

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

This past week, I did the unthinkable. I reached up and took my dissertation off of the bookshelf. To be frank, it is probably only the second time that I've opened the work since I finished it approximately ten years ago! I dusted off the cover, broke the book open, and began to read. The subject of my study was the evangelistic preaching theory/style of Dr. Robert Hamblin. Hamblin carried many roles—pastor, evangelist, professor, denominational leader, etc. His fingerprints easily could be found upon the evangelistic strategies of Southern Baptists for many years. He even preached a revival meeting at Temple Baptist Church back in the day! And even though Dr. Bob was an interesting figure, I admit that my work wasn't the most emotionally appealing piece of literature that I have encountered. Of course, Dr. Argile Smith once reminded me during the writing process that I could be famous or finished. (I chose the latter!) However, I did stumble over some treasured nuggets from Bob's life, theology, and sermons.


For example, Hamblin held the firm conviction that every believer was called to testify of Christ. He even determined that the early church was "obsessed" with witnessing. I love that terminology! It communicates that believers were consumed by the Good News and its impact! They were passionate about the story of Christ and were driven to share it with others. And it all grew

out of their own genuine experience with Christ. Sound familiar to Acts 4:20? This past Sunday night, Andy Stanley unpacked this verse for us and reminded us that two fishermen, Peter and John, simply spoke what they had seen and heard. (And by the way, thank God that more than 400 folks participated Sunday night in that focus!) The early believers could not "unhear" or "unsee" Christ, and neither can we! He has struck our lives, and we will never be the same!

Again, Hamblin believed the idea that "every Christian was a minister/witness" was instrumental in the early church's success; and no doubt, that stance is still imperative for the church's advancement today. As each believer is moved by his/her authentic experience in Christ, he or she naturally gives witness to that life change. And in the vein of New Testament believers, that distinctive witness finds expression in a variety of ways. Listen to Hamblin's description of their efforts: *"The church used many methods of evangelizing. They were personal soul-winners. They preached Christ. They went house to house witnessing for Christ, and they certainly used their impact on society as a method of evangelizing. . . In Acts itself, the believers use all of the facilities God gave them as tools for evangelism."* May we emulate that commitment in our day as we share the love of Christ! See you Sunday!

FROM THE RECORDS OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2017

Worship Attendance		SS Attendance		'17	'16
9 a.m. Blended Worship Service	609	Adults	412	444	
9 a.m. the gathering Worship Service	153	Singles/Young Adults	141	140	
11:15 a.m. the gathering Worship Service	349	College	124	154	
Combined Morning Total	1111	Youth	89	88	
5 p.m. Evening Worship Service	411	Children	123	129	
		Preschool	110	130	
		Local	999	1085	
		Off Campus	93	93	
		Total	1097	1178	

Sunday, September 17, 2017		
	Budget	\$48,149.35
	Share the Light	\$2,330.00
	Georgia Barnette Offering	\$16,752.00

Extended Session 9/24/17	
9 a.m. Worship	Kristie Frasier, Sally Graham, Rene Davidson, Mary Lou, Morgan & Mary Lindsay Funes, Lauren & Sydney Hull, Jared & Kim Little, Chris & Angie Taylor
11:15 a.m. Worship	Amanda Barham, Brittany Albritton, Michael & Jana Davis, Daniel & Amanda Reynolds, Kelly Guerrero

MUSIC MINISTRY

Jeremy Asher

FALL CHOIR RETREAT

Do you hear what I hear? Yes, it is time for the Music Ministry to start working on our Christmas music for this year! For those of you who have sung with us in the past but have dropped out of singing, this week is a GREAT time to join us! All of you are invited to sing with us. Our first look at Christmas music will be at our **"Fall Choir Retreat"** on **Tuesday, September 26**. A **pot luck meal** will be served at **5 p.m.** and **rehearsal will begin promptly at 6 p.m.** Please **RSVP** to Cindy in the Music Office (cindy@temple.life or 318-255-3745) to let us know you plan to attend.

Even if you are yet undecided about singing with us, I invite you to attend the retreat. I promise you, this will be a great evening of food, singing, and fun! I am excited about the opportunity to present this great Christmas music to our church and community, and I hope that you will pray for God to bring glory to Himself as we exalt the newborn King. Have a blessed week, and I look forward to seeing you at the choir retreat.



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



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 Temple Baptist Church Rick Byargeon Missions Memorial Scholarship for short-term mission trips.

