

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

Footsteps pounding across the asphalt. Voices rehearsing cheers and songs. Hands holding spoons, basketballs, arrows, and every other imaginable recreational tool. Minds absorbing biblical passages and themes. Such is the scene this week at Temple Baptist Church as WinShape Camp takes place. Some 340 students have participated in WinShape while twenty-one other children took part in the CKO Camp. That is a lot of energy!

No doubt, it has been an active, wonderful week for all those who have been involved. As I heard the WinShape campers pass my office one day, a thought occurred to me: **"How blessed we are to have children in our congregation!"** I mean that. There are so many churches today who are struggling to reach the next generation. In many instances, the halls of the children's areas remain relatively quiet with only an occasional interruption by the cleaning crew. I am so grateful that we continue to see children and youth not only gather with our faith family but also take active roles in God's mission.

You have heard me say this often, but I continue to hold that **one of the greatest assets we have as a church is our multigenerational character.** We are not one dimensional; we do not seek to attract only one generation. Rather, grandparents can find a place of ministry just as much as their grandchildren can. The staff and I remain intentional in our efforts to maintain this multigenerational environment. We do it not just because it is a biblical model but because we believe all

generations need to hear the saving Gospel of Christ. We cannot afford to let even one generation slip away from the truth. Pray for us as we seek ways to expand our ministry and mission to reach our grandparents, parents, children, and grandchildren!

In addition, take a few moments to lift up our short-term mission teams as they go out from us. The GenSend team members, interns, camp counselors, and international summer missionaries all need us to support them through prayer. I know some recently have experienced health issues as well as family losses. And this does not account for the other spiritual attacks the accuser is bringing against them! Ask the Lord also to bless our South Louisiana mission team as they head out Monday to assist local churches in the area. **Petition Him specifically to empower our brothers and sisters with energy, boldness, and clarity.**

Last Sunday night, I was once again challenged by the testimony of Nik and Ruth Ripken's testimony as we watched The Insanity of God together. I left the gathering with the question: "Is He worth it?" Each day since, I have been contemplating that in my heart, and each time I hear the echo of His voice: "Yes, I am!" **My friends, Christ is worth everything!** He is worthy of all worship, service, and sacrifice! May we give our all to Him as we take His name to those here in Ruston, South Louisiana, Calgary, South Asia, and beyond! For HE IS worth it! See you Sunday!

FROM THE RECORDS OF JULY 9, 2017

Worship Attendance		SS Attendance		'17	'16
9 a.m. Blended Worship Service	605	Adults	428	394	
9 a.m. the gathering Worship Service	144	Singles/Young Adults	147	133	
11:15 a.m. the gathering Worship Service	275	College	39	27	
Combined Morning Total	1024	Youth	91	77	
5 p.m. Evening Worship Service	217	Children	134	122	
		Preschool	95	104	
		Local	934	857	
		Off Campus	93	93	
		Total	1027	950	

Sunday, July 9, 2017



Budget	\$70,909.60
Share the Light	\$1,518.96
Children's Home	\$4,859.00

Extended Session 7/16/17

9 a.m. Worship—Michelle Robertson, Bobby & Karen Sanders, Lindsey Billberry, Leigh Nugent, Aubrey & Ainsley Wood, Alan & Paula Trammell

11:15 a.m. Worship—Norlyn Hyde, Connie Eagles, Jonann Byargeon, Ginger & Jaina Robinson, Chris & Cydni Scroggs, Jennifer & Hannah Parker

Youth & Recreation Ministry

John Nugent

Get excited with us about the new youth room! The construction process is coming to a close, and it's looking more and more like the amazing youth room for which we have been dreaming! There is still some work to do with decorating and punch lists, but we're getting so close!!

We'll have our **Grand Opening for Youth on Wednesday, August 9, from 6-8:30 p.m.** There will be lots of food, fun, give-aways, and a concert with "We Are The Monks." **Open House on Sunday, August 13, from 3-5 p.m. will be for our entire church family.**

Not only will this newly renovated space give our youth group family more room to grow, but it will also be an excellent tool to be used in so many facets of our Youth Ministry. Please be praying that God will use this new facility to draw teenagers closer to Him and to equip teenagers to go out and faithfully serve Him.



Sewing for Nicaragua

Tuesday, July 18, 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.*

BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUPPLIES

(Ruston Mission Opportunity)

Collection Dates: July 16-August 2

Supply list will be in this Sunday's Worship Guides.

Collection baskets are located at each entrance.

