

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

Who's your one? Who is one person with whom God is calling you to have a gospel conversation this month? Maybe it is a family member that you will see during the holidays or a close friend with whom you share stories and experiences? Perhaps a neighbor, coworker, classmate, teammate, or even a workout buddy? No doubt, there are people all around us who need the power and work of Jesus Christ to be appropriated in their lives. My challenge to you is that you select ONE person who you aren't sure knows Christ in a personal relationship and share the Lord's life-giving message with him/her.

Once you have identified your one, let his/her know you care for his/her through what some call "acts of service." Take him/her for a cup of coffee. Write a note of encouragement. Text him/her, and let the individual know that you are praying for him/her. And of course, follow through and actually pray for the person! In other words, genuinely demonstrate love for your "one."

And then, just start the conversation! Perhaps you can use some simple questions to get the dialogue moving. These are some questions that might be used:

- What are your spiritual beliefs?
- How can I pray for you?
- Are you a religious person?
- Do you have a church that you attend?
- Did you grow up in church? What were taught about God? Do you believe that still?
- May I tell you about the best thing that ever happened to me?
- Will you let me share my story with you?
- What do you think it takes to go to heaven?

And of course, there are many other conversation starters you might use, but the point is that we must be having these

discussions. Such conversations actually bring life! So, this month, who's your one? Pray, connect, and share!

You see, even in the midst of politics and pandemic, the work of the church continues! We must keep sharing the Gospel with folks. Moreover, we must keep affirming leadership and practicing good stewardship. **This Sunday, you will be asked to elect 10 men out of the top 20 nominated to serve on our Deacons Council.** And wow! What a great group of guys from which to choose! Pray and follow the Spirit's leadership as you select those men. (If you are not comfortable worshipping with us on campus yet, you may drive through again and cast your ballot. A deacon will be positioned under the east portico by the Church Office, and he will provide/receive your ballot.)

You will also be asked to approve our 2021 budget. As our Finance Chairman, Ivin Hood, explained this past Wednesday, we sought to keep the budget very close to our 2020 plan. There were no "across the board" raises in ministerial or professional salaries. Only the support and custodial staff were given such increases. And as for most of the other additions to the budget? The utilities, insurance, and cleaning contracts account for almost all of the increase. And this is not truly an expenditure increase. We are already spending that much; the 2021 budget numbers simply reflect that. For all practical purposes, 2021 expenditures will remain relatively flat as compared to this year. Only \$10,000 in new Cooperative Program giving and a few other small increases have been added. Again, we are not sure what next year will bring (We never are!), but our aim was to be as conservative in our planning and flexible in our practice as possible. Thanks always for how you give and support the ministries and mission of Temple Baptist Church. See you Sunday as we continue the work!

Minister of Community Engagement

George Lee

Food distribution: This past Saturday, Temple partnered with CCA, United Way, and 180 Disaster Relief to provide food for families in Lincoln Parish. Over 1,700 boxes of food were distributed to members of our community. Each box contained fresh produce, dairy products, and meats. This massive effort could not have been done without members of our church family and community coming to serve. The food boxes were distributed in a drive-thru format, and there were over 120 volunteers involved to make sure this process was not only efficient but welcoming! This multi-ethnic and multi-generational group of volunteers greeted and guided each vehicle with joy! Volunteers were positioned along the entrance of our parking lot and around the building to direct vehicle traffic. Families that received food no doubt felt the love of Christ as they came by. We are blessed to be a blessing. Special thank you to everyone who came out to be the hands and feet of Christ! Way to go church!

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JOIN US FOR
COOKIE Decorating
Tuesday, December 8th
6:00pm

You may register by calling the church office at 255-3745 or online at holidaytemple.life.
Childcare will be available by reservation.
Deadline to register is Sunday, November 29th.
Hosted by: Temple Baptist Women's Ministry




Operation Christmas Child Relay Center
Volunteers Needed: (1-2 people per 2 hour shift)
November 16-22 | Fellowship Hall

Shifts are as follows:

Monday, November 16	10 a.m.-12 p.m. & 12 p.m.- 2 p.m.
Tuesday, November 17	10 a.m.-12 p.m. & 12 p.m.- 2 p.m.
Wednesday, November 18	10 a.m.-12 p.m. & 12 p.m.- 2 p.m.
Thursday, November 19	2 p.m.-4 p.m. & 4 p.m.- 6 p.m.
Friday, November 20	10 a.m.-12 p.m. & 12 p.m.- 2 p.m.
Saturday, November 21	10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Sunday, November 22	2 p.m.-4 p.m. & 4 p.m.- 6 p.m.

Please call (255-3745) or email Sally (sally@temple.life) or Jessica (jessica@temple.life) to volunteer.



Basketball & Cheerleading!

