

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

For years, our motto at Temple Baptist Church has been "Come Gather Around the Word," a refrain that captures our commitment to the study and application of Scripture. Whether it was through the faithful exposition of Dr. Magee and Dr. Rick or whether it was through the consistent instruction of our Sunday School teachers, the Temple family has enjoyed a healthy diet of biblical teaching. I continue to sense that hunger for God's Word in our midst, and I cannot communicate how personally refreshing that is for me.

Of course, I do believe that another motto could be applied to our efforts as well: "Go and Share Around the World." Not only do we gather, but we go! And we go everywhere! Just this week, our Singles returned from their mission trip to Los Angeles while some families completed their ministry work in Baton Rouge. In addition, Bro. John Nugent has led about sixty students and adults to Calgary to Multiply Church, a recent church plant, in canvassing neighborhoods with invitations to join the congregation. Meanwhile, some of our college students will be headed toward Chicago and Calgary to join the leadership already there. Even at the Southern Baptist Convention, I saw some of our students who are serving in West Palm, New Orleans, etc.

Of course, these are all Temple-sponsored mission trips, but I am grateful some folks don't wait for our calendar/direction to get involved. Instead, they find ways and places to serve as the Spirit leads. Even now, we have a young man who began a six-


week mission to Mexico City. Others are working Winshape camps (one is working with WinShape in Brazil!), and still more are completing their term in South Asia. Some of you are probably wondering who is left in Ruston! In particular, our on-campus attendance may be down, but I hope you will remember how many people are on mission outside of North Louisiana. Celebrate the fact that we are not just concerned about our seating capacity; but rather, we are desperately seeking to increase our **sending capacity!** Praise Him that we can field such an awesome team to tell the story of such an awesome God!

Now listen, if our Lord does allow you to gather at Temple this Father's day, I believe you will be blessed. Our Men's Choir will lead us in our Blended Worship Service. I always love to hear those strong voices sing to the Lord. I hope you guys will make plans to join me in the choir loft this week. Also, we'll continue our study in Esther . . . and see how "God's Timing Is Everything!" I'm looking forward to being back from the Southern Baptist Convention and worshipping with you. (I'll try to give you a wrap-up of the SBC's actions in next week's article.)

Every day, I recognize how blessed I am to pastor such a wonderful faith family. Thank you for your love and commitment. Let's remain faithful to Him in our *gathering* and in our *going!*

FROM THE RECORDS OF JUNE 10, 2018

Worship Attendance		SS Attendance		'18	'17
9 a.m. Blended Worship Service	556	Adults	439	409	
9 a.m. <i>the gathering</i> Worship Service	96	Singles/Young Adults	95	106	
11:15 a.m. <i>the gathering</i> Worship Service	190	College	31	26	
Combined Morning Total	842	Youth	52	70	
6 p.m. Evening Worship Service	117	Children	95	108	
		Preschool	77	102	
		Local	789	821	
		Off Campus	177	93	
		Total	966	914	

Sunday, June 10, 2018	
 Budget	\$48,961.22
Share the Light	\$125.00

Extended Session 6/17/18	
9 a.m. Worship —Bobby & Karen Sanders, Adam & Marsha Hammons, Bill & Laura Davis, Taylor Davis, Brandon & Jordan Hearn, Sam & Kelly Hodge, Roman & Jennifer Farrar, Sara Moore	
11:15 a.m. Worship —Lisa Barr, Kelsey Whitlock, Ann Marie Queen, Daniel & Amanda Reynolds, Gina Hostead	

From The Minister of Pastoral Care

Dale Oden

The 2018 edition of Vacation Bible School at Temple Baptist is over! It was a wonderful week of special Bible Study, music, and recreation. Sadel and I enjoyed working in one of the sixth grade departments (some of the students were with us last year when we worked with the fifth grade). The theme was "Game On!" Thanks to Sally, Jessica, the Interns, department directors, teachers, music leaders, craft workers, recreation workers, snack workers for the teachers, kitchen crews, prayer partners, and all others who helped make the week a success.

Our monthly **Senior Adult Luncheon** is scheduled for Tuesday, June 19. We will meet in Fellowship Hall at 11:45 a.m. This will be our last scheduled luncheon until our August luncheons in conjunction with our Senior Adult Summer Bible Study. So come join us for a wonderful time of fellowship, delicious food, and a great program. The program this month will be presented by pianist Cody Chandler. Cody is a graduate of Louisiana Tech University with a degree in Piano Performance. He is presently serving as the pianist at First United Methodist Church in Farmerville.

The **Senior Adult Summer Bible Study** will be held August 19-22 (Sunday night-Wednesday). Dr. Argile Smith will be with us again. He is planning to teach the book of I Peter. I hope that you will join us for this in-depth study during August.

