

# 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

*None of us have arrived where we should be.* That statement continues to echo in my heart and mind as I have attempted to process it more fully over this past week. Indeed, I am becoming more aware of how God wants to take us from where we are and move us to where He wants us to be. Call it transformation if you will. The Lord desires to change us all so that we might better reflect the image of His Son, Jesus Christ. Chuck Swindoll reminds us that this work is not accomplished in one instance when he writes, "Remember, the conversion of a soul is the miracle of a moment, but the making of a saint is the task of a lifetime." Our transformation is a long-term journey that is accomplished as His Spirit works within us and through us. We must recommit ourselves to this effort in our lives as we encourage others in their walk as well. I am specifically praying that God would use our Bible studies, our worship services, our fellowships, and our everyday walk together to spur us in our growth. And remember, we may not have

arrived where we want to be, but we know that we are progressing toward the goal with His help and guidance!

God is renewing me inwardly as I study for our new Sunday morning sermon series, "Jesus: The Greatest Life of All," and our Wednesday night series on 1 John. The Word so refreshes me and aids in my growth! I'm excited about the trajectory of ministry. People continue to be saved. Missions continue to advance. Fellowship is being strengthened. Worship is powerful! How wonderful it is to experience!

Keep praying for the Lord to continue His work in our midst. Lift up our staff as they seek to lead from His revelation. (Specifically, intercede for our ministerial search committees as they discern the Lord's will and as they do their work.) Ask Him to empower each and every member of Temple to embrace daily their "missionary" status. Just pray that we will seek our Lord's favor in everything we do! See you Sunday as we see Him answer our petitions!

### FROM THE RECORDS OF SEPTEMBER 23, 2018

Worship Attendance		SS Attendance		'18	'17
9 a.m. Blended Worship Service	511	Adults	387	471	
9 a.m. <i>the gathering</i> Worship Service	130	Singles/Young Adults	115	141	
11:15 a.m. <i>the gathering</i> Worship Service	188	College	61	128	
The Springs Bible Study	25	Youth	68	107	
Combined Morning Total	854	Children	109	121	
5:30 p.m. Home Bible Studies	404	Preschool	85	111	
		Local	825	1079	
		Off Campus	107	93	
		Total	932	1172	

Sunday, September 23, 2018		
	Budget	\$39,461.00
	Share the Light	\$1,050.00
	Georgia Barnette (YTD)	\$28,766.08

**Extended Session 9/30/18**  
**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, Judy Mitcham, Vivian Magee, Brandi Whitlock, Chris & Cydni Scroggs, Jennifer & Hannah Parker

# YOUNG ADULT News

Jason Walsworth



**Marriage Matters Now Conference** is Sunday, October 21, at Temple!

Temple family, I am so excited for our church to be hosting Steve and Debbie Wilson of Marriage Matters Now on Sunday, October 21, for a day of marriage enrichment. They will be leading in all of our Sunday Morning Services and teaching a couple of sessions Sunday afternoon at 4 p.m. in our Sanctuary. This is a free event and, of course, guests are welcome. So please help us spread the word by inviting your friends, neighbors, co-workers, and family!

If you have a great marriage, this event is for you! If you are currently struggling in your marriage, this event is for you! If you have been married for 30 years, this is for you! If you have been married 30 days, this is for you! Every marriage needs investments like this event to thrive. We all know marriage can be tough and I hope you will make a commitment to join us on this day. Your marriage and your family will be better for it. Childcare for afternoon session is available by reservation only. Sign up in Sunday School or call Sally or Jessica in *The Journey Place Office*.



## 6-week Bible Study on Parenting

Learn to confidently teach your kids about God.

Wednesdays through October 17 | 6-7 p.m.

*The Journey Place* Multipurpose Room

Contact: *Sally Hearn*, [sally@temple.life](mailto:sally@temple.life)

or *Jason Walsworth*, [jason@temple.life](mailto:jason@temple.life), 255-3745

TEMPLE TECH

## TAILGATING

Saturday, October 6

Tailgating at 3:30 p.m. | LA Tech vs. UAB

6 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: **Ultimate Burger Challenge**



## Women on Mission Groups

### Mary Martha Women on Mission

Monday, October 1 | 6:30 p.m. | Family Life Center

### Myrtle King Lunch Bunch

Thursday, October 11 | 12 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

Bring a sandwich.

### Missionary Round Table

Friday, October 12 | 9:30 a.m.

at the home of Erma Hudson (2305 N Vienna St, Ruston)

Reviewer: Shirley Crump. Guests are cordially invited.

## IN-HOME BIBLE STUDY



Sunday Evenings  
Through October 7  
5:30 p.m.

In select locations by Sunday School classes  
or in the Chapel.

## rightnow MEDIA

**A digital Bible Study Library is now available...and Gigantic!**

Over 18,000 videos for kids, youth, and adults

**JOIN FOR FREE!**

Go to [rightnow.temple.life](http://rightnow.temple.life) to join.  
Create your profile and explore away!

