

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

I would have despaired unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the LORD . . . Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage (Palm 27:13-14 NASB).

There are some days when even ministers are given to despair. Days when we seek to encourage those facing physical difficulties, assist those encountering family strife, and comfort those sorrowing from death's effects. Recently, I found myself in despair's grip when I turned to my daily devotion. The Scripture for the day? You guessed it: Psalm 27:13-14. Listen to the following excerpt from the devotion:

Do not despair! Oh, how great the temptation is to despair at times! Our soul becomes depressed and disheartened, and our faith staggers under severe trials and testing that come into our lives, especially during times of bereavement and suffering. We may come to the place where we say 'I cannot bear this any longer. I am close to despair under these circumstances God has allowed. He tells me not to despair, but what am I supposed to do when I am at this point?' . . . Once you have come close to the point of despair, God's message is not, 'Be strong and courageous' (Joshua 1:6), for He knows that your strength and courage have run away. Instead, He says sweetly, 'Be

still, and know that I am God' (Psalm 46:10) . . . That is all God asks of you as His dear child. When you become weak through the fierce fires of affliction, do not try to 'be strong.' Just 'be still, and know that [He is] God.' And know that He will sustain you and bring you through the fire . . . Be strong and take heart (Taken from Streams in the Desert, 188-189).

When I read these words, it appeared as if God had known exactly what I was going through and that He had spoken directly to me. And then reality set in. The Lord DID know what I was experiencing, and He WAS sending me a message! He was instructing me to stop and take strength in Him.

Often, that is all we can do. Instead of struggling against the circumstances of the day, we simply rest ourselves in Christ and allow Him to refresh us. His presence reenergizes us to emerge the next day with a renewed commitment to His Kingdom. In addition, we look forward to better days ahead. The moment of crisis is temporary; God has something much greater prepared for us believers. No need to despair! Just look ahead! And join the Psalmist's proclamation: I would have despaired unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the LORD!

FROM THE RECORDS OF APRIL 15, 2018

Worship Attendance		SS Attendance		'18	'17
9 a.m. Blended Worship Service	535	Adults	437	443	
9 a.m. <i>the gathering</i> Worship Service	155	Singles/Young Adults	133	127	
11:15 a.m. <i>the gathering</i> Worship Service	308	College	93	21	
Combined Morning Total	998	Youth	90	81	
6 p.m. Evening Worship Service	175	Children	116	126	
		Preschool	82	126	
		Local	951	924	
		Off Campus	111	93	
		Total	1062	1017	

Sunday, April 15, 2018



Budget	\$49,710.57
Share the Light	\$1,270.00
Annie Armstrong Offering	\$55,409.21

Extended Session 4/22/18

9 a.m. Worship—Faith Alexander, Memrie Lolley, Suzanne Tyler, Amanda Barham, Tiphonie & Kathryn Maxwell, Teena & Sarah Doxey, Susan Rasbury, Suzette Stroud, Carmen & Katie Echols

11:15 a.m. Worship—Lynne Phippen, Rachel Sibley, Sherry McConathy, Anne Thompson, Leslie Bridges, Seth & Julie Riser

MUSIC MINISTRY

Jeremy Asher

Patriotic Program Preparation

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD."

Psalm 33:12, NIV

The music from Easter has barely been put back in the Music Library, and yet the Music Ministry is already making our preparations for the **Patriotic Program for July 2 and 3**. Over the past 21 years, we have presented a patriotic program to our church and community. Many of you have sung with us in the past, and I hope that all of you will commit to rehearse with us each week. As we have done in the past, we will rehearse the patriotic music at the beginning of our rehearsals each Wednesday; then those who are only singing in the patriotic presentation with us will have an opportunity to leave. Rehearsals will begin on **Wednesday, May 2, at 7 p.m. in the Choir Room. Also, we will resume our 12 p.m. rehearsals on May 2.** I hope you will sing with us!

Where Moms Connect: A Time of Encouragement

Monday, April 23, 9:30 a.m., *The Journey Place*
Moms, come and enjoy meaningful conversation, laughter, and friendship!

Sugar for CCA

Local Mission Opportunity

We are now responsible for **75 bags** of sugar each month (**NEW GOAL!**).



Fantastic Fall in the Smoky Mountains and Celebrators Conference

October 19-26

\$50/person NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT due by July 16

Cost/person: \$700/person; \$850 for single room
(includes 7 nights hotel; hotel breakfasts; lunch at Billy Graham Library; 3 noon meals in Pigeon Forge; admission to Biltmore Estates; Celebrators Conference fee; & Bus Transportation)

Brochures available in the Church Office.

