

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

What a tremendous Labor Day weekend we experienced at Temple! Energy and excitement were evident as we worshipped together. But even more importantly, I believe we could sense an overwhelming manifestation of God's presence in all of our services. Once again, we saw individuals both profess their faith in Christ and join our faith family. For that, we should give praise to Him!

As we approach our "Welcome Back Sunday," I am even more hopeful that our Lord will demonstrate His grace to us. Indeed, He has been impressing His words upon my heart: *"Enlarge the place of your tent, and let them stretch out the curtains of your dwellings; do not spare; lengthen your cords; and strengthen your stakes. For you shall expand to the right and to the left, and your descendants will inherit the nations, and make the desolate cities inhabited"* (Isaiah 54:2-3 NKJV). God communicated this message through His prophet to encourage His people to prepare for a divine demonstration of His power. He was about to do something—something BIG! He was going to work in and through His nation once again.

While we are removed from the actual prophecy by several thousand years, I do believe God's Word still challenges us to discern and prepare for His movement. Don't you sense that the

Lord is up to something? Something big? And that He wants to work in and through the Temple family to accomplish that work? I do! I really do! I am convinced that He wants to perform a work that will leave us utterly amazed. So, what should we do in the meantime? Enlarge our tents. Lengthen our cords. Strengthen our stakes. Let us prepare ourselves by building the framework that He will inhabit.

I look forward to officially welcoming you back this week as we gather to witness His power and glory. We will experience dynamic worship, the teaching of the Word, and the baptism of new believers on Sunday morning. And on Sunday evening, we will give ourselves to concentrated prayer and the observance of the Lord's Supper. I have no doubt that our great God is going to manifest His presence in a tremendous way this week!

My specific prayer is that we will also use this upcoming "Welcome Back" Sunday to connect with potential members (e.g. new families in the community, new college students moving into Tech, etc.) and to reconnect with fellow members. Make a call. Send a card or text. Stop by and visit. Just ask! Challenge someone to join us this week by encouraging them in what the Lord is doing in the Temple family!

FROM THE RECORDS OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2017

Worship Attendance		SS Attendance		'17	'16
9 a.m. Blended Worship Service	576	Adults	429	384	
9 a.m. the gathering Worship Service	152	Singles/Young Adults	124	109	
11:15 a.m. the gathering Worship Service	378	College	124	58	
Combined Morning Total	1106	Youth	94	73	
5 p.m. Evening Worship Service	147	Children	123	106	
		Preschool	111	109	
		Local	1005	839	
		Off Campus	93	93	
		Total	1098	932	

Sunday, September 6, 2017



Budget	\$77,417.46
Share the Light	\$2,603.96
Georgia Barnette Offering	\$6,874.00

Extended Session 9/10/17

9 a.m. Worship—Sarah Kilpatrick, Kay Church, Sarah Davison, Lou McWhorter, Margaret Alexander, Susan Williams, Robert & Laura Amye Smith, Jody & Emily Adams, Ryan & Hollie Starks

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

Education & Administration News

Loy Seal

Everyone wants to do what is right in making **donations for Hurricane Harvey Disaster Relief**. Let me give you my perspective based on my experiences as the Louisiana Baptist Convention Disaster Relief Director during hurricanes Katrina and Rita. It is fashionable this year on social media to tell people not to give to the American Red Cross, the largest disaster relief group in the USA. I have discovered this campaign to discredit ARC is actually from a new group which wants to gain some of the disaster relief dollars for their own purposes. Southern Baptist Disaster Relief partnered with ARC and the Salvation Army in cooking over 14,000,000 meals during Katrina and Rita alone. They provided the food, and we cooked the meals. I am glad we partner with these two agencies. Did you know that Southern Baptist Disaster Relief is the third largest disaster relief group in the country, only coming in behind the Red Cross and the Salvation Army. You can make very safe donations through Temple to go to *Rolling Hills*, a very viable part of Southern Baptist Disaster Relief, and the *Louisiana Baptist Convention*.

Our **Home Bible Study Groups** will study “Go Fish” by Andy Stanley on **Sunday evenings from September 17 through October 8**. Sunday School classes will meet in homes from **5:30 – 6:30 p.m.** on these Sundays. **Childcare is available via advance registration**. Look for sign up sheets in your Sunday School class or call the Church Office. In conjunction with this, October will be a month in which we feature evangelism in Sunday School through the 3151 Challenge. Each member will be challenged to pray for three lost people, learn one gospel presentation, invite five people to Sunday School and worship, and witness to one person during the month.



Byargeon Memorial Golf Tournament
Mystic Creek Golf Course
in El Dorado, AR
Saturday, October 14

Four-person scramble
8 a.m. shotgun start

Get a team together and sign up!

Contact: Jason Walsworth, jason@temple.life, 255-3745

A portion of the fee will go to the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary Rick Byargeon Scholarship and the Rick Byargeon Missions Memorial Scholarship for short-term mission trips.

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 by Sunday, September 24.

2017 Georgia Barnette Offering
Our Goal: \$26,500

Week of Prayer for State Missions &
Georgia Barnette Offering is September 10-17

Thank You card has been received from...

Bill & Connie Turner and Ruston Elementary
(Located on the bulletin board in the Library window)



Wednesday, September 13
4-8 p.m. in Rooms 76 & 81
Goal: 15 Units

If we meet our goal, Temple members who need blood will move to the top of the list. Everyone come and give. Let's make and even exceed our goal!

