

# 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 great Night of Worship & Renewal we had this past Sunday night! For those who attended, it was a tremendous time for us to lift our collective voice in prayer and song. We truly poured forth both praise and petitions before our Lord! It was powerful! And what's more, I was personally convicted in how we approach God in corporate worship.

The Psalmist's words have echoed in my mind over the past few hours: "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go into the house of the Lord'" (122:1 NKJV). Joyful expectation. That is what David was conveying then, and that is what we ought to exhibit now. Every time we gather to worship, we should approach the moment with genuine gladness. I know that can be difficult when you are trying to get kids ready, lunch prepared, etc.! Yet, when we come together with God's people, there is something powerful and dynamic! Every time! There are no "throw-away" Sunday mornings, Sunday nights, or Wednesday nights. Each moment is a special opportunity to meet with God and His family, and we should be happy for such encounters.

On Monday, I spoke with a couple who was able to attend church this past Sunday after health issues had prevented them from attending for several weeks. They related to me how encouraged and strengthened they were to be back with God's

people in the corporate context. Even as I spoke to them over the phone, their voices bore out a sense of renewal and vitality. What a testimony to the way our Lord uses such worship events! And what a challenge to us who have been afforded these regular opportunities to attend services.

I am so thankful that the Lord has granted me great health and allows me worship with the Temple family each week. I do not take that blessing for granted; instead, I gratefully want to take advantage of each worship opportunity. Life is going by too fast for me not to pause with my faith community to give God thanks!

My friends, let's recommit ourselves to making corporate worship a priority . . . and in approaching each worship event with joyful anticipation. And let's pray that He will always delight in the praise of His people here at Temple!

One last note, God is really doing some awesome things among us right now, not the least of which is expanding our community ministries. The addition of a full-time Minister of Community Engagement will only accelerate the work that is being done. On Wednesday, October 30, the Minister of Community Engagement Search Committee will make its candidate presentation. Hope you can be there for this exciting time!

### FROM THE RECORDS OF OCTOBER 20, 2019

Worship Attendance		Sunday School Attendance '19	
9 a.m. Blended Worship Service	642	9 a.m. Sunday School	148
9 a.m. <i>the gathering</i> Worship Service	254	10:30 a.m. Sunday School	775
10:30 a.m. <i>the gathering</i> Worship Service	287	First Steps	133
The Springs Worship Service	NA	Off Campus	129
Combined Morning Total	1183	Total	1185

Sunday, October 20, 2019	
Budget	\$51,677.26
Share the Light	\$300.00



### Preschool Ministry ~ First Steps

Bible stories and Bible-learning activities for our preschoolers (Babies-Kindergarten).

Sundays 9-11:30 a.m.

# Youth & Recreation Ministry

John Nugent

This school year has held some significant changes for our Youth Ministry. The biggest change is our separate worship services for Junior High and High School. I'm so glad we made this change!

Our **Junior High students, grades 6-8**, now meet on Wednesday nights at 6 p.m. in the Youth Room for worship. We've seen so many junior high students!! Maybe they feel less intimidated, maybe they like the format and games being specifically geared for younger teenagers, maybe they love being led in worship by their own junior high worship band, or maybe it's something else. But they are coming to worship together in big numbers! Every week is exciting and usually brings new faces to see what God is doing.

Our **High School Worship** happens on Sunday nights at 6 p.m. in the Youth Room. This was a significant adjustment for many of our older students, but they are also coming and experiencing God through worship services that are designed just for them. We can talk about topics and issues that apply to them specifically rather than junior high students. They have been able to talk with each other about how Scripture applies to their lives and pray for one another. This group has also grown, and we're seeing new faces come almost every week.

These two worship services seem to be increasingly different each week while more effectively reaching each group with God's Word. Pray for our students and our Youth Ministry as we continue to adapt and find ways to help students encounter God.

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## temple-tech Hike-A-Thon Missions Fundraiser!

November 15-20 | North Georgia

Church family, will you sponsor a college student per mile?

Our students need to raise over \$5,000 for International Missions.

Contact: Casey Casady, [casey@temple.life](mailto:casey@temple.life), 255-6184

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## Budget Proposal Discussion

Wednesday, November 6 | 6 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

**Special Called (Annual) Business Meeting  
November 10 for the purpose of**

- A. 2020 Budget Approval
- B. Election of Deacons
- C. Vote on Prospective Minister of Community Engagement



the family of **Charles Johnson**, father of Mark (Nikki) Johnson, grandfather of Sarah-Cate Johnson and Anna Albritton, and brother of Philip (Deborah) Johnson; the family of **Gayle Barnard**, sister of Jim Watkins; the family of **Ken Purvis**, son of Jean Purvis; the family of **Mabel Charles**, grandmother of Ann Marie (John) Queen.

