

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

It is hard to believe that our summer is quickly coming to an end—especially since the oppressive heat remains! Yet August is here; and soon, students and teachers will be returning to school. (I know you educators hate to hear that!) In my perspective, this summer has been a memorable season of ministry and mission. In virtually every area of Temple Baptist Church, we have witnessed God's incredible presence and power. Take missions for example. We have trekked across the globe in an effort to share the Gospel of Christ. From Los Angeles to East Asia, from Detroit to Calgary, from Chicago to West Palm Beach, from Boston to Montana, from New Orleans to Arlington, from Portland to South Asia, our teams ministered and proclaimed the Good News.

In addition, we have continued His work right here in Ruston. We have gathered to celebrate and worship. We have studied together and experienced authentic fellowship. We have even reached out to our community through events like Vacation Bible School, WinShape, and the Faith & Freedom patriotic program. And we have seen people come to know Christ and be baptized! We have seen relationships restored and sins forgiven! In other words, there has been no summer vacation

for the Temple family. We have been about His business! And we have seen His blessing!

I point out this reality not to brag but to express thanks. First, I am grateful that God allows us to experience such work and blessing. Without His invitation to join Him, we would be left to fend for ourselves. Second, I am appreciative of a leadership team that communicates both vision and determination. Our leadership staff is truly committed *to love Him fully and follow Him faithfully*. Third, I am thankful for the hands and feet that move the ministry. I am thankful for you! Without you all, the work would not be accomplished.

Yes, the 2018 summer is coming to an end, but its activities will have a long-lasting impact. (We are going to see more fruit—specifically baptisms—over the next few weeks!) And we still have a lot of work to do! The month of August is going to provide some great opportunities for us as folks return from both mission and vacation. Whether it is the ReGROUP Conference for leadership training or The Block Party at The Springs (formerly Barnett Springs), we will have some tremendous moments to continue the momentum. Be a part of what He is doing in and through Temple! And invite others to come along for the ride! You are loved! See you Sunday!

FROM THE RECORDS OF JULY 29, 2018

Worship Attendance		SS Attendance		'18	'17
9 a.m. Blended Worship Service	568	Adults	452	424	
9 a.m. <i>the gathering</i> Worship Service	130	Singles/Young Adults	96	114	
11:15 a.m. <i>the gathering</i> Worship Service	229	College	35	33	
Combined Morning Total	927	Youth	71	72	
6 p.m. Evening Worship Service	186	Children	111	81	
		Preschool	97	85	
		Local	862	832	
		Off Campus	93	119	
		Total	955	925	

Sunday, July 29, 2018



Budget	\$36,060.83
Share the Light	\$1,480.00

Extended Session 9/5/18

9 a.m. Worship—Bobby & Karen Sanders, Sam & Kelly Hodge, Bill & Laura Davis, Taylor Davis, Brandon & Jordan Hearn, Jody & Emily Adams, Sara Moore

11:15 a.m. Worship—Lisa Barr, Kelsey Whitlock, Ann Marie Queen, Daniel & Amanda Reynolds, Gina Hostead

Minister of Community Evangelism

George Lee

The Block Party at The Springs on Saturday, August 18, from 4-6:30 p.m. will be hosted by Temple. What's The Springs? I'm so glad you asked! If you haven't heard, The Springs (formerly Barnett Springs Baptist Church) is a new work we are undertaking in the Barnett Springs community. Relationships are the currency of God's Kingdom; and as we begin to build relationships in the community through the church, we expand the Kingdom!

Many of our church family have already signed up to help with setting up and breaking down, food prep, serving, and even face painting! If you would like more information about The Block Party at The Springs, please contact George at 318-255-3745 or george@temple.life. Let's embrace the love of Christ starting in our hearts, surfacing in our homes, and spreading to our community!

ReGROUP Conference 2018: Louisiana Baptists' premier training event for ALL Sunday School Leaders

Call the Church Office today to reserve your spot!

Saturday, August 11

Temple Baptist Church is the host church.

Early Bird Session 8:15 a.m.

General Sessions/Mega Breakouts 9:30 a.m.-3:15 p.m.

Eric Thomas - Keynote Speaker & Pastors/Staff

Liz Sherrer - Adults

David Bond - Young Adults

The Museum & Jeremy Asher - Worship Leader

Chris Kroll & Stuart Sasser - Youth

Mark Jones - Children

Jenni Carter - Preschool

Launch Training for Mission Teams

This is a mandatory training for all first-time international team members.

Sunday, August 5 | 4:45 p.m. | Room 81

OR

Wednesday, August 15 | 6:45 p.m. | Room 81

Contact: Ben Jernigan, ben@temple.life, 255-3745

The Journey Place will be closed Thursday, August 9, for carpet cleaning.

