

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

"You still have old people here!" Such was the observation I heard in a recent conversation about our church, and within the expression itself, I sensed both surprise and joy at the realization. The individual seemed to be so happy about it! Of course, I affirmed the truthfulness of the statement as I recognized that we do have senior adults in our faith community. (We even have two of the oldest residents of Ruston in our congregation—Dwight Anderson and Dale Oden!) But I had forgotten how having senior adults in our church is part of our distinctive characteristic. We at Temple are part of a **multigenerational** family seeking to become authentic followers of Jesus Christ. We are composed of older adults, middle-age adults, young adults, youth, and children. And how blessed we are that all generations find a home at Temple!

Consider for a moment our upcoming month of ministry. This weekend, our *temple-tech* College Ministry will take its largest group ever to its annual **Beach Retreat**. Over 180 college students will attend (104 freshmen!), along with about 40 adults and families. I think that is incredible! Pray for everyone's safety as they travel, for God to work in their midst, for the Holy Spirit to speak through Dr. Galen Turner, and for decisions of salvation/recommitment to occur.

On Wednesday, August 15, our campus will be overrun with children as we kick off our **M³ (Missions, Music, & More!)** fall activities. Between music and missions, our children will experience the worship and work of Christ. And while that

takes place, our youth will continue to gather for their **Youth Wednesday Night Worship**.

Then as we move on in August, we will begin our **Senior Adult Summer Bible Study**. Dr. Argile Smith will return to lead us in our study of 1 Peter. I always love hosting Dr. Smith and hearing him teach God's Word.


And certainly, I could list many other activities which cut across the generational spectrum this month, but these highlight the point I want to make—how many churches have a well-attended college beach retreat one week, and within a few days of that, transition not only to children's/youth activities but also host a fruitful senior adult Bible study? Not many! I say again, we are blessed! Yes, we have old and young! We have grandparents, parents, and children! **We have a multigenerational faith family! And that is the way it should be!** Would you ask the Lord to continue to add all generations to our membership? Would you work with me to ensure we see that diversity among our membership? I hope and pray you will.

As I close, I do ask you to join me in interceding for our Educators as they begin a new academic year. Pray that God will use each one of them to impact his/her students for Christ. Also, continue to lift up our Associate Minister of Music Search Committee as well as our Minister to Young Adults Search Committee as they do their work.

You are loved, Temple Baptist Church! See you Sunday!

FROM THE RECORDS OF AUGUST 5, 2018

Worship Attendance		SS Attendance		'18	'17
9 a.m. Blended Worship Service	553	Adults	445	418	
9 a.m. <i>the gathering</i> Worship Service	138	Singles/Young Adults	114	116	
11:15 a.m. <i>the gathering</i> Worship Service	204	College	36	29	
Combined Morning Total	895	Youth	96	83	
6 p.m. Evening Worship Service	195	Children	118	96	
		Preschool	113	99	
		Local	922	841	
		Off Campus	93	99	
		Total	1015	940	

Sunday, August 5, 2018		
	Budget	\$72,304.73
	Share the Light	\$1,525.00

Extended Session 9/12/18
9 a.m. Worship—Jada Walsworth, Doug & Missy Gibbons, Lindsey Billberry, Leigh Nugent, Aubrey & Ainsley Wood, Royce & Sharon Norman, Alan & Paula Trammell
11:15 a.m. Worship—Norlyn Hyde, Rachel Sibley, Brandi Whitlock, Chris & Cydni Scroggs, Jennifer & Hannah Parker

The Journey Place

Tiny Trekkers & Summit Kids

Sally Hearn

Join us as we begin a new year of M³ (Missions, Music, and More!)

3 year olds - Kindergarten | Wednesday nights | 5:45-6:45 p.m.

Grades 1-6 | Wednesday nights | 5:45-7 p.m.

Childcare provided for children 2 years and younger during Prayer Meeting time.

Grade 2-6 Girls and Moms

Join us for Secret Keeper Girl Masterpiece World Tour

Saturday, September 8

Event time: 3:30-6 p.m. (Departure time TBD)

Cypress Baptist Church, Benton, LA

\$20/person

Visit secretkeepergirl.com to find out what Secret Keeper Girl is all about!

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.

Heartfelt Friends

Sign up has begun for

“Heart Moms” & “Heart Sisters.”

Forms are available

in the Church Office

or in your Sunday School class.



Heart Moms Orientation Meeting

Sunday, August 19 | 4:30-5:30 p.m. | Room 216

OR

Monday, August 20 | 5:30-6:30 p.m. | Room 216.

