

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

Wow! What an awesome Combined Worship Service we had this past Sunday morning! As I mentioned then, SEND Sunday is one of my favorite moments all year long. It is one of the very few times that we gather together . . . and we do it to emphasize the "sending" out of our high school seniors, college summer missionaries, etc. To me, it was powerful and challenging to see these young students stand before us in their commitment. In addition, we licensed two young men to ministry as they prepare to enter seminary; and we affirmed another as he joins the work of a church plant in Chicago. Even at the end of the service, we were able to celebrate/commission Louie and Janece Miller as they head to Montana to oversee a Christian camp for the next few weeks. Again, I say "wow"!

I ask, "How many Southern Baptist churches are able to experience such a SEND Sunday?" No doubt, we are doubly blessed to have such an opportunity here in Ruston. We get to see a multigenerational church involved in taking the Gospel

locally, nationally, and globally. And we are able to celebrate it together! If you missed this past week, I hope that you will commit yourself to join us next time (And yes, I know that is a year away!). Let's not take for granted what the Lord has allowed us to enjoy here at Temple. Pray for these we have set aside and for the work/future before them.

This coming week, we turn our attention to Mother's Day. I will begin a new Sunday morning sermon series from the book of Esther entitled **Make It Count: A Life of Destiny**. I'm excited about this new study as Esther is one of my favorite books of the Bible! I know it seems that I say that about every passage, but the story of Esther specifically reminds me that God has a plan that He is fulfilling in our lives/world and He wants to use us in that work ("for such a time as this"). Wow! It is good stuff!

Hope you are looking forward to joining us this week as we come together as God's people! It is going to be a privilege to join together. See you Sunday!

FROM THE RECORDS OF MAY 6, 2018

Worship Attendance		SS Attendance		'18	'17
9 a.m. Blended Worship Service	NA	Adults		523	430
9 a.m. <i>the gathering</i> Worship Service	NA	Singles/Young Adults		126	115
11 a.m. Combined Worship Service	1054	College		94	92
Combined Morning Total	1054	Youth		93	75
6 p.m. Evening Worship Service	493	Children		112	100
		Preschool		102	123
		Local		1050	935
		Off Campus		106	93
		Total		1156	1028

Sunday, May 6, 2018



Budget	\$79,891.39
Share the Light	\$2,075.00

Extended Session 5/13/18

9 a.m. Worship—Sarah Kilpatrick, Kay Church, Lou McWhorter, Margaret Alexander, Susan Williams, Ryan & Hollie Starks, Jody & Emily Adams, Joey & Jana Gullledge

11:15 a.m. Worship—Alisia Thomason, Judith Roberts, Stephanie & Meghan Griffin, Stan & Johnna Cronk, Challys Williams

From The Minister of Pastoral Care

Dale Oden

This Sunday is **Mother's Day**. It is a day set aside to honor the women who have had a profound influence on our lives. My family buried our Mother the day before Mother's Day in 1997. She was a woman who loved the Lord and served Him faithfully up until the last few years of her life. I will always remember her studying the Bible early in the morning preparing to teach her Sunday School class, which she taught until she was in her eighties. I am so grateful that she taught me to love God, His Word and the church.

Our monthly **Senior Adult Luncheon** is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 15**. We will meet in Fellowship Hall at 11:45 a.m. It is a great time of fellowship each month. The food is always delicious and plentiful! So come join us if you can. The meat is furnished for the meal. You are asked to bring a salad, a vegetable dish or a dessert to share with the group. Our program for this month will be presented by **Sheriff Mike Stone**. I've asked him to share with us information about the Sheriff's Department plus to bring his guitar to play some "toe-tapping" music. The only thing I said he couldn't do was to ask his brother to sing with him!

The brochures for the **fall trip to Pigeon Forge** were given out three weeks ago and we now only have six spots left out of 54 reservations. I urge you to come by the office and pay your deposit (\$50 per person) to get your place on the trip.

Dr. Reggie and I are planning a trip next year to follow "**The Footsteps of the Apostle Paul**." The brochures are at the printer and should be ready for us to give out in the next couple of weeks. The dates for the 11 day journey are **March 19-30, 2019**. If we have enough interest in the trip, we can add a three day extension to Rome. It is in Rome that Paul was imprisoned and eventually put to death. Be watching for the brochure.

Where Moms Connect: A Time of Encouragement

Monday, May 14, 9:30 a.m., *The Journey Place*
Moms, come and enjoy meaningful conversation, laughter, and friendship!

One Day Mission Trip

May 19

To help pass out Sports Camp Flyers
at ball parks for Renew Church in Baton Rouge

Leave the Church at 7 a.m.

Return home after eating supper.

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

The Church Offices will close at noon
on Friday, May 18,
for installation of the city water meters.

Mark Your Calendar

May 13 ~ Mother's Day
Evening Worship Canceled

May 20 ~ Reception for Chris Albritton Family
Evening Worship Canceled

June 6 ~ Children's Summer SONTastic Begins
Wednesdays, 5:45 p.m.