Early Registration: November 1-22
Boys & Girls in Grades 1-6 ~ Cost: \$75
(\$85 from November 23-29)

Register online at upward.temple.life
Brochures located around the church

Volunteers Needed: Coaches, Referees, Greeters, and Half-time Devotion Leaders

Contact: Family Life Center (255-6184)
or Emma at emma@temple.life



Family Ornament Party To Go
Register online at op.temple.life
Registration Deadline: Monday, November 30

Bag Pick Up: Thursday, December 3
5-7 p.m. | The Journey Place Parking Lot



Operation Christmas Child

Goal: 600 boxes

You may use a regular or plastic shoebox OR pick up an empty box from *The Journey Place*, Gathering Space foyer, outside Fellowship Hall, or call *The Journey Place Office* (255-3745).



Deadline to return boxes is Sunday, November 15.



Christmas Poinsettias

in memory or honor of loved ones
for display in the Sanctuary and Gathering Space

\$12/poinsettia - Payment is due at the time of reservation.
Red reservation envelopes are available throughout the church.

Reservation deadline: Monday, November 30

Temple's Newest Membership Candidates



Caleb Whitten



Lyla Scroggs



the family of **Terry Sandlin**, father of Clifton (Sherri) Sandlin, grandfather of Carlie and Andy Sandlin; the family of **Ginger Gibbings**, sister of Michael (Melanie) McCrory; the family of **Andy Johnson**, brother of Philip (Deborah) Johnson.



FINDING YOUR ONE

Not sure how to answer the question, "WHO'S YOUR ONE?" yet? Here are a few suggestions to help.



Put your one on the map at WhosYourOne.com

The flowers in the Sanctuary are in memory of John Shealy, given by the John Shealy family.

Special Called (Annual) Business Meeting
Sunday, November 8, during all services
 for the purpose of
 2021 Budget Approval and Election of Deacons

2020 Deacon Nominees (10 to be selected)

Curtis Barham	Fred Benefield
Mike Collie	Bill Cox
Robert Davis	Jim Davison
Terry Ewing	Kip Franklin
Paul Frazier	Gray Hipp
Richard Hood	Greg McCarter
Randy McWhorter	Graham Morris
Patrick Patton	Cullen Simmons
Leon Stamm	Brad Waller
Mike Walpole	Brandon Williams

Vote is Sunday, November 8

A Thank you card has been received from...
Liz Hood and family
 (Located on the bulletin board in the Library window)

From The Minister of Pastoral Care

Dale Oden

We were finally able to have our Senior Adult Bible Study (not Summer Bible Study) last week. I was not sure how it would turn out with all the COVID-19 restrictions. But we had a great week with great attendance in spite of all that was going on in our church and community. We had a little over 70 each day; most of those had not been back for any of our services at the church until the Bible study. Argile did an excellent job in teaching the book of Jeremiah. Those of us who were able to attend received a blessing from the teaching of God's Word. It is always good to have Argile and Connie with us. Hopefully, they can be with us for our 2021 Summer Bible Study next August. Argile is planning to lead us in a study of the Epistles of John.

I want to challenge you, if you haven't already done so, to participate in the **Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry**. It's a lot of fun to fill the boxes for children around the world. If you can't get out and buy things to fill a box, you can give money online and someone will do it for you. Temple's goal this year is **600 boxes**. We can do this with your help. Deadline for the boxes to be turned in is Sunday, November 15. There will be a small group going out to work at the Distribution Center in Dallas.

I hope you have taken time to enjoy the beauty of the fall season! If not, take a few minutes and walk in your neighborhood or take a ride around town and see the handiwork of our Creator. He's made a big, beautiful world for us to enjoy.

How can we help? Our staff is here to serve. You can contact them by calling the Church Office (255-3745)!

We are navigating unprecedented times, but we believe our God is still in control and can use us to share the Gospel in creative and powerful ways!

Church family, we LOVE you and are here to serve you!

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Week-at-a-Glance

Sunday, November 8

9 a.m. - Blended Worship | Special Called Business Meeting (Sanctuary);
livestream at *live.temple.life* (Blended Worship);
the gathering Worship | Special Called Business Meeting (GS);
Sunday School for all ages
10:30 a.m. - *the gathering* Worship | Special Called Business Meeting
(Sanctuary); livestream at *live.temple.life* (*the gathering* Worship);
Sunday School for all ages
5 p.m. - The Springs Worship | Special Called Business Meeting
(Outside at The Springs); Sunday School Leadership Meeting
(Rm 216)

Tuesday, November 10

10 a.m. - Senior Adult Bible Study (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, November 11

5:45 p.m. - Children's M³ (Missions) (JP); Junior High Worship (Youth Rm)
6 p.m. - Prayer Meeting/Bible Study (Sanctuary); livestream at
live.temple.life; Women's Bible Study (Rm 261); The Springs Bible
Study (Springs Sanctuary); livestream at *live.thesprings.life*
(The Springs Worship); Financial Peace University (Rm 275)
6:30 p.m. - Temple College Freshman Bible Study (GS)
7 p.m. - Senior High Worship (Youth Rm);
Christmas Program Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
8 p.m. - Temple College Brinner (Temple Parking Lot)

Thursday, November 12

12 p.m. - Myrtle King Lunch Bunch (FH)
2 p.m. - GriefShare (Rm 76)

Broadcast Hours: Sundays: 9 a.m. Channel 11 (KAQY); 9 and 10:30 a.m. livestream (*live.temple.life*)

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