

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

No doubt, Tech has gotten back in full swing! As the new quarter begins, I recognize the vast gospel opportunities we have all around us. Our university campus is filled with individuals who need to hear the good news of Christ and experience relationships within the faith community. I was excited that we had **approximately 1200 in worship this past week**, but I am reminded that the number represents a small fraction of our city and college. Our resolve must be to reach the nations themselves. . . even those who literally live in our backyard. This week, I encourage you to **look for "divine appointments"** to share your faith with someone around you.

Also, I ask you to consider your financial support for the missionary endeavor here in the state of Louisiana. Through the collection of what we call the **Georgia Barnette State Missions Offering**, we support church planting/compassion ministries/disaster relief/etc. throughout our own state. Of course, many of our fellow believers in South Louisiana continue to struggle with the aftermath of the devastating floods (from both last year and this year!). Through our collective giving, Louisiana Baptists have already responded to the crisis, and we will continue to assist in the effort. Rolling Hills Disaster Relief, specifically, has sent feeding, laundry, and shower units to South Louisiana and South Texas, some of which have been manned by Templites. Through local churches, they have distributed gift cards as well to affected residents. (And for our part as a church, we have not only supported Rolling Hills, but we have


also hosted teams at our church overnight and helped pack/send supplies to Rockport, Texas.)

The Georgia Barnette resources can even touch our local communities. For example, some of these funds assisted the expansion of Bethlehem Hispanic Mission in Vienna. Many of you remember that we helped this Hispanic mission get its start right here in our Temple Chapel. Now they have assumed the facilities at Vienna Baptist Church, and their fellowship is growing! Through the resources of local churches and the Georgia Barnette State Missions Offering, we will continue to see God's work accomplished among the nations . . . again even when the nations have arrived in our backyard! To date, we have **collected \$11,419 of our \$26,500 goal** for Georgia. In a time of great need, I pray we would step up and multiply our contributions to our state missions offerings!

On a final note, we are launching a **four-week study this Sunday night** aimed at challenging us to share the story of Christ with others. I encourage you to gather with your Sunday School class (and its associates!) in a home setting to study Andy Stanley's *Go Fish* and discuss what it means to live out the Christ-life daily. If for some reason you cannot make it to a home or small group context, I will be sharing the same study in the Chapel on Sunday nights. You can begin dropping your children off at 5 p.m., but they **must be picked up by 7 p.m.** Studies, (including our Chapel venue), will begin at **5:30 p.m.** Hope to see you Sunday!

FROM THE RECORDS OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

Worship Attendance		SS Attendance		'17	'16
9 a.m. Blended Worship Service	656	Adults	484	444	
9 a.m. the gathering Worship Service	166	Singles/Young Adults	145	131	
11:15 a.m. the gathering Worship Service	369	College	125	165	
Combined Morning Total	1191	Youth	112	90	
5 p.m. Evening Worship Service	183	Children	137	125	
		Preschool	117	135	
		Local	1120	1090	
		Off Campus	93	93	
		Total	1213	1183	

Sunday, September 10, 2017		
	Budget	\$48,744.89
	Share the Light	\$2,425.00
	Georgia Barnette Offering	\$11,419.00

Extended Session 9/17/17
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, Justin & Danyelle O'Neal, Heather Meek, June & Amanda Meng, Hana Le

Youth & Recreation Ministry

John Nugent

I'm always excited about our Youth Ministry here at Temple Baptist Church, but lately I have even more amazing reasons to be excited! Our Sunday School and Wednesday Night Worship attendance are the highest they have ever been. We've had **36 new visitors** since the grand opening of our youth room and many of those visitors are now attending on a regular basis. We are seeing tremendous growth because students are excited about being at church, and they're inviting friends.

I'm most excited about how God is moving in the lives of teenagers. This past Sunday, we had 4 teenagers who were baptized – 1 in *the gathering* at 9 a.m., 1 in the 9 a.m. Blended Service, and 2 in *the gathering* at 11:15 a.m. **That means that for the first time ever, teenagers were baptized in all three of our Morning Worship Services!** It's not just about numerical growth. God is working and changing lives. We have one more teenager waiting for baptism, and I'm expecting at least one more to come forward soon for baptism to let the world know that they are following Jesus Christ.

Keep praying for our Youth Ministry! God is using Sunday School teachers, friends, adults, and just about everybody to draw teenagers to Him. Pray that teenagers, teachers, and all people would remain focused and determined to pray for and guide teenagers to Jesus Christ. I'm excited, and I hope that you are excited with me about all that God



Byargeon Memorial Golf Tournament

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

8 a.m. shotgun start

(Four-person scramble, open to men & women)

Cost: \$65/player (Lunch and prizes included!)

Deadline: Wednesday, October 11

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.

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.

Where Moms Connect: A Time of Encouragement

Monday, September 18, 9:30 a.m., *The Journey Place*
Moms, come and enjoy meaningful conversation, laughter, and friendship!

