

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 time of worship and fellowship we experienced this past Sunday. I love living life with the Temple family. Whether it is studying His Word together or breaking bread (or maybe even fish) together, I enjoy being a part of this faith community. To me, we are bound in Christ! Across the generational spectrum, Temple provides the context for us to minister and serve together. How blessed we are to serve in a church which embraces that atmosphere! We are a growing family, but we also remain a connected family! Thanks be to Him!

Of course, when I say that I love living life with you all, I recognize that experience goes beyond Sundays. Each day, my life is enriched by our ministry together. It may be a simple conversation on the street or a visit in the hospital. It may be seeing you at a children's camp or serving with you on a mission trip. It may even just be the acknowledgment that we are "on mission" together everyday. In any case, I want to say thanks for allowing my family and me to live with you. We are much better for it!

As we approach the next few days together, I ask you specifically to pray for our upcoming WinShape camp. We have around 275 signed up for WinShape already! Pray

that God will direct the camp leaders as they positively influence the students in their relationships with Jesus Christ. Also, lift up our college students as they continue to serve throughout the nations. From U.S. cities to Canada to South Asia, these young people are taking the gospel of Christ with them. Indeed, they are undergirding our partnerships and are making a kingdom impact.

The mission of Christ . . . that is what we are called to fulfill. Lately, I've been especially convicted that we must redouble our efforts to make His name known in Ruston and beyond. We must be willing to do whatever it takes to declare His glory to our neighbors and the nations! Perhaps no greater example of that determination has been found than that of the Ripkens. Nik and Ruth committed their lives to carrying the Gospel to unreached peoples. They experienced both sorrow and victory as they served faithfully. Their testimony and their subsequent research on persecuted believers inspired a book entitled, *The Insanity of God*. If you have not read it, I encourage you to check it out. Sunday night, July 9, at 5p.m., we will watch Lifeway's video presentation of the work. Join us for this summer movie night, and let it challenge you as well! See you Sunday!

FROM THE RECORDS OF JULY 2, 2017

Worship Attendance		SS Attendance		'17	'16
9 a.m. Blended Worship Service	698	Adults	382	404	
9 a.m. the gathering Worship Service	NA	Singles/Young Adults	110	100	
11:15 a.m. the gathering Worship Service	NA	College	25	25	
Combined Morning Total	698	Youth	63	63	
7:30 p.m. Patriotic Program	577	Children	107	101	
		Preschool	95	83	
		Local	782	776	
		Off Campus	93	93	
		Total	875	869	

Sunday, July 2, 2017



Budget	\$62,907.05
Share the Light	\$3,050.00
Children's Home	\$4,859.00

Extended Session 7/9/17

9 a.m. Worship—Bobby & Karen Sanders,
Adam & Marsha Hammons, Sam & Kelly Hodge,
Roman & Jennifer Farrar

11:15 a.m. Worship—Lisa Barr, Leslie Bridges,
Kelsey Whitlock, Justin & Danyelle O'Neal, Gina Holstead

Education & Administration News

Loy Seal

July is the interlude before the back-to-school frenzy at Temple. Even though I finished my third degree thirty years ago, my clock still runs on “school time.” If anyone says 3:15, my mind still thinks “school’s out.” Another respite we have during July at Temple is that there are no Wednesday night suppers. But we will continue to have Wednesday night Bible Study in Fellowship Hall.

Soon, our Youth will be moving into their newly renovated area. In addition, Adults 8 and 10 Sunday School departments will swap rooms; details will be available during their Sunday School class times this month. Plans are also being made to begin some new classes this fall. Coming soon is our annual Leadership Summit for all Deacons, Sunday School leadership, and committee chairmen; watch for more details.

After a time of recovering from knee surgery and the birth of two granddaughters 11 days apart, I am excited to be back in the flow of things without special circumstances. I have learned that many everyday things are taken for granted, and you don’t know how much you miss them until they return.

Celebration Choir will sing in *the gathering* at 11:15 a.m. on Sunday, July 9.



Rehearsals:

July 9, 10:45 a.m., Gathering Space

Open to everyone!

No age limit and no experience necessary!

