

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

While attending a worship service out in a country church one day, I heard a pastor offer a most unusual petition to God in his prayer. The congregation was experiencing some difficult financial times, so the pastor conveyed his request to the Lord in the following fashion: "Dear Lord, your Bible tells us that you own the cattle on a thousand hills. Lord, you know that we need resources here in our little church, so God we pray that you will take a few of those cattle down to the sale and auction them off so we can pay our bills. Thank you, Lord. Amen." Simple. To the point. And as far as I could tell, effective! Soon, their financial standing improved dramatically!

It is true that we never know how God may provide for us. Ask the Apostle Paul. Sometimes, God allowed Paul to use his trade of tent-making to make up his livelihood; while at other times, the missionary relied upon the hospitality of friends. In one specific instance, Paul recognized that the Lord had taken care of him through the local group of believers that he had birthed in Philippi. He was in need, and the Philippian church sent him aid. Paul made it clear that he had not asked for the help but that his fellow believers had responded anyway. Indeed, the Philippians had sent one of their own, Epaphroditus, to minister to


him as well. Both financial and human capital comprised the church's giving campaign!

Paul reacted to the Philippian generosity with a blessing of his own: "And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Just as he had seen his needs met through them, he believed that God would continue to provide for them. He knew that the Lord had exhaustive resources ("the riches in glory") and that they had access to those blessings through Jesus Christ. Truly, the Son had opened the heavenly treasury and granted His people the riches of heaven itself.

As we closed our Blended Worship Service this past Sunday, my friend, Bill Cox, appropriately thanked our Lord for His blessings upon us all at Temple. His prayer of gratitude challenged my spirit; and immediately, my heart overflowed with praise. How many times has God auctioned off a few livestock to provide for us! You see, God not only wants to provide for us; He can provide! He owns the riches of heaven, the cattle upon a thousand hills, the unlimited resources of the earth! It is not a question of "Can He?"; it is a question of "How Will He?" After all, He is Jehovah Jireh, the God who provides. And we are His blessed children. Never forget that!

FROM THE RECORDS OF JULY 16, 2017

Worship Attendance		SS Attendance		'17	'16
9 a.m. Blended Worship Service	554	Adults	405	389	
9 a.m. <i>the gathering</i> Worship Service	139	Singles/Young Adults	120	102	
11:15 a.m. <i>the gathering</i> Worship Service	179	College	31	22	
Combined Morning Total	872	Youth	84	85	
5 p.m. Evening Worship Service	191	Children	92	82	
		Preschool	96	77	
		Local	828	757	
		Off Campus	93	93	
		Total	921	850	

Sunday, July 16, 2017		
	Budget	\$44,205.88
	Share the Light	\$1,425.00

Extended Session 7/23/17

9 a.m. Worship—Sarah Kilpatrick, Kay Church, Sarah Davison, Lou McWhorter, Margaret Alexander, Susan Williams, Jared & Kim Little, Jody & Emily Adams, Ryan & Hollie Starks

11:15 a.m. Worship—Suzie Higginbotham, Alisia Thomason, Teena & Sarah Doxey, Stephanie & Meghan Griffin, Stan & Johnna Cronk, Jenny Robertson

College Connection

Casey Casady

We are closing in on one of the most important events each year in our College Ministry, Beach Retreat. Incoming freshmen have been contacted by us all summer with the hope that they would join us from August 17-21 in Panama City for this awesome event. Over 500 students have visited our booth at the Organizational Fair during LA Tech Orientation. Here are some specific needs for which you can pray.

- Pray for the Holy Spirit to move students to attend Beach Retreat.
This event is a great kickoff to the spiritual life of each student who attends.
- Pray for our speaker, Daniel Berry, Pastor of Calvary Church in West Lafayette, Indiana.
- Pray for Chris Albritton and the Midweek Band as they lead us in worship.
- Most importantly, pray for students to hear and receive the call of God on their lives for the coming college year and be moved to serve Him through obedience, service, and missions.
- Pray for students to be focused on God's purposes and promises this year.