Group meetings will begin in September.

The Tidings by Email



If you would like to receive *The Tidings* via email rather than through the postal service, please call the Church Office at 255-3745. You may also access it on our website at tidings.temple.life.

Adopt an International Student

Sunday, August 26 | 5 p.m. | Room 76

Did you know there are close to 1 million international students studying in the US each year and an estimated 80% of these never set foot in an American home? Come and learn how you can reach out to the nations without ever leaving Ruston.

Launch Training for Mission Teams

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

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

Sign up in Sunday School this week!

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



the family of Andrew Wood, grandson of Sophia Wood; the family of Joetta Burris, mother of Gordon Williams, grandmother of Gerry Williams.

Sugar for CCA

Local Mission Opportunity

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



TUTORING OPPORTUNITY

If you have 30 minutes during the school day once a week that you could help a first grade child with reading or math, please contact Edith Hawkins at emhawkins@suddenlink.net or 255-1962 or sign up in your Sunday School Class by Sunday, August 26. Please pray about your participation in this great ministry opportunity.

Thank You cards have been received from...

The Ebeyers; Cathi Cox-Boniol, ACHIEVE Coordinator; Roger, Jeannie, Oddie, and John Walker; Joan Minn
(Located on the bulletin board in the Library window)

Congratulations to:

Josh and Ashley Walpole on the birth of their daughter, Declynn Elaine. Proud brother is Waylon.
Proud grandparents are Mike and Pam Walpole and great-grandmother is Mable Best.

The Block Party at The Springs

(Mission Opportunity)

Saturday, August 18

4-6:30 p.m. | 1601 S Barnett Springs Ave

Let's embrace the love of Christ starting in our hearts, surfacing in our homes, and spreading to our community!

Contact: George Lee, IV, george@temple.life | 255-3745

Thank you for the wonderful array of school supply donations. There was such an outpouring of love for students.

Education & Administration News

Loy Seal

The ReGROUP conference for Sunday School Leadership is being hosted by Temple this Saturday. It is not too late for Sunday School leaders to register. Please call the Church Office. The cost is only \$5 which includes a Chick-fil-A lunch.

As many of you know, Ruston Elementary is one of our adopted schools. United Way has asked if we could deliver the Food Backpacks to the school each Thursday morning. We had a successful year delivering to Lincoln Prep last year, and we will continue that again this year. I am asking for four Sunday School classes to deliver these backpacks. Duties consist of getting the boxes of backpacks (Lincoln Prep is four banana boxes) at Super 1 on Thursday morning and then delivering them to the Principal's Office. It takes 45 minutes to do this for Lincoln Prep, so Ruston Elementary should take less time! With four classes involved, your duty will be once per month beginning in September. Please call me if your class would like a great missions project that is actually pretty easy.



Missions, Music, and More!

BEGINS

Wednesday, August 15 | 5:45 p.m.
The Journey Place

3s, 4s, and Kindergarten

will have their regular Missions & Music classes from **5:45-6:45 p.m.**

Grades 1-6

will have their regular Missions & Music classes from **5:45-7 p.m.**

*Please see your check-in & check-out slip for room assignments.

**Childcare provided for children 2 years and younger

Deacons of the Week—August 12-18
Leon Stamm & George Stone

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Week-at-a-Glance

Beach Retreat ~ August 10-14

Sunday, August 12

- 9 a.m. - Blended Worship | Educators Recognition (Sanctuary);
the gathering Worship | Educators Recognition (GS)
- 10:15 a.m. - Bible Study for all ages
- 11:15 a.m. - *the gathering* Worship | Educators Recognition (GS)
- 6 p.m. - Evening Worship Service (Chapel)

Wednesday, August 15

- 9 a.m. - Quilting/Sewing (FH)
- 5 p.m. - Family Night Meal (FH; Menu: Chicken Fried Steak;
Cost: \$4/person, \$2/child under 8, \$12 max/family)
- 5:45 p.m. - Children's M³ (Missions, Music, & More!) (JP)
- 6 p.m. - Prayer Meeting/Bible Study (FH);
GROW Visitation - ORANGE TEAM (FH);
temple-tech Summer Bible Study (Rm 76);
Youth Wednesday Night Worship (Youth Rm)
- 6:45 p.m. - Launch Training (Rm 81);
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm)
- 7 p.m. - CORPS Meeting (Rm 270)

Saturday, August 18

- 4 p.m. - The Block Party at The Springs (1602 S Barnett Springs Ave)

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