June 17 ~ Father's Day
Evening Worship Canceled

*You are invited to walk through our courtyard
on Sunday morning, May 13.
Walk through and see the upgrades
that have been made.*

Service Personnel Memorabilia Display



We will have an Armed Forces memorabilia display in the church Foyer during the patriotic program. You may display a folded flag, a photo, or any medals in memory or honor of a family member who served or is presently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces.

Registration and Drop-off in the Church Office
no later than Thursday, June 7.

Pick up your memorabilia following the program on July 3.

Contact Jeremy Asher or Cindy Burns
at 255-3745, for more information.

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 Ricky Graham, father of Jenny Robertson, grandfather of Madison and Preston; the family of Beatrice Brown, grandmother of Ciria Lee; the family of Billy Pirtle, brother of Jo Ellen Clark; the family of Todd Werner, husband of Michele.

Congratulations to:
Ryan and Angelle Campbell on the birth of their daughter Emery Christine.

Church Offices Closed
in observance of Memorial Day
Monday, May 28



The Journey Place **Tiny Trekkers & Summit Kids** *Sally Hearn*

This past Saturday, Clayton and I had the privilege of attending the 150 Anniversary Celebration of my home church, First Baptist Church, Cleburne, Texas. It was wonderful to be back in the place that had such a tremendous impact on my life during such formative years. The building is a beautiful place, with incredible woodwork and gorgeous stained glass windows. I walked the aisle to accept Jesus as my Savior there and was baptized there. I was married there, and the funerals of my grandparents and parents were held there. Most of my closest childhood friends were my church friends. So many precious memories are in this beautiful place. I was also reminded of the people who made such a difference in my life: my Sunday School teachers, (I should stop here and apologize to my Senior High Sunday School teacher, Miss Bobbie Lemon, who had to retire after she finished with us. I don't think she taught a single SS lesson that year as we were too busy talking during her teaching time! But she loved us unconditionally and that made a tremendous impression on me.); my Mission Friends, GA, and Acteen Leaders; my choir and handbell leader; the precious ladies I served with in the church nursery who taught me how to care for those sweet babies; the deacons and ushers; my pastors, music and youth ministers. All of these wonderful people taught me how to love Jesus and how to serve Him. Not only did they teach me, they showed me. Many of them have gone to be with Jesus, but the legacy they left behind is not forgotten. As I look back over the years, I see their handprints on my life. I am so thankful for godly parents who took me to church every time the doors were open and who instilled in me the importance of being a part of the body of Christ. We need each other. We all have a part that God has called us to in His work and in His church. I pray that we recognize the importance of impacting the lives of our children and grandchildren so that they will make a difference for His Kingdom. May we be faithful to His calling to carry His love to a lost world. Ephesians 3:20-21 says *"Now to Him who is able to do above and beyond all that we ask or think-according to the power that works in you-to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever."*

Speaking of impacting the Kingdom, thank you so much for your tremendous support of our **Bake Sale** on Sunday. It was a great day! Thank you for baking and buying! Also, thank you for your generous donations and scholarships for WinShape Camp. All of these efforts provide a way for children to learn about Jesus and draw closer to Him through WinShape Camp!

VBS is just around the corner, June 4-8. We have a wonderful leadership team in place, but we still have a few spots to fill. Call *The Journey Place* Office, and we will get you plugged in! Registration is online for children who are entering Kindergarten-Grade 6 at vbs.temple.life. We have placed our t-shirt order, but we ordered extra. If you would like a t-shirt and have not ordered, stop by *The Journey Place* Office.

We have enjoyed a wonderful year in children's M³ (Music, Missions and More!). I want to say a huge **"THANK YOU"** to our leaders who have served this year. You are making a difference in the lives of our children. Thank you for your faithfulness.

The **new Sunday School year** is upon us, as well. If you have a heart for children and are looking for a place to connect and serve, I would love to talk with you about serving in Children's Ministry. **Promotion Sunday is June 3.** If your child will not be moving to the next age group or grade, please contact us and let us know.

Wednesday night activities for children will resume on Wednesday, June 6, from 5:45-6:45 p.m.

WinShape Camp, July 9-13. Register online at winshapecamps.org



Reception for the Chris Albritton Family

Sunday, May 20
4:30-6:30 p.m.
Fellowship Hall
(in lieu of Evening Worship)

Deacons of the Week—May 13-19
Don Hogan & Ivin Hood

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Week-at-a-Glance

Sunday, May 13

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 (GS)
Evening Worship Canceled for Mother's Day

Monday, May 14

9:30 a.m. - Where Moms Connect (JPMR)

Tuesday, May 15

11:45 a.m. - Senior Adult Luncheon (FH)

Wednesday, May 16

9 a.m. - Quilting/Sewing (FH)
12 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm)
5 p.m. - Family Night Meal (FH; Menu: Chicken Fried Steaks; Cost: \$4/person,
\$2/child under 8, \$12 max/family)
6 p.m. - Prayer Meeting/Bible Study (FH); GROW Visitation - ORANGE TEAM (FH);
Youth End of the Year Celebration (GS)
6:45 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm); Nicaragua Construction
(January 2019) Mission Trip Interest Meeting (Rm 76)
7 p.m. - CORPS Meeting (Rm 270); *temple-tech* Freshmen Bible Study (Rm 216)

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