In Home Bible Studies

Go Fish by Andy Stanley

Sundays through October 8

5:30 p.m. Select Locations and Chapel

Those with Childcare Reservations drop-off is 5 p.m.
with pick-up by 7 p.m.

Sugar for CCA

Local Mission Opportunity

We are responsible for 55 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 by Sunday, September 24.

Heartfelt Friends is starting!



Heart Sisters, expect a contact from one of your Heart Moms for date and time of your first meeting. October is the start-up month for our Heartfelt groups.

2017 Georgia Barnette Offering

Our Goal: \$26,500
Given to Date: \$16,752

More information about this offering
at georgiabarnette.org

Can't find your checkbook or
offering envelope?



Online giving is available!

Check out our website: giving.temple.life



Our Newest Membership Candidates:



Micah Taylor



Seth and Mallory
Smith

Congratulations to:

Hunter and Cassie Pearce on the birth of their daughter,
Harper Cate. Proud grandparents are Jim and Sherri Pearce.

GRIEF SHARE[®] SUPPORT GROUP

Mondays through December 18
6 p.m. in Room 76
Facilitator: Linda Echols

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

It's not too late to be part of this group!

Portugal (March 2018) Interest Meeting

Wednesday, September 27, 6:45 p.m., Room 76
Mission Trip is March 23-31

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Jo Ellen Clark

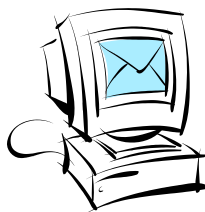
(Located on the bulletin board in the Library window)



the family of Betty Hoffman, wife of
Charles Hoffman, mother of Kathy
Shealy, grandmother of Andrew
Shealy and Lindsey Purvis,
great-grandmother of Drake &
Audrey Purvis.

the family of Gail Shepherd,
mother of Nanette Miller.

the family of Melba Smith,
mother of Jerry Smith, grandmother of
Susie Clendenen, great-grandmother of
Caleb & Chase Clendenen



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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.

SAVE THE DATE



Church-wide Mission Projects
Sunday, October 15 | 4-6 p.m.

Meet at 4 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
(In Lieu of Evening Worship)

We will be released into action to serve our Ruston
community in various ways: visit people and sing in local
nursing homes; visit and serve widows; bless the city of
Ruston and others through acts of service.

Please sign up as a Sunday School class/department
or call the Church Office.

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

College Connection Casey Casady

2-1, that is our current football record this season. We are doing well, and the season looks promising. If you haven't had a chance to make it up the hill beside the Thomas Assembly Center to our blue and white striped tent, you have really missed a treat. I want to encourage you to just stop by, visit, and grab a snack before the next game on September 30. We hope you will join us and even bring a friend.

Also, pray for your College Ministry. This weekend, we will take over 30 students to Houston to help with hurricane relief. We will be working with the North American Mission Board Disaster Relief and Clear Lake Baptist Church. The pastor of Clear Lake is a LA TECH alumni. We have to help our fellow DOGS in need! Pray for us as we travel, tromp through mud, and tell others about our Savior. If you would like to help support our efforts, you can do so by contributing to College Missions. We are excited about the experience our students will be able to have as they represent our church and their school. Go Dogs!

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A Women's Bible Study Conference

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

Saturday, September 23

9 a.m.—4 p.m. (Doors open at 8 a.m.)

Temple Baptist Church, Ruston, LA

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Deacons of the Week—September 24-30

Philip Johnson & James Jones

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Week-at-a-Glance

TT Flood Relief Trip to Houston ~ September 22-25

Sunday, September 24

9 a.m. - Blended Worship (Sanctuary); *the gathering* Worship (GS)
10:15 a.m. - Bible Study for all ages
10:30 a.m. - 1st Grade Bible Presentation (JPMR)
10:45 a.m. - Celebration Choir Rehearsal (GS)
11:15 a.m. - *the gathering* Worship (GS)
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 25

6 p.m. - GriefShare (Rm 76)

Tuesday, September 26

9:30 a.m. - Women's Ministry Bible Study - *Nehemiah* (Rm 275)
5 p.m. - Fall Choir Retreat (Choir Room)

Wednesday, September 27

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 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 - WHITE TEAM (FH);
Youth Wednesday Night Worship (Youth Rm)
6:45 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm); Portugal Mission Team Interest
Meeting (Rm 76)
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 30

3:30 p.m. - *temple-tech* Tailgating (TAC)

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