

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 church family has partnered with Nicaragua Christian Outreach (NCO) to see ministry and missions accomplished in Nicaragua. We have supported feeding programs, medical clinics, housing efforts, educational opportunities, etc., with the aim of presenting the gospel of Jesus Christ to those with whom we come in contact. Thankfully, we have seen much fruit, and we ourselves have experienced much blessing. To be honest, Leslie and I were excited about coming to Temple in part because we could continue serving in the same area of work. You see, we had actually been a part of NCO's ministry at our previous church, and we were so grateful that Temple had already committed to the mission there before we even arrived. And how doubly blessed when we were able to commission missionaries from Temple to work with NCO! What I am saying is that this has been an incredible ride for our church, my family, and for me!

Most certainly, many of you have followed the news of the tragic civil unrest there in Nicaragua. Because of the situation on the ground there, we decided a few weeks ago to cancel this year's short-term medical mission trip. That, to me, was very gut-wrenching. This will be the first time in years that we have not made that trip. In addition, we have been assessing the feeding programs we support and the administration of those centers. We have plenty of funds to distribute, but there is some question over how that will be done in the present context. Pray for us as we work through these logistical matters and for the future plans for these ministries.

But most importantly, I want to encourage you to reach out to the McWhorters. Again, some of you know that they came home a few weeks ago on what was supposed to be a three-

month furlough. As the NCO board reviewed the situation during this time, it determined that it could not send the McWhorters back to the field due to both financial and safety reasons. These difficulties had been caused by ongoing distress there on the ground and had been aggravated by the recent civil unrest. Simply stated, the McWhorters will not be returning to Nicaragua. And while this is a tough decision for them, God has a plan to continue to use them. He has also given us an opportunity to assist them through this transition. Let me ask you specifically to:

- 1) Thank them for their faithful service. For over three years, they have served as OUR missionaries there in Nicaragua. We should take a few moments individually to demonstrate our appreciation to them for how they ministered sacrificially for the Kingdom.
- 2) Pray for them. Clearly, this transitional season is a time of refining and refreshing as God leads them in their calling. Pray for Joseph, Susan, Emma, and Kaleb by name through this time.
- 3) Consider making a financial donation to help them. NCO has indicated it has limited funds to assist their transition back to the states. I responded by letting NCO know we at Temple would step up to do what we could. If you would like to contribute to this effort, you can make a check out to Temple Baptist Church. In the memo line, print "Nicaragua Missionary."

Thank you for your consistent support of missions! Ask God to direct us as a church as we evaluate the path forward in this particular work and pray for the people of Nicaragua. See you Sunday!

FROM THE RECORDS OF JUNE 17, 2018

Worship Attendance		SS Attendance		'18	'17
9 a.m. Blended Worship Service	537	Adults	437	402	
9 a.m. <i>the gathering</i> Worship Service	112	Singles/Young Adults	96	113	
11:15 a.m. <i>the gathering</i> Worship Service	168	College	30	31	
Combined Morning Total	817	Youth	86	91	
6 p.m. Evening Worship Service	NA	Children	95	102	
		Preschool	84	107	
		Local	828	846	
		Off Campus	93	93	
		Total	921	939	

Sunday, June 10, 2018



Budget \$41,151.28
Share the Light \$905.00

Extended Session 6/24/18

9 a.m. Worship—Jada Walsworth, Doug & Missy Gibbons, Lindsey Billberry, Leigh Nugent, Royce & Sharon Norman, Alan & Paula Trammell
11:15 a.m. Worship—Norlyn Hyde, Rachel Sibley, Brandi Whitlock, Chris & Cydni Scroggs, Jennifer & Hannah Parker

College Connection Casey Casady

Temple Family, we have completed two weeks of Louisiana Tech Summer Orientation. We are excited to let you know that they are going GREAT! 158 students stopped by our booth to get their *temple-tech* T-shirt and find out about Beach Retreat. Beach Retreat is August 10-14 this year and is one of the most important events that incoming freshmen can attend to help foster their spiritual growth. Each student will have the opportunity to RECONNECT with God and friends during this trip. Beach Retreat is really one of the FIRST STEPS a new student needs to take to have a FAITH-FOCUSED FIRST YEAR. We have over 80 people signed up already! If you would like to support a student who is not financially able to attend Beach Retreat, contact the College Ministry Office at emma@temple.life. The cost for incoming freshmen is \$235 and is \$265 for upperclassmen.



Christian Community Action (CCA)

Summer Food Drive

Collection Dates: Now-July 1

Bring any normal-sized canned goods.
This will help offset the summer shortage.
Baskets are at each entrance of the church.



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

Missions Opportunities

Samaritan's Feet

SHOES OF HOPE

Shoe Distribution Program

Saturday, June 30 | 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
Cypress Springs Elementary (CSE)

Our community will be serving our students at CSE in partnership with Samaritan's Feet (www.samaritansfeet.org) by washing the feet of students and providing each participating student with a new pair of shoes. What a great opportunity to spread the love of Jesus.