Senior Adult Summer Bible Study

Sunday, August 19 | 6 p.m. | Chapel

Monday-Wednesday, August 20-22
9:30 a.m. | Chapel

Lunch: Monday and Tuesday | Fellowship Hall

Dr. Argile Smith: Teaching the book of 1 Peter

Everyone is invited to attend.

Sugar for CCA

Local Mission Opportunity

We are now responsible for 75 bags of sugar each month.



Can't find your checkbook or offering envelope?

Online giving is available!

Check out our website: giving.temple.life



Our Newest Membership Candidates:



Dennis & Mildred
Smith



the family of Jean Alice Kerns,
grandmother of Hannah Jernigan.

Thank You cards have been received from...

Louisiana Baptist Children's Home & Family Ministries
(Located on the bulletin board in the Library window)

M³ **Missions, Music, and More!**

MUSIC TEACHERS AND HELPERS ARE NEEDED!!!

Leadership Meeting: Wednesday, August 8 | 5:15 p.m.

The Journey Place Multipurpose Room

Kick-off: Wednesday, August 15 | 5:45 p.m.

The Journey Place Multipurpose Room

Classes begin: Wednesday, August 22 | 5:45 p.m.

The Journey Place

Contact: Music - Jeremy Asher, jeremy@temple.life, 255-3745

The Journey Place Tiny Trekkers & Summit Kids Sally Hearn

What a wonderful summer it has been! Thank you, Church Family, for the many ways you have contributed to Children's Ministry this summer! We could not do it without YOU! We have seen children come to faith in Christ, grow in their walk with Him, and share His love with others. I am so thankful for the privilege to serve Him here in this place!

I was so proud of our 5th and 6th graders (and our incredible leaders) who served at **Mission Arlington** last week. We had the opportunity to sort clothes, linens, and books. We helped families in a medical clinic. We shared Jesus with children at an apartment complex through games, activities, and Bible stories. We delivered cases of water and tea to families in two other apartment complexes. Thank you to our awesome chaperones: Jeremy and Catherine Asher, Carole Carson, Donald and Mary Frances Colvin, Karen Evans, Clayton Hearn, Destiny Maxwell, and Kalea Nelson who went above and beyond to make everything run smoothly. I am so grateful for the opportunity to be a part of this wonderful ministry!

Our Wednesday night children's activities will begin on August 15 at 5:45 p.m.. **M³ (Missions, Music, and More!)** is for children who are in 3-year old Sunday School-Grade 6. Childcare is provided for children 2 and under from 6-7 p.m.

ReGROUP Conference will be held on Saturday, August 11. I want to encourage all of our SS leadership to attend. Mark Jones will be here to lead two sessions for our Children's Leaders. Mark is an outstanding leader in Children's Ministry. This is a tremendous opportunity for us to hear from him as well as Jenni Carter who serves with the Georgia Baptist Mission Board in Children's Ministry.

WEEKday Ministry will begin the week of August 27. We are looking forward to a great year. Gina Holstead, **WEEKday** Director, has set the theme for the year as We "BEE"long to Jesus. Our preschoolers will be learning The Beatitudes this year.

As we begin a new school year, be in prayer for all of our teachers and children. May our teachers be filled with the confidence, passion, and strength to lead well. I pray that children will stand boldly in their faith and be the light that God has called them to be.

Missionary Welcome Back Reception

for Sarah McCorkle,
the Joseph McWhorter family,
and the Eddie Robison family

Sunday, August 5

7 p.m. ~ Following Evening Worship

Fellowship Hall



Deacons of the Week—August 5-11
Zack Spivey & Brian Spurlock

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Week-at-a-Glance

Beach Retreat ~ August 10-14

Sunday, August 5

9 a.m. - Blended Worship | Baptism (Sanctuary);
the gathering Worship (GS)
10:15 a.m. - Bible Study for all ages
11:15 a.m. - *the gathering* Worship (GS)
4:45 p.m. - Launch Training (Rm 81)
6 p.m. - Evening Worship Service (Chapel)
7 p.m. - Missionary Reception (FH)

Wednesday, August 8

9 a.m. - Quilting/Sewing (FH)
5 p.m. - Family Night Meal (FH; Menu: Fried Fish;
Cost: \$4/person, \$2/child under 8, \$12 max/family)
5:15 p.m. - M³ (Missions, Music, & More!) Leadership Meeting (JPMR)
6 p.m. - Prayer Meeting/Bible Study (FH);
GROW Visitation - RED TEAM (FH);
temple-tech Summer Bible Study (Rm 76);
Youth Wednesday Night Worship (Youth Rm)
6:45 p.m. - East Asia Mission Trip Team Meeting (Rm 81);
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm)
7 p.m. - CORPS Meeting (Rm 270)

Saturday, August 11

LBC Sunday School "ReGROUP" Conference

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