The Church Office will accept cash envelopes
or checks to Temple noted "School Supplies."

Church-wide Fellowship

Sunday, July 23, at 6 p.m., Fellowship Hall

**Help us send off the Robison family
as they return to South Asia next month.**

Eddie, Kimberly, Abbie, Emma,
Annalise, and Ethan

Heartfelt Friends Promotion

Wednesday, July 19

6 p.m., Sanctuary



Ladies over 18 years of age are invited to come and hear from Mindy Lancaster whose life has been greatly impacted by being a part of one of these groups.

Sugar for CCA

Local Mission Opportunity

We are responsible for 55 bags
of sugar each month.



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

Our Newest Membership Candidate:



John Henry Nugent

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.

Congratulations to:

Gus and Laura Bertucci on the birth of their son,
Gustave Anthony Bertucci III. Proud grandparents
are George and Cindy Murphy.

Johnny's Pizza Discount Card!

Available in *The Journey Place* Office for \$10 (\$195 value).

From The Minister of Pastoral Care

Dale Oden

Where has the summer gone? It has been over a month since Vacation Bible School and over a week since our Patriotic Program; and by the time you read this, WinShape Camp will be done. In just over a month, it will be time for our **Senior Adult Summer Bible Study**.

The dates for our annual Bible Study are **August 20-23**. Dr. Argile Smith will preach for us on Sunday night, August 20 and then teach each day (Monday-Wednesday, August 21-23) from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in the Chapel. Dr. Smith is a gifted teacher who will bless your life with his insight into the scriptures. We have been fortunate to have him lead us for the past few years. This year's study will be on the book of Malachi. On Monday and Tuesday of that week, lunch will be provided for all who attend the Bible Study. So plan to join us for this special study.

Plans are underway for a **Fall trip**; the dates for the entire trip are **Sunday, October 15-Sunday, October 22**. I am making reservations for us to attend the Celebrators Conference in Pigeon Forge which is sponsored by Phil Waldrep Ministries. Phil Waldrep was with us at Temple for the Senior Adult Evangelism Conference last January. The Celebrators Conference is October 16-19 (Monday night through Thursday morning). Speakers for the conference include Dr. David Jeremiah, Dr. Max Lucado, and Tim Tebow. Music will feature the Annie Moses Band, Greater Vision, Charles Billingsley, and Veritas (group who sang for the Louisiana Governor's Inauguration). Mark Lowry will also be there to get everyone laughing.

After the conference ends on Thursday, October 19, we will journey up to Kentucky and Ohio to tour the Creation Museum and the Ark Encounter, a life-size replica of Noah's Ark. Cost for all of this will be **\$575 per person** which includes motels (going and coming), Celebrators Conference, motel in Pigeon Forge, and the Ark Encounter-Creation Museum. Meals are not included. A \$50 NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT (checks made out to Temple Baptist Church) will get you on the list.

Please pray for our group who will be leaving for the **Canadian Rockies by Train trip** next Friday, July 21. We will return to Ruston on Friday, July 30.

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.

Wednesday night's schedule
listed on the calendar below
or at wednesday.temple.life

Deacons of the Week— July 16-22
Mike Brister & Bill Cox

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Week-at-a-Glance

Back-to-School Supplies Collection ~ July 16-August 2
South Louisiana Mission Trip ~ July 17-21
Tiny Trekker Summer Adventure Camp (JP) ~ July 17-20
Senior Adult Trip to Canada ~ July 22-30
Jr. High Mission Trip ~ July 23-28

Sunday, July 16

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)
3:30 p.m. - Deacons Meeting (Rm 76)
4 p.m. - Jr. High Mission Trip Training (Rm 81);
South Louisiana (July) Final Meeting (Rm 72)
5 p.m. - Evening Worship | South Louisiana Mission Trip Commissioning
(Sanctuary)

Tuesday, July 18

12 p.m. - Jr. High Lunch with John
6 p.m. - Sewing for Nicaragua (FH)

Wednesday, July 19

5 p.m. - Summit Kids Serve Trip Meeting (JPMR)
6 p.m. - Quarterly Business Meeting (FH);
GROW Visitation - ORANGE TEAM (FH);
temple-tech Summer Bible Study (Rm 216);
Youth Wednesday Night Worship (Chapel);
Children's Summer SONTastics (JP);
Women's Ministry Heartfelt Friends Promotion (Sanctuary)
7 p.m. - CORPS Meeting (Rm 270)

Thursday, July 20

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

COME GATHER AROUND THE WORD

Core Values:

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