School Courtyards

We are helping CSE with the beautification of their two school courtyards. This is a great way to play a part in positively shaping our students' learning environment!

Sign up for these projects by calling the Church Office or sign up in Sunday School on Sunday, June 24.

Contact: George Lee, IV, george@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

Senior Adult Summer Bible Study

August 19-22 (Sunday Night-Wednesday)

Dr. Argile Smith

Teaching the book of I Peter
Everyone is invited to attend.

CONGRATULATIONS!

*Casey Casady for 15 years
of service at Temple.*

2019 "Footsteps of Paul" Trip
**BEST OF GREECE & THE GREEK ISLES
IN THE STEPS OF ST. PAUL**
11 Days: March 19-29, 2019

visiting

Athens · Corinth · Mykonos · Ephesus · Patmos ·
Santorini · Delphi · Kalambaka · Thessaloniki
including a 3-Day Cruise to the Greek Isles & Turkey

hosted by

Dr. Reggie Bridges and Rev. Dale Oden

\$3,499 from Houston
\$500 Deposit per person
due by October 1



Brochures available in the Church Office.

Congratulations to:

Casey and Haley Turner on the birth of their son, Samuel
James. Proud grandparents are Jim and Kay Turner.



the family of Gracie Austin,
mother of Debbie Williamson;
the family of Inez Vercher,
sister of Betty Cox.

A Thank You card has been received from...

Collin Moak

(Located on the bulletin board in the Library window)

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!

MUSIC MINISTRY
Jeremy Asher

Weekend Reflections and Final Preparations for Patriotic Program

"Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God." Psalm 20:7, ESV

I hope everyone had a great **Father's Day** weekend. My family had the privilege of getting to spend time with my father. I am thankful for the godly legacy and influence that my parents and family have had on me, and this weekend reminded me again of the importance of leaving a Christian legacy for my children. I always appreciate the worship leadership of the **Temple Men's Choir**, and their singing was magnificent this past Sunday! Thank you, men, for stepping up and leading our congregation with a loud voice of worship. I thank God for men like you and so many others who have been leaders in both our church and community.

Final preparations are being made with our **21st annual patriotic program**, which will be on Monday, July 2, and Tuesday, July 3 (fireworks will follow the program on Tuesday). Many of you are participating by singing or playing an instrument, but there is a way for many more to help us make this program more special. If you are a veteran, you can carry a US flag in the program as we honor those who have served our country. Finally, you might consider a donation to support the **fireworks display**. Through the generosity of people both within Temple and the Ruston business community, we can offer a spectacular fireworks show to be enjoyed by so many in our community. This year will be even bigger than in years past, and we appreciate the financial gifts that underwrite this portion of the program. I thank you in advance for your participation.

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21st Annual Celebration of
Faith & Freedom

July 2 & 3, 2018
7:30 p.m. | Sanctuary
Fireworks Following
July 3 Program

**Church Offices Closed
Wednesday, July 4**

Deacons of the Week—June 24-30
Joe Mitcham Jr. & Randy Moore

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Week-at-a-Glance

Tiny Trekker Summer Adventure Camp ~ June 25-28
CCA Summer Food Drive ~ June 17-July 2

Sunday, June 24

9 a.m. - Blended Worship (Sanctuary);
the gathering Worship (GS)
10:15 a.m. - Bible Study for all ages
11:15 a.m. - *the gathering* Worship (GS)
4:30 p.m. - Deacons Meeting (Rm 76)
6 p.m. - Evening Worship Service (Chapel)
7 p.m. - Patriotic Tech Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Tuesday, June 26

11:45 a.m. - Jr. High Lunch and Game Time with John (FLC)
6:30 p.m. - Patriotic Program Final Rehearsal #1 (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, June 27

9 a.m. - Quilting/Sewing (FH)
12 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm)
5 p.m. - Family Night Meal (FH; Menu: Balance Brought Forward;
Cost: \$4/person, \$2/child under 8, \$12 max/family)
5:45 p.m. - Children's Summer SONTastic (JP)
6 p.m. - Business Meeting/Prayer Meeting/Bible Study (FH);
GROW Visitation - WHITE TEAM (FH);
temple-tech Summer Bible Study (Rm 76);
Youth Wednesday Night Worship (Youth Rm)
6:45 p.m. - South Asia Mission Trip Team Meeting (Rm 81)
7 p.m. - CORPS Meeting (Rm 270)

Thursday, June 28

11:45 a.m. - Sr. High Lunch and Game Time with John (FLC)
5:30 p.m. - Sr. Adult Game Night (FLC)
6:30 p.m. - Patriotic Program Final Rehearsal #2 (Sanctuary)

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