Fall Choir Retreat

Tuesday, September 28

Meal at 5:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
Practice and Dessert time to follow

Invite all your friends and come join us
for the preview of the Christmas music.

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



Heartfelt Friends is starting!

October is the start-up month for our Heartfelt groups. Heart Moms, your training meeting with Mindy Lancaster is Monday, September 18, 5:30-8:30 p.m. in Room 275. Heart Sisters, expect a contact from one of your Heart Moms for date and time of your first meeting.

Our Newest Membership Candidates:



Bethani Davis



Luke & Allie Lary
(Also pictures: Andie,
Colt, & Parson)



Meredith Nichols

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:

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

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

Congratulations to:

KC and Claire Allen on the birth of their daughter, Kara Nell.
Proud siblings are Kameron and Khloe, proud grandparents
are Clark and Betty Hinton;

Tommy and Ronda Cruse on the birth of their
granddaughter, Abigail James Shaw;

Josh and Lauren Fish on the birth of their daughter, Amelia
"Millie" Amanda. Proud grandparents are Bob and Sally Hearn
and great grandparents are Robert and Margie Hearn;

Scott and Marla Smith on the birth of their son, Cannon Lee.
Proud grandparents are Dan & Edna Smith.



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

From The Minister of Pastoral Care Dale Oden

For four days in August, we had a wonderful time of **Bible study with Dr. Argile Smith**. The crowds were outstanding each day, and he blessed us with his insights into the scripture. Argile is planning to be back with us next summer, **August 19-22, 2018**.

After a couple of months break from our monthly luncheons, we begin again on **Tuesday, September 19**. We meet in **Fellowship Hall at 11:45 a.m.** All senior adults are welcome. Bring a salad, vegetable, or dessert to share. The meat, bread, and drinks are provided. You can't beat the meal for only \$1 per person!

Our program this month will feature someone that many of you will remember. **Philip Wade** is a talented musician, composer, and (more recently) a "movie producer". He is a Louisiana Tech and New Orleans Seminary graduate. Philip now serves as Minister of Music at Cypress Baptist Church in Benton. Several years ago, he was our Minister to College Students. His wife, Carole, is a sister to Ellen Davis and Graham Morris. I hope that you will join us next Tuesday and welcome him back to Temple.

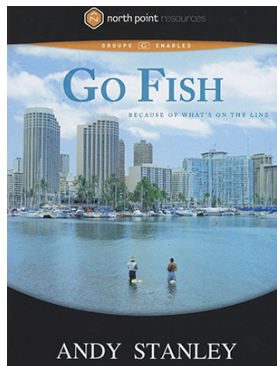
The brochures are now available for the **Holy Land Trip** that Dr. Reggie and I are sponsoring, **March 6-15, 2018**. You can pick one up in the Church Office or in the information racks in the hallways near the Church Office. The cost for the trip is **\$3,549 per person** which includes round-trip airfare from Houston, motels, and two meals daily in Israel. We are hoping to take a good number of folks with us on this trip; several have already expressed an interest in going. It is a wonderful experience to visit the land where Jesus lived and ministered.

I am looking forward to the special Sunday night studies that begin this **Sunday, September 17, at 5:30 p.m.** Many groups will be meeting in homes. Dr. Reggie will also be leading a group here in the Chapel.

In Home Bible Studies

Go Fish

by Andy Stanley



Sundays, September 17, 24, October 1, 8

5:30-6:45 p.m.

in the Chapel & Other Select Locations

Reserved Childcare: Drop-off will be at 5 p.m.

with pick-up time NO LATER THAN 7 p.m.

in The Journey Place

Deacons of the Week—September 17-23

Ivan Hood & Mack Blake

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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 17

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)
3:30 p.m. - Celebration Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm)
4:30 p.m. - Deacons Meeting (Rm 76)
5:30 p.m. - In-Home Bible Studies (Chapel or Other Select Locations)
6 p.m. - Sanctuary Handbell Rehearsal (Rm 213B); *temple-tech* Sunday Night Supper

Monday, September 18

5:30 p.m. - Heartfelt Friends Moms Training (Rm 275)
6 p.m. - GriefShare (Rm 76); Man Up Monday! (FH)

Tuesday, September 19

9:30 a.m. - Women's Ministry Bible Study - Nehemiah (Rm 275)
11:45 p.m. - Senior Adult Luncheon (FH)
6 p.m. - The Crossing Bible Study (JPMR)

Wednesday, September 20

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)
5 p.m. - Family 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!) (JPMR)
6 p.m. - Business Meeting | Prayer Meeting | Bible Study (FH);
GROW Visitation - ORANGE TEAM (FH); Youth Wednesday Night Worship (Youth Rm)
6:45 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm); Orchestra Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
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)

Saturday, September 23

9 a.m. - Women's Ministry DEEP Conference - *Deep Into the Bible* (FLC, FH, Sanctuary)

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.



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COME GATHER AROUND THE WORD

Core Values:

Authoritative Truth • Strengthening Worship
Authentic Community • Intentional Transformation
Hands-On Missions • Relational Evangelism
Compassionate Servanthood