## Christian Community Action's "Soup for the Soul"

October 23, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Ruston Civic Center

Cost: \$10 (tickets available soon)



**Current Need:** Help with 45 Tablesapes

**Adopt-a-Table Deadline: October 2**

Theme: "Louisiana Festivals"

*If interested, contact Helen in the Church Office, 255-3745*

## Our Newest Membership Candidates:



Max Scroggs



Daphne Roark

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Temple's 2018 Goal = 800 boxes

You may use a regular or plastic shoebox  
OR pick up an empty box from *The Journey Place*.

Deadline to return filled boxes: Sunday, November 11



### Adopt-A-School Program

Volunteers needed for a variety of projects including: visits with the students to the nursing home, providing snacks and treats for teachers and students, assisting with Teacher Appreciation Week, "The Lending Library," as well as other projects.

Contact Sally Hearn, [sally@temple.life](mailto:sally@temple.life), 255-3745

### SUNDAY NIGHT SUPPER (FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS)

Sundays | 6 p.m.

**NEEDED: October 7 (2 people needed to Host)!**

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Casey or Emma in the Family Life Center Office, 255-6184.



the family of Frances Robichaux Bahinger, grandmother of Blair Walpole; the family of Alice Hancock, grandmother of Emily Greer; the family of Dr. Sylvia Stroops.

### Congratulations to:

Randy & Sally Graham on the birth of their grandson, Archibald Onfrey "Archie" Avinger. Proud great-grandparents are Bill & Linda Graham; Clint & Vernaughn Scott & Phillip & Barbara Washington on the birth of their great grandson, William Charles "Charlie" Wall.

*A Thank You card has been received from...*

Simsboro High School Faculty and Staff  
(Located on the bulletin board in the Library window)

## Neighbors and Nations

*Ben Jernigan*

It is great to be a part of Temple Baptist Church. The Word is preached. The Lord is lifted high in worship. Families are engaged. People are living out the Great Commission. How can we continue to push forward and reach the next generation? It will happen when we are intentionally loving God and loving our neighbors!

I am excited to hear what God is doing through our Art of Neighboring study on Sunday nights! I have heard many of our people confess of not knowing their neighbors and, at the same time, share excitement about meeting them and intentionally engaging their neighborhoods with the love of Jesus. Let's ask the Lord to do something great in our community, starting next door!

**Soup for the Soul** is Tuesday October 23. Christian Community Action is our church's local partner for food-insecure families in Ruston and Lincoln Parish. Please help us support CCA with its annual Soup for the Soul fund raiser. The lunch is easy for dining in or take out. Tickets will be available in the Church Office soon for \$10.

**Released** is upon us! Sunday afternoon, October 14, we will be released in to the community to serve various schools, ministries, and service agencies across Ruston. *Released* is a church-wide volunteer opportunity where we will intentionally serve our community. We will serve through our Sunday School classes, and this coming Sunday (September 30) you will have an opportunity to sign up for a project or your class may choose one. Childcare by reservation only. Sign up in Sunday School or call Sally or Jessica in *The Journey Place* Office. Let's bless our area through service with *Released*.

For more TBC missions stories, read our blog at [tbconmission.wordpress.com](http://tbconmission.wordpress.com) and follow us on Instagram at [temple.go](http://temple.go)

# Special Called Business Meetings

## **Deacon Nomination**

Sunday, October 14

All Morning Worship Services

## **Budget Proposal Discussion**

Wednesday, November 7

6 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

## **Deacon Election, Budget Vote, and Annual Meeting**

Sunday, November 11

All Morning Worship Services

**Deacons of the Week—September 30-October 6**

Jody Adams & Donnie Barmore

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## Week-at-a-Glance

### **Sunday, September 30**

9 a.m. - Blended Worship (Sanctuary); *the gathering* Worship (GS)  
10:15 a.m. - Bible Study for all ages; Grade 1 Bible Presentation (JPMR)  
11:15 a.m. - *the gathering* Worship (GS);  
5:30 p.m. - In-Home Bible Studies (Chapel & Select Homes)  
6 p.m. - *temple-tech* Sunday Night Supper  
7 p.m. - *temple-tech* Volleyball (FLC); Sanctuary Handbell Rehearsal (Rm 213B)

### **Monday, October 1**

6:30 p.m. - Mary Martha Women on Mission (FLC)

### **Tuesday, October 2**

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

### **Wednesday, October 3**

9 a.m. - Friendship International (Rm 72 & 76); Quilting/Sewing (FH)  
3:45 p.m. - Women's Bible Study (Rm 275)  
5 p.m. - Family Night Meal (FH; Menu: Country Style Ribs;  
Cost: \$4/person, \$2/child under 8, \$12 max/family)  
5:45 p.m. - Children's M<sup>3</sup> (Missions, Music, & More!) (JP)  
6 p.m. - Prayer Meeting/Bible Study (FH);  
*It Starts At Home* Bible Study (JPMR);  
GROW Visitation - GREEN TEAM (FH);  
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, October 4**

5:30 p.m. - Sr. Adult Game Night (FLC)

### **Saturday, October 6**

*temple-tech* tailgating (LA Tech 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