Robert S. & Vivian Magee Scholarship

College and Seminary scholarship 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.



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.

Deadline to sign up: Friday, April 27
SPACE IS LIMITED

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

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

Launch Training for Mission Teams

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

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

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



Monday, April 30
6 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Cost: \$5 at the door

Men of every age and sons are welcome.
Come for some encouragement and fellowship.

Speaker: Tommy McClelland, Tech Athletic Director

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

International Summer Missions Fundraiser

temple-tech Hike-A-Thon! ~ April 27-29 (Date Change)
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 Casady, casey@temple.life, 255-6184

Our Newest Membership Candidates:



Tim Pesnell



Aaron, Suzette, & Ella Brooke Stroud



Lane Arnold

Upcoming Events on May 6

9 a.m.-12 p.m. ~ Children's Ministry Bake Sale
(hallways outside *The Journey Place* and Church Office)

11 a.m. Combined Worship ~ SEND Sunday
(Sanctuary)

4:30 p.m. ~ Youth VBS Volunteer Meeting
(*The Journey Place* Multipurpose Room)

6 p.m. ~ Evening Worship/M³ End of the Year Program
(Sanctuary)

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ~ JUNE 4-8

Children entering Kindergarten-entering Grade 6



Sign up now at vbs.temple.life
or in *The Journey Place*.

VBS t-shirts available for \$10.

The Journey Place has order envelopes.

Volunteers needed in Grades 1, 5, and 6!

Contact: Sally Hearn, sally@temple.life, 255-3745

A Celebration of the Heart

Monday, April 23 | 6 p.m. | Youth Room

A Women's Ministry Event: All Heartfelt friends & those interested in joining Temple's Heartfelt Ministry are invited.

Kairos Prison Ministry ~ Winn Prison

120 dozen cookies needed by Wednesday, April 25

Team Member: Kenny Crump

Cookie restrictions: 2-2 1/2 inches in size,
No peanut butter due to allergies, No nuts

GOOD CHOICES: Chocolate chip, coconut, oatmeal, sugar

Please pack one dozen in a quart-size Ziploc bag with
4 stacks of 3 in bag. (Cool cookies before packing in bag.)

Drop off in the Church Office.

Contact: Helen Shrell, hshrell@suddenlink.net, 255-5228

Youth Mission Trip ~ MissionLab of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary

July 15-20 for Students Entering Grades 7, 8, and 9

Cost: \$200

There are a few spaces still available. Sign up by May 1!

More information at missionNOLA.templebcstudents.org

Contact: John Nugent, john@temple.life/255-6184



the family of Clyde Hunt,
brother of Shirley Colvin

College Connection Casey Casady

In a few short weeks, we will have a great opportunity to celebrate some of the wonderful opportunities God has blessed students in our College Ministry with for the coming summer. **May 6 is SEND Sunday.** Because Missions is such a core concept for believers, we know you will want to join with us in commissioning many of our students for their summer. Students will be serving in Asia, Mexico, Canada, Chicago, Boston, and West Palm Beach. Some will be serving at WinShape, Camp Ozarks, and Pine Cove; some will serve in other ministry areas. Do you love to see God's movement in the lives of young people? Do you love to see God's call of service on people's lives? Do you want to be a part of an epic morning in the life of Temple? If your answer to any of those questions was "Yes," join us for this glory-giving celebration on May 6. We will have prayer cards available in the service listing students' names and ministry assignments. Attending this worship service and praying for these students are two great ways you can encourage our college students to allow God to use their lives for His glory.



Church-wide service projects

Sunday, April 22

Meet in Fellowship Hall

4 p.m.

(in lieu of Evening Worship)

*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 22-28

Kip Franklin & Paul Frazier

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Week-at-a-Glance

temple-tech International Summer Missions Fundraiser Hike-A-Thon ~ April 27-29

Sunday, April 22

- 9 a.m. - Blended Worship | 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)
- 4 p.m. - Released (FH)
- 4:30 p.m. - Children's Bible Drill (JP)
- 6 p.m. - temple-tech Sunday Night Supper

Monday, April 23

- 9:30 a.m. - Where Moms Connect (JPMR)
- 6 p.m. - Women's Ministry: A Celebration of the Heart (Youth Rm)

Tuesday, April 24

- 6:30 p.m. - State Bible Drill (GS, JP)

Wednesday, April 25

- 9 a.m. - Friendship International (Rms 72, 76, 81); Quilting/Sewing (FH)
- 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); Orchestra Rehearsal
(Sanctuary); Launch Training (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 Midweek (GS)

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)