TEMPLE TECH

TAILGATING

Saturday, September 9

Tailgating at 4 p.m. | LA Tech vs. Mississippi State
6:30 p.m. Kickoff

Tailgating is at the blue and white striped tent on the hill in front of the TAC. Join us for some good food and fellowship. **Menu is 2500 Calorie Burgers.**



Fall Food Roundup for Louisiana Baptist Children's Home and Family Ministries

September 3-17

A list of needed items is located at fallfood.temple.life.
Carts are located at each entrance.

Our Newest Membership Candidates:



Dawson Creasy



Hannah Jones



Ashton Garner



Caleb Clendenen

GRIEF SHARE[®] SUPPORT GROUP

Mondays, September 18-December 18
6 p.m. in Room 76
Facilitator: Linda Echols

Contact: Loy Seal, loy@temple.life, 255-3745

Celebration Choir will sing in *the gathering*
at 11:15 a.m. on Sunday, September 24.

Rehearsals:

Sundays, September 10 & 17, 3:30 p.m., Choir Room
Sunday, September 24, 10:45 a.m., Gathering Space

Contact Chris Albritton, chris@temple.life, 255-3745



Monday, September 18
6-8 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Men of every age and sons are welcome.
Come for some encouragement and fellowship.

Call the Church Office to sign up. Cost: \$5 at the door
Contact: Jason Walsworth, 255-3745, jason@temple.life

In Home Bible Studies

Go Fish by Andy Stanley

Sundays, September 17, 24, October 1, 8

Children's Ministry must have your childcare reservation
NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10.

Drop-off time will be 5 p.m. with pick-up time by 7 p.m.

Myrtle King Lunch Bunch

Thursday, September 14, 12 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Speaker: Dr. Reggie Bridges

Bring snacks for the GED program at Rolling Hills



the family of Etta Pendry, mother
of Linda Spivey and the family of
Alix Clark, daughter of Kenny and
granddaughter of Jo Ellen Clark.

The Journey Place Tiny Trekkers & Summit Kids Sally Hearn

We are in full swing in *The Journey Place*. **M³** has begun on Wednesday nights from 5:45 - 7. If you have not attended yet, come join us. We have a great time learning about missions and singing praises to Jesus. **Sunday School** meets each week at 10:15 a.m.

Our **WEEKday Ministry** began on Tuesday. We are excited about an awesome school year. Gina Holstead, our **WEEKday Director**, has lots of great things in store for this school year. We have a wonderful team established to share the love of Jesus with these children. Pray that they will know they are loved and cared for by us, but more importantly by Him.

First Grade Bible Presentation will be held on Sunday, September 24, at 10:30 a.m. First Graders will be receiving information in the mail.

Parent/Child Dedication will be held on Sunday, October 29. More information coming soon.

On a personal note....Bob and I are so blessed to welcome our precious granddaughter, Amelia Amanda "Millie" Fish. **Thank you** for your love, encouragement, and prayers for Josh, Lauren, and Millie through this journey. We are so thankful!

Welcome Back Sunday

Sunday, September 10

9 a.m. Blended Worship | Baptism
(Sanctuary);

the gathering Worship | Baptism
(Gathering Space)

10:15 a.m. Bible Study for All Ages

11:15 a.m. *the gathering* Worship |
Baptism (Gathering Space)

5 p.m. Evening Worship
& Lord's Supper (Sanctuary)

Deacons of the Week—September 10-16

Don Hogan & John Hood

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Week-at-a-Glance

LA Baptist Children's Home Fall Food Roundup ~ September 3-17

Week of Prayer for LA Missions & Georgia Barnette Offering ~ September 10-17

Sunday, September 10 (Welcome Back Sunday)

9 a.m. - Blended Worship | Baptism (Sanctuary);
the gathering Worship | Baptism (GS)
10:15 a.m. - Bible Study for all ages
11:15 a.m. - *the gathering* Worship | Baptism (GS)
3:30 p.m. - Celebration Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm)
5 p.m. - Evening Worship | Lord's Supper (Sanctuary)
6 p.m. - Sanctuary Handbell Rehearsal (Rm 213B); *temple-tech* Sunday Night Supper

Tuesday, September 12

9:30 a.m. - Women's Ministry Bible Study - Nehemiah (Rm 275)

Wednesday, September 13

9 a.m. - Friendship International (Rm 72, 76, 84); Quilting/Sewing (Rm 81)
12 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm)
3:45 p.m. - Women's Ministry Bible Study - Nehemiah (Rm 275)
4 p.m. - Blood Drive (Rm 76 & 81)
5 p.m. - Family Meal (FH); Menu: Fried Shrimp & Chicken Tenders;
Cost: \$4/person, \$2/child under 8, \$12 max/family)
5:45 p.m. - Children's M³ (Missions, Music, & More!) (JPMR)
6 p.m. - Prayer Meeting/Bible Study (FH); GROW Visitation - RED TEAM (FH);
temple-tech Summer Bible Study (Rm 216);
Youth Wednesday Night Worship (Youth Rm)
6:45 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm)
7 p.m. - CORPS Meeting (Rm 270); Ensembells Rehearsal (Rm 213B);
temple-tech Freshmen Bible Study (Rm 216)
8 p.m. - *temple-tech* Midweek (GS)

Thursday, September 14

12 p.m. - Myrtle King Lunch Bunch (FH)

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