## BLOCK PARTY AT THE SPRINGS

Saturday, October 26  
11 a.m.-2 p.m. | The Springs Parking Lot  
(1601 S Barnett Springs)

Food \* Music \* Games \* Door Prizes

**Volunteers Needed!**

Contact: George Lee IV, [george@temple.life](mailto:george@temple.life), 255-3745

### Foyer Christmas Ornaments Needed!

Only white, platinum, and silver Christmas balls or ornaments

Contact: Lynn Rodrigues,  
318-548-9647

There will be an **informational meeting** by the Search Committee for Minister of Community Engagement on **Wednesday, October 30, at 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.**



### Women on Mission Group

#### Mary Martha Women on Mission

Monday, November 4 | 6:30 p.m. | Home of Vickie Benefield

## MUSIC MINISTRY

Jeremy Asher

God is so good to us! My heart is full of thankfulness to the Lord and deep gratitude for all those who led and participated in our **Night of Worship and Renewal**. It was so awesome to see our choir loft filled with worshipers from nearly every age group. There was such a sweet atmosphere of joy in the Lord as we gathered to declare together that He has done great things! We also had an opportunity to cry out to Him as we interceded for those in our church walking through difficult situations, and as we prayed for The Springs and other mission opportunities. The Lord hears our prayers, and He certainly knows our every need. Thank you, Jesus, for hearing us when we pray and worship! To God be the glory!

As we near the end of October, I want you to put our **Christmas program** on your calendar. On **Sunday, December 15, at 10:30 a.m.**, the Worship Ministry will present our Christmas music. That Sunday will be a great opportunity to invite an unsaved friend, a hurting neighbor, or a co-worker who needs to hear about the hope and the meaning of Christmas. I ask you to pray, even now, for the Worship Ministry as we prepare to minister in that service and for those who will attend that day.

Have a blessed week! Remember that God is real, He is working, and He is WORTHY!

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Temple's 2019 Goal = 600 boxes

You may use a regular or plastic shoebox  
OR pick up an empty box from  
*The Journey Place*, outside Fellowship Hall,  
or the Gathering Space Foyer.

Commissioning of boxes:  
Sunday, November 17  
(Shoebox collection deadline)



**Deacons of the Week—October 27–November 2**  
Graham Morris & Eddie Moss

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## Week-at-a-Glance

### Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection ~ October 9–November 17

#### Sunday, October 27

9 a.m. - Blended Worship | Parent/Child Dedication (Sanctuary);  
*the gathering* Worship (GS); Sunday School for all ages  
10:30 a.m. - *the gathering* Worship (GS); Sunday School for all ages  
4:30 p.m. - Deacon Nominees Meeting (Rm 76)  
5 p.m. - Border Compassion Team Meeting (Rm 75);  
The Springs Worship (The Springs)  
6 p.m. - Evening Worship (Chapel); *temple-tech* Sunday Night Supper;  
High School Worship (Youth Rm)

#### Tuesday, October 29

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

#### Wednesday, October 30

9 a.m. - Quilting/Sewing (FH); Friendship International (Rm 76)  
12 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm)  
5 p.m. - Family Night Meal (FH); Menu: Grilled Chicken Breast; Cost: \$4/person,  
\$2/child under 8, \$12 max/family); The Springs Small Group (The Springs)  
5:45 p.m. - Children's M<sup>3</sup> (Missions, Music, & More!) (JP)  
6 p.m. - Prayer Meeting/Bible Study (FH); GROW Visitation - ALL TEAMS (FH);  
Junior High Worship (Youth Rm)  
6:45 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm)  
7 p.m. - *temple-tech* Freshmen Bible Study (Rm 216)  
8 p.m. - *temple-tech* Brinner (FH)

#### Thursday, October 31

2 p.m. - GriefShare (Rm 76)

**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 Playscape Hours:** Monday: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday: 2:30-5 p.m.; Friday: 9 a.m.-11 a.m.  
**Media Center Hours:** Sunday: 8:15-9 a.m.; 10:30-11 a.m.; Wednesday: 9 a.m.-12 p.m.; 1:30-5 p.m.  
**Broadcast Hours:** Sundays: 9 a.m. Channel 11 (KAQY)

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