

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

This week has been a wonderful time at Temple as children overran our campus with excitement and expectation! It was awesome to see these children study, worship, and play together. Not only has VBS encouraged me, but it has also challenged me again with regard to my commitment to the next generation(s). How blessed we are to have children in our church family! And yet how accountable we are to lead them toward a Christ-centered focus! I am convinced that Satan and his forces are attempting to capture the minds of our children and youth; he would love nothing more than to turn their hearts away from God. But the Lord has called us as parents and grandparents to resist that destructive effort. Indeed, He has empowered the church, as well, to contend for the true faith and entrust it to the generations that come after us. My friends, I have been reminded this week that we must do whatever it takes to instill the truth within our children/grandchildren. I ask you to pray that our moments in VBS will reflect that desire. Please ask God especially to save the children who experience authentic conviction and to grow those children who have already begun their walk with Him.

Of course, our Gospel efforts here are only complemented by our participation in our state, national, and international

efforts. This weekend alone, Bro. Loy, Bro. Ben, and their team will be in Baton Rouge to assist Renew Church, a new church plant, in its efforts to penetrate our state's capital with the good news. They will primarily be involved in sports camps as they cultivate prospects for the church and as they share Christ's love. In addition, Bro. John and many youth/chaperones will be arriving in Calgary, Canada, to partner with Multiply Church for the week. They will basically constitute an army that will canvas neighborhoods with approximately 45,000 doorhangers advertising the church and its summer activities. This effort will also lay the foundation for our upcoming "family trip." And meanwhile, Bro. Jason and his young adult team will be finishing up their mission trip in Los Angeles where they are assisting our sister church, Story City Church.

Isn't that awesome! We are living "sent" lives here in Ruston, in Baton Rouge, in Los Angeles, and in Calgary this very weekend. And that doesn't even count the students who are already serving in various areas!

For those of you who are here this weekend (with me!), we are going to celebrate the wonderful God we follow. We will gather around the Word, worship Christ, and observe the Lord's Supper. It is going to be great! See you then!

FROM THE RECORDS OF JUNE 3, 2018

Worship Attendance		SS Attendance		
			'18	'17
9 a.m. Blended Worship Service	607	Adults	409	411
9 a.m. <i>the gathering</i> Worship Service	117	Singles/Young Adults	114	135
11:15 a.m. <i>the gathering</i> Worship Service	153	College	24	30
Combined Morning Total	877	Youth	103	78
6 p.m. Evening Worship Service	178	Children	118	122
		Preschool	102	111
		Local	870	887
		Off Campus	99	93
		Total	969	980

Sunday, June 3, 2018



Budget	\$77,945.60
Share the Light	\$1,295.00

Extended Session 6/10/18

9 a.m. Worship—Faith Alexander, Memrie Lolley, Suzanne Tyler, Amanda Barham, Susan Rasbury, Suzette Stroud, Doc & Brooke Hoefler

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

Education & Administration News

Loy Seal

After the 2005-2006 Sunday School year, Temple averaged 783 in Sunday School each Sunday. Twelve years later, we averaged 1050 for the 2017-2018 year. That is a 34% increase in attendance. Why or how did this happen when we hear from so many sources that churches are plateaued or even in decline? My answer is "obedience." When Jesus gave the Great Commission as to what we are to do, you actually obeyed. "Go, make disciples, and teach them to observe His commandments" are directions that you have obeyed. The chief discipleship method in our church is through our weekly Bible study groups (Sunday School). You have invited people to your classes. You have visited people when they were in the hospital, brought meals to the bereaved, and invited the lost and unchurched to hear God's Word. Dr. Thom Rainer, President of LifeWay, tells us that most Americans, even in very unchurched areas, will go to Bible study or worship with a believer IF THEY ARE ASKED. You asked, and God has blessed that obedience by allowing us to grow and continue to be a healthy church. Because you asked, we had to begin new groups to hold all the new people. Thank you for your obedience.

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!