Contact Chris Albritton, chris@temple.life, 255-3745

Youth Summer Lunch with John

Tuesdays - students entering 7th or 8th Grade

Thursdays - students entering 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th Grade

Meet at the church at noon to go eat lunch.

Bring some cash to pay for your food.

Stay until 2 p.m. playing games.

Sugar for CCA

Local Mission Opportunity

We are responsible for 55 bags of sugar each month.



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!

Can't find your checkbook or offering envelope?



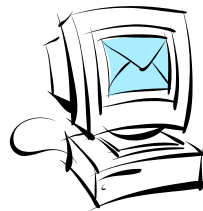
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Check out our website: giving.temple.life



The Tidings by Email

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IF YOU WISH TO MAKE A MEMORIAL OR HONORARIUM DONATION AT ANYTIME, GREEN ENVELOPES ARE LOCATED AROUND THE CHURCH.



Announcements Policy

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.

Our Newest Membership Candidates:



Billy & Rita Jarmon



Caleb Moore



Scott Felder



Jessica Dalby

The Insanity of God Movie

5 p.m. Evening Worship Service
on July 9 in the Gathering Space

Wednesday Family Night Meals

are canceled during the month of July.

They will resume on Wednesday, August 2,
at 5 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Full Wednesday schedule
at wednesday.temple.life

Thank You card has been received from...

DART

(located on the bulletin board in the Library window)

Congratulations to:

Loy and Deborah Seal on the birth of their granddaughter,
Kaitlyn Elizabeth Cielencki.

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

WinShape Camps for Communities begins on Monday! What a tremendous opportunity for us to share Christ with our community! Thank you for all that you have already done to make this week possible.

Your scholarship gifts will allow children to come to camp who could not without your support. The staffers are always so appreciative of your goodie bags and the warm welcome they receive from our Temple family. They will be joining us for worship on Sunday morning. If you have some free time next week, drop by and see what WinShape is all about! Camp is from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m.-1 p.m. on Friday (Chick-fil-A Friday Family Fun Day).

Children can still register online or they can show up Monday morning to register. If you know of someone who would like to attend, invite them to come. winshapecamps.org

If you would like to volunteer, we would love to have you serve. You can pick the days and times you would like to help. winshapecamps.org/volunteer

Please pray that God will use this time for His glory and that children all over our local area will come to know Him and grow in their walk with Christ.

CKO Camp for children who have Completed Kindergarten Only will be held July 10-13 from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Registration forms are available at temple.life or in *The Journey Place*.

We have enjoyed three great weeks of Tiny Trekker Summer Adventure Camps. We still have a few spots left for Week 5 (July 24-27) and Week 6 (July 31-Aug. 3).

Stop by *The Journey Place* to register.



WinShape Camps

July 10-14

Completed 1st-9th Grades
8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Check In & Village Training - 7:45 a.m.
in front of the church for all campers

If you haven't registered, it's not too late!
Register on Monday morning.
Cost: \$209/child

**Please pray that God will
touch each child and adult
involved in a special way.**

Deacons of the Week—July 9-15
Mike Collie & Jay Collins

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Week-at-a-Glance

CKO Camp ~ July 10-13, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. (JP)
WinShape Camps for Communities ~ July 10-14 (Family Day ~ July 14)

Sunday, July 9

9 a.m. - Blended Worship (Sanctuary);
the gathering Worship (GS)
10:15 a.m. - Bible Study for all ages
10:45 a.m. - Celebration Choir Rehearsal (GS)
11:15 a.m. - *the gathering* Worship (GS)
4 p.m. - Jr. High Mission Trip Training (Rm 81)
5 p.m. - Evening Worship | *The Insanity of God* Movie (GS)

Tuesday, July 11

12 p.m. - Jr. High Lunch with John

Wednesday, July 12

6 p.m. - Prayer Meeting/Bible Study (FH);
GROW Visitation - RED TEAM (FH);
temple-tech Summer Bible Study (Rm 216);
Youth Wednesday Night Worship (Chapel);
Children's Summer SONTastics (JP)
6:45 p.m. - South LA Mission Team Meeting (Rm 76)
7 p.m. - CORPS Meeting (Rm 270)

Thursday, July 13

12 p.m. - Sr. High Lunch with John

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

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Core Values:

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