Thank you for your support and prayers. If you would like to sponsor a college student to attend Beach Retreat, call the College Ministry Office, 255-6184, and speak with Casey or Michelle. If you know of a student who would benefit from joining us during this special time of focus, direct them to beach.templetech.org.

Join your heart in prayer with ours, and let us continue to impact the world through the discovery, development, and deployment of college students around our state, country, and world.

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Kitchen Clean Up Day

July 25, 8 a.m.-noon, Fellowship Hall Kitchen

Come and Go beginning at 8 a.m. until it is clean!



the family of Joyce Bruce,
mother of Kimberly Kleinpeter.
the family of Glinda Hammons,
mother of Jillian Burns and
grandmother of Isabelle and Meadow.

Can't find your checkbook or offering envelope?



Online giving is available!

Check out our website: giving.temple.life



Johnny's Pizza Discount Card!

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

Our Newest Membership Candidate:



Ashley Miller

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



WinShape Camps

WinShape 2017 is in the books and it was an awesome week! We are thankful for your tremendous support of WinShape Camps for Communities. It is a huge opportunity for us to share the love of Christ with our community and surrounding areas. These are some of the statistics:

340 campers

12 families with no church affiliation

18 professions of faith

15 campers received WinShape Medal of Success Scholarships

35 campers attended camp because you gave generously allowing those to attend who otherwise could not

102 awesome volunteers who made this week happen

Thank you, Temple family, for your outpouring of love and support!

Children's Summer SONTastics has been canceled for July 26.

Childcare for those 3 years and under is available for Prayer Meeting/Bible Study.

CHILDREN'S M³ (MISSIONS, MUSIC, & MORE!)

Kick-off: Wednesday, August 9, 6 p.m., Gathering Space.

Classes begin Wednesday, August 16, 5:45 p.m., *The Journey Place*.

Teachers and Helpers are needed!!!

Contact: Missions - Sally Hearn, sally@temple.life, or Music - Jeremy Asher, jeremy@temple.life, 255-3745

MUSIC MINISTRY

Jeremy Asher

As most of you are aware, the choir and orchestra take a little bit of a summer break during the month of July. Do you miss them? I know I do, but it has been good to have a change of pace for July. Don't worry, though! The Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra will return to lead worship in our Sunday morning Blended Worship Service beginning Sunday, August 6. We will meet at the regular rehearsal time (call time is 7:58 a.m. for Orchestra, and 8:30 a.m. for Sanctuary Choir).

Wednesday rehearsals for choir and orchestra will resume on Wednesday, August 2, at 6:45 p.m. If you are interested in singing or playing with us, please give us a visit on our first rehearsal. We would LOVE for you to join us as we exalt the name of the Lord together. God is drawing us closer to Him, and I pray that you seek His face, seek His plans, and fulfill His purpose in your life and in His church!

BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUPPLIES

(Ruston Mission Opportunity)

Collection Dates: July 16-August 2

Supply list will be located
around the church
and at supplies.temple.life

Collection baskets are located
at each entrance.

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

Deacons of the Week— July 23-29
Donnie Barmore & Jim Davison

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Week-at-a-Glance

Back-to-School Supplies Collection ~ July 16-August 2
Tiny Trekker Summer Adventure Camp (JP) ~ July 24-27
Senior Adult Trip (Canada) ~ July 22-30
Jr. High Mission Trip (New Orleans, LA) ~ July 23-28
Summit Kids Serve (Arlington, TX) ~ July 24-26

Sunday, July 23

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 p.m. - Calgary (July) Family Mission Trip Final Meeting (Rm 76)
5 p.m. - Evening Worship | Calgary Mission Trip Commissioning
(Sanctuary)
6 p.m. - Church-wide Fellowship for the Robisons (FH)

Tuesday, July 25

8 a.m. - Kitchen Clean Up Day (Kitchen)

Wednesday, July 26

6 p.m. - Prayer Meeting/Bible Study (FH);
GROW Visitation - WHITE TEAM (FH);
temple-tech Summer Bible Study (Rm 216);
Youth Wednesday Night Worship (Chapel)
6:45 p.m. - Nicaragua Medical Team Meeting (Rm 76)
7 p.m. - CORPS Meeting (Rm 270)

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