

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

So, the transition has begun! You are probably thinking that I am talking about my "transition" from Disney World back to Ruston. And in some sense, you would be right. As most of you read this article, my family and I will be on the road back to the blessed Lincoln Parish! But that is not exactly the transition to which I am referring. Rather, I'm specifically speaking about the staff changes we are experiencing. If you were in our May Business Meeting, you know that we approved the following individuals to serve as our Associate Minister of Music Search Committee: Dustin Whitlock, Chair; Alicia Ball; Denise Cox; Don Hogan; Ben Humphries; Ty Lolley; and Susan Williams. This group of folks will begin their work next week, and I believe we ought to cover them in prayer as they embark on this important journey. Meanwhile, Kyle Roberts and Jenn Carter began as Co-Interim Worship Leaders in *the gathering* this past Sunday. I have full confidence in these two individuals to maintain the quality worship experience to which we have become accustomed in *the gathering*. Moreover, one of our college students, Bryan Lamb, will assist us with our youth worship band on Wednesday nights. He is a talented young man whom the Lord is using in many different ways.

Also, the church approved the lateral move of Jason Walsworth, our Minister to Young Adults, to Minister of Education/Administration effective January 1, 2019. As you recall, Loy

declared his intention to retire at the end of this year. His "early" announcement provides us opportunity to work through this transition in a focused, orderly manner. Moving Jason into this position will ensure stability and effectiveness as we move forward. Again, I am convinced he will fulfill that role in a tremendous way; he has already made a difference here in our congregation through various means!

The Personnel Committee will examine the Minister of Young Adults position and its job description to determine how to move forward. Once that committee makes its assessment, it will act accordingly.

As you can tell, a lot of things are happening in Temple Baptist Church. And while I am not always excited about change, I believe this transition can actually be used by the Lord to strengthen and challenge us in our work. Pray to that end!

And oh yeah . . . you want to talk about excitement and change? Vacation Bible School is next week! When you have that many children on our campus, there is no doubt that you can experience both! Make sure you invite families/children to participate in our VBS, and ask God to use this week to draw those to salvation who are ready to be saved . . . and further grow those who are already saved! It is going to be great! And yes, I'll see you Sunday!

FROM THE RECORDS OF MAY 27, 2018

Worship Attendance		SS Attendance		'18	'17
9 a.m. Blended Worship Service	491	Adults	373	344	
9 a.m. <i>the gathering</i> Worship Service	80	Singles/Young Adults	87	95	
11:15 a.m. <i>the gathering</i> Worship Service	166	College	26	24	
Combined Morning Total	737	Youth	40	61	
6 p.m. Evening Worship Service	102	Children	78	86	
		Preschool	80	88	
		Local	684	698	
		Off Campus	93	93	
		Total	777	791	

Sunday, May 27, 2018



Budget	\$34,432.28
Share the Light	\$4,855.00

Extended Session 6/3/18

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, Patrick Patton

YOUNG ADULT News

Jason Walsworth

If you missed Business Meeting last week, you may not have heard that I will be the next Minister of Education/Administration at Temple in January. I have known so many great men who have served at Temple as the Minister of Education/Administration, even before I moved to Ruston. Ken Mooney, Dale Oden, Steve Adams, and Loy Seal all leave me with big shoes to fill; but I am excited about following in their steps! You know how much I love Temple Baptist Church, and I am excited to move into this new role in January. Until then, there is plenty for me to focus on as Minister to Young Adults and plenty to learn from Loy. I also accepted an invitation from Lifeway to a ME Essentials training in August, and I look forward to that.

I have always believed in the importance of Sunday School and small group Bible study on Sunday mornings. Research and experience have proven this to be a vital piece of healthy churches. While on staff at FBC Vidalia, I was heavily involved in this area and helped start many new classes there. We did not have a full-time staff member in Education, so I gladly helped in this area. We were able to start many new youth classes and young adult classes, and our Sunday School grew along with our church. I am not taking all the credit for that, but I certainly do not think those are coincidences. While I have been at Temple over the past 15 years, this has also been a major emphasis of my ministry as both the Minister of Youth and Recreation and Minister to Young Adults. We have started new departments, new groups, and grown along the way. I am thankful for every person who said “yes” when I asked them to start this new group or try something new. Thank you for your support, and I look forward to many great days ahead.

Men's Choir Invitation

Singing Sunday, June 17 ~ 9 a.m. Blended Worship Service



Two Rehearsals:

Wednesday, June 13, 6:45 p.m., Sanctuary

Sunday, June 17, 8:15 a.m., Sanctuary

ALL men are invited to sing with us!

Father's Day Schedule ~ June 17

9 a.m. Blended & *the gathering* Worship Services

10:15 a.m. Bible Study for all ages

11:15 a.m. *the gathering* Worship Service

Evening Worship Canceled

Women on Mission Group

Mary Martha Women on Mission

Monday, June 4 | 6:30 p.m.

at the home of Vickie Benefield (2201 Winchester Dr, Ruston)

Youth Opportunities



Wednesday Night Worship

- every week at 6 p.m.