21st Annual Celebration of **Faith and Freedom**

Monday, July 2, and Tuesday, July 3

7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Fireworks to follow program on July 3

*If you would like to contribute to this year's
fireworks display, please contact Jeremy Asher
in the Church Office.*

Children's Wednesday Night Activities

Summer SONTastic

4 Year Olds - 6th Graders

June 6 - July 26

6-6:45 p.m.

Childcare provided for babies - 3 Year Olds



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



Sewing for Nicaragua

Tuesday, June 12

6-8:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall

*Very basic sewing skills needed to make
dresses. Bring your sewing machine and
other basic sewing supplies.*

*For security purposes, please enter the building through
the Family Life Center to sew in Fellowship Hall.*

A Thank You card has been received from...

Chris & Brittany Albritton and Ruston Elementary School
(Located on the bulletin board in the Library window)

Youth Opportunities



Wednesday Night Worship

- every week at 6 p.m.
- look forward to some BIG and fun games this summer!

Lunch with John

- Grades 7 & 8 on Tuesdays (except June 12 & July 17)
- Grades 9-12 on Thursdays (except June 14 & July 19)
- meet in the Family Life Center at 11:45 a.m. with cash to eat out then come back to play games until 2 p.m.

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.

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

The Journey Place Tiny Trekkers & Summit Kids Sally Hearn

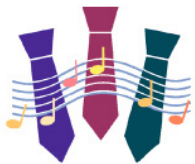
We are in "full swing" at **VBS Game On!** Thank you, Church Family, for all you have done to make this week possible! You are the BEST! Join us Friday night at 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary for our **VBS Family Night** and see what we have learned. I know the kids will do an outstanding job! We will have a free meal in Fellowship Hall following the program.

Tiny Trekker Summer Adventure Camps begin next week. We are looking forward to a great summer with our preschool camps. At this time, all camps are full, but we do have a waiting list in case spots become available. Contact Gina Holstead in *The Journey Place* (255-9506) for more information.

WinShape Camps for Communities is July 9-13! Registration is online at winshapecamps.org. You don't want to miss the incredible week for completed Grades 1-9. There are only 3 spots left for completed Grades 7-9 in Galaxy Village. All other villages, completed Grades 1-6, do not have a limit for registration. Volunteers will be needed to help during camp week. Be watching for ways you can get involved with WinShape Camp!

Sunday School Promotion was this past Sunday, June 3. We are looking forward to a great year in our new Sunday School classes.

Our **Extended Session** is growing at 11:15 a.m., and we have several areas volunteers are needed during that time. Stop by or call *The Journey Place Office*; I would love to talk with you about serving in Children's Ministry.



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

Deacons of the Week— June 10-16

Allen Lee & Greg McCarter

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Week-at-a-Glance

South Louisiana Mission Trip ~ June 8-10

High School Mission Trip ~ June 9-16

Tiny Trekker Summer Adventure Camp ~ June 11-14

Sunday, June 10

9 a.m. - Blended Worship | Lord's Supper (Sanctuary);
the gathering Worship | Lord's Supper (GS)

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

11:15 a.m. - *the gathering* Worship | Lord's Supper (GS)

6 p.m. - Evening Worship Service (Chapel)

Tuesday, June 12

6 p.m. - Sewing for Nicaragua (FLC)

Wednesday, June 13

9 a.m. - Quilting/Sewing (FH)

12 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm)

5 p.m. - Family Night Meal (FH); Menu: Grilled Chicken Breast;

Cost: \$4/person, \$2/child under 8, \$12 max/family)

5:45 p.m. - Children's Summer SONTastic (JP)

6 p.m. - Prayer Meeting/Bible Study (FHI);

GROW Visitation - RED TEAM (FH);

temple-tech Summer Bible Study (Rm 76);

Youth Wednesday Night Worship (Youth Rm)

6:45 p.m. - Ladies Sectional Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm);

Men's Choir Rehearsal (Chapel);

Orchestra Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

7 p.m. - CORPS Meeting (Rm 270)

Thursday, June 14

5:30 p.m. - Senior Adult Game Night (FLC)

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