**. Have you signed up to help? There are spots available in all areas. Contact *The Journey Place* to sign up.

Registration is underway for **WinShape Camp**. Camp will be held **July 9-13** for children who have completed Grade 1-completed Grade 9. Registration is online at winshape.temple.life. Camp cost is \$214.

Registration for **Tiny Trekker Summer Adventure Camps** for children 2 years -completed kindergarten is filling up fast. Registration will close on May 1. After that time, a waiting list will begin if spots become available.

If you know of children who are eligible to attend these life-changing events, invite them to come!

I am so proud of our **Bible Drillers** and all of their hard work this year. We will be traveling to Shreveport this Sunday to compete in the District Drill.



Church-wide service projects

Sunday, April 22
Meet in Fellowship Hall
4 p.m.

More information at released.temple.life

Help share the love of Christ by doing
Spring Cleaning projects at Boys and Girls Club,
CCA, Elementary Schools, Freedom 13 Ministries,
Life Choices, and Rolling Hills.

Deacons of the Week—April 8-14
Bill Cox & James Davison

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Week-at-a-Glance

temple-tech Summer Missions Hiking Fundraiser Trip ~ April 6-8
Pictorial Directory Photo Sessions ~ April 13-14
Rolling Hills Disaster Relief Training ~ April 13-14

Sunday, April 8

9 a.m. - Blended Worship | Baptism | Parent/Child Dedication (Sanctuary);
the gathering Worship (GS)
10:15 a.m. - Bible Study for all ages
11:15 a.m. - *the gathering* Worship | Parent/Child Dedication (GS)
2:30 p.m. - District Bible Drill
4:30 p.m. - Launch Training (Rm 76)
5 p.m. - Calgary Family Mission Trip Meeting (Rm 81);
Sanctuary Handbell Rehearsal (Rm 213B)
6 p.m. - Evening Worship Service (Chapel); *temple-tech* Sunday Night Supper

Monday, April 9

6:30 p.m. - Mary Martha Women on Missions (Home of Peggy Bain)

Tuesday, April 10

6 p.m. - The Crossing Bible Study (JPMR)

Wednesday, April 11

9 a.m. - Friendship International (Rms 72, 76, 81); Quilting/Sewing (FH)
5 p.m. - Family Night Meal (FH; Menu: Shrimp, Alternate is Chicken Tender;
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); Orchestra Rehearsal
(Sanctuary); South LA Mission Team Interest Meeting (Rm 76)
7 p.m. - CORPS Meeting (Rm 270); *temple-tech* Freshmen Bible Study (Rm 216);
Ensembells Rehearsal (Rm 216B)
8 p.m. - *temple-tech* Brinner (FH)

Thursday, April 12

7 a.m. - *Act Like Men* Bible Study (FH)
12 p.m. - Myrtle King Lunch Bunch (FH)

Friday, April 13

9:30 a.m. - Missionary Round Table (Home of Ann Windsor)

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