

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

Temple Baptist Church. For the founders of our congregation, each word of our name carried significance, but I'd like to focus your attention for a moment on the Baptist component you find there. We are Baptists. In fact, **we are Southern Baptists.** What some individuals may not realize is that we voluntarily cooperate with the Southern Baptist Convention. Our facilities are not owned by a denomination, our doctrine is not set by a select group of theologians, and our orders are not issued from some office in Nashville. For us Baptists, the local church is the primary vehicle through which God accomplishes His ministry and mission. We are an autonomous group of believers under the Lordship of Christ. So you may ask, why do we choose to be called Southern Baptists?

First, we find in our fellow Southern Baptist churches a like-minded doctrinal spirit. For years, our Baptist battle cry has been, "We are a people of the Book!" We have rejected the authority of creeds and traditions while insisting that the Bible alone governs our faith and practice. And while we have not always followed the Scripture perfectly, we continue to embrace the Bible as God's infallible, eternal Word. Other denominations have already capitulated on this issue and compromised with the world's (im)moral worldview, but we have remained committed to biblical truth. (I do want to say that if our denomination ever forsakes biblical teachings, you would not call me Southern Baptist any longer; you would call me gone!) We stand firmly upon the Scripture as our ministry and missional foundation, and we have expressed

that collectively through a confessional framework. With this unifying principle, we can work together to advance the Kingdom.

Second, we voluntarily relate to other Southern Baptist churches for the specific purpose of extending the name of Christ throughout the world. While we are grateful that the Lord allows us to send short-term and long-term teams from Temple, we believe that we exponentially multiply our missionary efforts by combining our resources with other churches. In other words, we can do more together than we can do alone. The Southern Baptist Convention itself was established in 1845 for the purpose of "eliciting, combining, and directing the energies of the Baptist denomination of Christians, for the propagation of the gospel." Our concerted "energies" enable us to have greater missionary thrust! Together, our voices can be heard in more places at more times. That is the primary reason we have decided to join with our Southern Baptist siblings in the ministry.

Temple has been committed to missions for years, and our faith family continues to expand that commitment. **Whether it is through short-term teams, like those to Dallas, New Orleans, and Calgary, or through our unified tithes and offerings, the church remains steadfast in its determination to make the greatness of Jesus Christ known!** We do it both individually and collectively! How blessed I am to serve such a gospel-driven group of believers!

FROM THE RECORDS OF JULY 23, 2017

Worship Attendance		SS Attendance		'17	'16
9 a.m. Blended Worship Service	580	Adults	447	411	
9 a.m. <i>the gathering</i> Worship Service	124	Singles/Young Adults	115	138	
11:15 a.m. <i>the gathering</i> Worship Service	193	College	25	31	
Combined Morning Total	897	Youth	89	78	
5 p.m. Evening Worship Service	211	Children	125	92	
		Preschool	97	106	
		Local	898	856	
		Off Campus	93	108	
		Total	991	964	

Sunday, July 23, 2017



Budget	\$35,284.85
Share the Light	\$5,558.96

Extended Session 7/30/17

9 a.m. Worship—Amy Breaux, Brandi Spurlock, Donna Hood, Lindsey Purvis, Marco & Emily Born, Joey & Jana Gulledege, Tonya Duggan, Jennifer Paul, Jennifer & Ainsley Riley

11:15 a.m. Worship—Charles & Jon Anne Winstead, Byron & Cheryl Williams, Suzanne Tyler, Michael & Jana Davis, June & Amanda Meng, Hana Le

YOUNG ADULT News

Jason Walsworth

In just over a week, I will join our Calgary Mission team as we make our way up North to serve the Lord along with some new partners. I am thankful for the work the Lord is doing there and excited to serve with some of our great families and young professionals. We will be putting on some Soccer Camps during the day and hosting two big Block Parties. I am sure we will be doing some Prayer Walking and Canvassing at some point to help spread the word about two new churches starting around Calgary. Please pray for us and for our time there. Chris Flora and Bo Neal are two guys we will be working closely with there. Pray for many kids to come, for the Lord to miraculously improve our soccer knowledge and skill set, for the many families going, and those with whom we will have a chance to share the Gospel. I look forward to sharing next month all about our trip.

Thank you for all the feedback from the last time I wrote, I didn't know we had so many Shrimp Basket fans at Temple! Also if you are interested in any of the books I listed, Mrs. Hilda Grafton has ordered for our Library every book we did not already have. Be sure to check with her if you can't find something. She is great about keeping new arrivals stocked. Our Library is a great resource for you and your kids or grandkids.



Sewing for Nicaragua

Tuesday, August 1, 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.

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.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUPPLIES

(Ruston Mission Opportunity)

Collection Dates: July 16-August 2

Supply list are 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."

Thank You cards have been received from...