- look forward to some BIG and fun games this summer!

Lunch with John

- meet at the Family Life Center at noon and bring some cash to go eat

- Grades 7 & 8 every Tuesday

- Grades 9-12 every Thursday

- Come back to play games until 2 p.m.



**WinShape
Camps**

July 9-13

Completed Grades 1-9

Camp Cost is \$214.

Register NOW at winshape.temple.life

Scholarship applications available
in *The Journey Place*

Volunteer to help by calling Sally Hearn.

Contact:

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

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 Charles Chandler,
father of Rose Butler

EVENTS FOR WEEK OF JUNE 4-8

The Family Life Center will close during
Vacation Bible School, June 4-8, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Wednesday Family Night Meal is canceled
Wednesday, June 6, due to Vacation Bible School.

Prayer Meeting/Bible Study
Wednesday, June 6 | 6 p.m. | Chapel

Children's Summer SONtastic
4 Year Olds-Grade 6
Begins Wednesday, June 6 | 5:45-6:45 p.m.
Childcare provided for Babies - 3 Year Olds

Vacation Bible School Family Night
Friday, June 8 | 6 p.m. | Sanctuary

A Thank You card has been received from...
The family of Beatrice Brown
(Located on the bulletin board in the Library window)

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.



July 27-28 (Overnight stay)

Astros vs. Rangers

Cost: \$125/hotel room plus food

Must sign up in the Church Office

Deadline to sign up: June 27

PATRIOTIC PROGRAM SINGERS NEEDED
Rehearsals on Wednesdays at 12 p.m. or 6:45 p.m.
in the Choir Room
Presentation on July 2 and July 3, at 7:30 p.m.

Neighbors and Nations

Ben Jernigan

If I'm not going, what can I do? - PRAY From its beginning in Acts, the church has always been missional. From the beginning in Genesis, we read about a missional God. Jesus calls each of his children to give their life for His purposes in order to find true life in Him. Living on mission is not a trip, it is a life! We have many trips on the calendar this summer, and you can be involved by praying! Let's be faithful to pray for our church family as they serve this summer!

Oswald Chambers is quoted as saying, "Prayer does not fit us for the greater work; prayer is the greater work." As you do this great work this summer, pray for these teams: high school students serving in Calgary, college students serving in Chicago, young adults serving in Los Angeles, college students serving in West Palm, senior adults serving in Montana, church members serving in Baton Rouge, families serving in Calgary, college students serving in East Asia, and more!

Pray that they would be strong in the Lord, and that they would put on the whole armor of God. Pray that they would be a witness for Christ. Pray that God would give them boldness to share with the world about the hope they have in Christ. Pray that people would repent and believe in Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Pray for strength to do the tasks set before them. Pray for their safety. Pray for their security. Pray for God to raise up more missionaries to shine His light in the world!

Lastly and unfortunately, due to the unrest and instability in Nicaragua, we had to postpone our Nicaragua Medical Mission Trip this August. Please be in prayer for that country, the Joseph McWhorter family, the churches, and the workers serving in Nicaragua. Pray for the political instability to be resolved peacefully and for God to get the glory.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 4-8

Children entering Kindergarten-entering Grade 6



Registration will reopen Monday, June 4,
at 8:30 a.m. in the Family Life Center Gym.

A few extra VBS t-shirts were ordered
and are available for \$10.

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

Deacons of the Week— June 3-9

Tommy Ledford, Jr. & Tim McCarthy

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Week-at-a-Glance

Los Angeles Young Adult Mission Trip ~ June 2-10
Vacation Bible School ~ June 4-8
Family Life Center Closing ~ 9 a.m.-12 p.m., June 4-8
South Louisiana Mission Trip ~ June 8-9
High School Mission Trip ~ June 9-16

Sunday, June 3

9 a.m. - Blended Worship (Sanctuary);
the gathering Worship (GS)
10:15 a.m. - Bible Study for all ages ~ Promotion Sunday
11:15 a.m. - *the gathering* Worship (GS)
3:30 p.m. - Youth Canada Mission Trip Training (Youth Rm)
5 p.m. - South Louisiana Mission Trip Final Meeting (Rm 76)
6 p.m. - Evening Worship Service | South Louisiana Mission Team
Commissioning (Chapel)

Monday, June 4

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

Tuesday, June 5

12 p.m. - Junior High Lunch and Game Time with John (Meet in FLC)

Wednesday, June 6

9 a.m. - Quilting/Sewing (FH)
5:45 p.m. - Children's Summer SONtastic (JP)
6 p.m. - Prayer Meeting/Bible Study (Chapel);
GROW Visitation - GREEN TEAMS (Chapel);
temple-tech Summer Bible Study (Rm 216);
Youth Wednesday Night Worship (Youth Rm)
6:45 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm)
7 p.m. - CORPS Meeting (Rm 270)

Thursday, June 7

12 p.m. - Senior High Lunch and Game Time with John (Meet in FLC)
5:30 p.m. - Senior Adult Game Night (FLC)

Friday, June 8

6 p.m. - Vacation Bible School Family Night (Sanctuary, FH)

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