The brochures are available for the **2019 "Footsteps of Paul" trip**. The dates for the trip are March 19-29, 2019. Having been on this journey five years ago, a visit to the cities where the Apostle Paul preached and helped establish churches is truly an exciting experience. Pick up a brochure in the Church Office if you have an interest in going with Dr. Reggie and me.

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.*



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@temple.life, 255-3745

Children's Wednesday Night Activities

Summer SONtastic

4 Year Olds - 6th Graders

Now - July 26

6-6:45 p.m.

Childcare provided for babies - 3 Year Olds

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!

Our Newest Membership Candidates:



Alyssa
McCarter



Mitchel & Missy Jones
(also pictured:
Skyler and Harper)



Rhett Brister

Congratulations to:

Justin and Leigh Anne Post on the birth of their son, Jake Warren Post. Proud grandparents are Warren and Julie Post; Jody and Ashley Smith on the birth of their son, Slaton Grant Smith. Proud sister is Evie.

Policy for Announcements

All announcements to be considered for church-wide publications are due in the Church Office by noon on Thursday prior to the week of the next publication.



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

Sugar for CCA

Local Mission Opportunity

We are now responsible for **75 bags**
of sugar each month.



the family of Lee Smith,
brother of Dan Smith.

Can't find your checkbook
or offering envelope?



Online giving is available!

Check out our website: giving.temple.life

Youth & Recreation Ministry

John Nugent

Our high schoolers and adults left Saturday for Calgary, Alberta! They are working with the church plant, Multiply Church, and serving the surrounding area. Pray for safe travels and hearts that are receptive to the Gospel.



Please pray for our Calgary Mission Team:

Leslie Bridges	Anna Albritton	Davis Glen Ellis	Emma McWhorter	Haley Roebuck
Ashley Ellis	Georgia May Albritton	Andrew Ellis	Kaleb McWhorter	Anna Kate Scriber
Joey Fairley	Brandon Ball	Lauren Ensminger	Amanda Meng	Taryn Sternitzky
Tedd Hull IV	Evan Bernard	Beau Farrar	Autumn Moon	Mattie Lou Stinson
Tim McCarthy	Luke Black	Mary Lindsay Funes	Anna Claire Morris	Galen Turner IV
Lou McWhorter	Scarlett Branton	Clayton Guyotte	Blake Moss	Cooper Walsworth
John Nugent	Abigail Bridges	Clayton Hearn	Lauren Osafo	Zalen Westbrooks
Jennifer Patton	Julia Casady	Sydney Hull	Kenneth Ray	Aaron Williams
Riley Robertson	John Micah Christian	Logan Johnson	Julianne Riggs	Chloe Mae Winstead
Denise Stinson	Navy Coggins	Hana Le	Laney Robbins	Gavin Witten
Chalys Williams	Alexis Creasy	Ty Lolley	Noah Robbins	Ainsley Wood
Nicholas Adams	Sarah Doxey	Cameron McCarthy	Jackson Robinson	

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

Men's Choir Invitation



Singing Sunday, June 17

9 a.m. Blended Worship Service

Rehearsal:

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

ALL men are invited to sing with us!

Deacons of the Week— June 17-23

Gray Hipp & Don Mears

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Week-at-a-Glance

Tiny Trekker Summer Adventure Camp ~ June 18-21

Sunday, June 17 ~ Father's Day

8 a.m. - Men's Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
9 a.m. - Blended Worship | Men's Choir Singing (Sanctuary);
the gathering Worship (GS)
10:15 a.m. - Bible Study for all ages
11:15 a.m. - *the gathering* Worship (GS)
Evening Worship Service Canceled for Father's Day

Tuesday, June 19

11:45 a.m. - Senior Adult Luncheon (FH);
Jr. High Lunch and Game Time with John (FLC)

Wednesday, June 20

9 a.m. - Quilting/Sewing (FH)
12 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm)
5 p.m. - Family Night Meal (FH); Menu: BBQ Sandwiches;
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 (FH);
GROW Visitation - ORANGE TEAM (FH);
temple-tech Summer Bible Study (Rm 76);
Youth Wednesday Night Worship (Youth Rm)
6:45 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm);
Orchestra Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
7 p.m. - CORPS Meeting (Rm 270)

Thursday, June 21

11:45 a.m. - Sr. High Lunch and Game Time with John (FLC)
5:30 p.m. - Sr. 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.



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COME GATHER AROUND THE WORD

Core Values:

Authoritative Truth • Strengthening Worship
Authentic Community • Intentional Transformation
Hands-On Missions • Relational Evangelism
Compassionate Servanthood