The Griffins: Matt, Stephanie, Justin, and Meghan

and D.A.R.T.

(Located on the bulletin board in the Library window)



A Women's Bible Study Conference

It's Not an Event. It's a Movement!

Saturday, September 23

9 a.m.—4 p.m.

Temple Baptist Church, Ruston, LA

Doors open at 8 a.m.

EARLY BIRD TICKETS ONLY \$15

Through August 1, available at www.heartfeltministries.org or Church Office

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NICARAGUA FEED THE CHILDREN OFFERING

TEMPLE SUPPORTS DAILY FEEDING STATIONS FOR IMPOVERISHED CHILDREN IN TWO VILLAGES IN NICARAGUA. EVEN JUST \$1 PER TEMPLE MEMBER PER MONTH WOULD SUPPORT THE PROGRAM! BE A PART OF MEETING THESE NEEDS IN THE NAME OF CHRIST!

*"As you did it to one of the least of these...you did it to me."
-Matthew 25:40*



the family of Kay Asher, mother of
Jeremy and grandmother of Anna,
David, and Daniel.

the family of Minnie Davis,
sister of Betty Harris.

the family of Thomas Williamson, father of Tonya Wade
and Keith Williamson; grandfather of Blake and Lauren
Wade, and Taylor Williamson.

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

CHILDREN'S M³

(MISSIONS, MUSIC, & MORE!)

Kick-off: Wednesday, August 9, 6 p.m.,
The Journey Place Multipurpose Room

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

Congratulations to:

Cole and Brooke Bishop on the birth of
their son, Beau Ford Bishop.

Todd and Brandi Whitlock on the birth of their son, Cohen
Jack Whitlock. Proud sisters are Mia and Reese.

Proud grandfather is Howard Whitlock and
proud great grandmother is Susie Woodward.

Neighbors and Nations

Ben Jernigan

Luke 19:10 says that Jesus came to seek and save the lost. What a joy to be found by Jesus and come to faith in Him!
This message of salvation is the heartbeat of our church, and moves us to share this hope with others!

Over this next month we will have three teams following Jesus in faith across the globe and one headed to New Orleans. Another team just returned from South Louisiana! This week, our junior high students are in New Orleans, LA working and serving through the MissionLab at New Orleans Baptist Seminary. Please pray for these students as they go and serve!

Also this coming week, several families and young adults are headed to Calgary, Alberta, Canada, to do Soccer Camps and work with Southwinds Church. This team will conduct soccer camps in two different communities where new churches will be planted in the near future. Please pray for our team as they travel, for opportunities to share the Gospel with people in these communities, and for the church to meet many new people and families in these communities.

The second week in August we are sending a team of four young men to South Asia. They will be working with college students in a couple of different cities, sharing the Gospel, finding persons of peace, and participating in discussions on college campuses about university life in America. Please pray for boldness for these young men as they go and that He would open a door for the message of the cross to enter the hearts of young men and women in South Asia!

Later in August, we have a medical team going to Nicaragua! We have an incredible opportunity to meet medical and dental needs of the people of Nicaragua. We will have four days of clinics in different communities. Please pray for our team as we share the hope of Jesus through meeting medical and dental needs!

School Supplies! School's (almost) back in session! Don't forget we are collecting school supplies until Wednesday, August 2, for children in Lincoln Parish. Bring them with you on Sunday and drop them in the baskets for collection!

Children's M³ News

(Missions, Music, & More)

Kick-Off Night

Wednesday, August 9 at 6 p.m.

The Journey Place Multipurpose Room

Youth News

Grand Opening for Youth Area

(Youth Only)

Wednesday, August 9, at 6 p.m.

New Youth Area

Youth Area Open House

(Church Family)

Sunday, August 13, at 3 p.m.

New Youth Area

Deacons of the Week— July 30-August 5

Robert Davis & James 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 31-August 3
Senior Adult Trip (Canada) ~ July 22-30
Calgary Family Mission Trip (Canada) ~ July 29-August 5

Sunday, July 30

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)
5 p.m. - Evening Worship (Sanctuary)

Tuesday, August 1

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

Wednesday, August 2

5 p.m. - Family Meal (FH); Menu: Philly Steak Sandwiches;
Cost: \$4/person, \$2/child under 8, \$12 max/family)
5:15 p.m. - Children's M³ (Missions, Music, & More!) Music Teacher's Meeting (JPMR)
6 p.m. - Prayer Meeting/Bible Study (FH);
GROW Visitation - GREEN TEAM (FH);
temple-tech Summer Bible Study (Rm 216);
Youth Wednesday Night Worship (Chapel)
6:45 p.m. - Orchestra Rehearsal (Sanctuary);
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room);
South Asia Mission Team Meeting (Rm 76)
7 p.m. - CORPS Meeting (Rm 270)

Thursday, August 3

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



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