

# 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

Every day, the church finds itself facing new cultural challenges that attempt to define its ministry and identity. Just this week, I have had conversations with others concerning legal and ethical dilemmas we are facing in our churches. Whether it is confronting abusive behaviors in our communities, wrestling with humanistic philosophies within the church, or simply seeking to promote God's intentional design of marriage and gender to our families, we are experiencing new challenges. To be quite honest, I never believed that we would face such things; but such is the reality of the day. Instead of retreating from the difficult issues, it is incumbent upon us to present solid, biblical perspectives while ministering in wisdom and grace. Yes, we are charged with pointing people to Christ in the midst of challenging times! And even though I may grow disheartened with such cultural upheaval, I also find myself encouraged. Why? Let me suggest a few reasons for confidence.

First, **God's character and His Word do not change.** We can rely upon the sure principles of the Lord to remain firm. That constancy allows me to navigate through the cultural waters with a definite message of life and hope.

Second, **the power of the Gospel is still transformative today.** The good news of Jesus Christ still changes people today. It impacts their lives and destinies as nothing else can. Thus, every

individual can experience the transforming, renewing effect of the Gospel upon his/her beliefs and actions.

Third, **the Lord provides daily, practical wisdom for us to address these issues.** Through programs and resources, we can help train individuals to minister effectively.

Fourth, **God has given us each other so that we could face challenges together.** Within the community of believers, we can find encouragement to address the immorality and irresponsibility around us. Aren't you grateful that you don't have to fight alone? I know I am!

Fifth, **the church will stand in triumph.** Although Satan will throw everything that he can against God's people, the gates of hell will not prevail against them. That is God's promise. We may lose a battle, but we are convinced He has already won the war (and we stand as victors with Him!).

I am especially blessed to be a part of the Temple family. We unequivocally refuse to comprise God's truth in these days of shifting opinions, and yet we also reject the idea of abandoning our responsibility to our community/nation/world. We speak truth, and we serve compassionately. That is the balanced, biblical worldview we embrace. Let's continue the work together and make a difference for Christ and His Kingdom! See you Sunday!

### FROM THE RECORDS OF OCTOBER 27, 2019

Worship Attendance		Sunday School Attendance '19	
9 a.m. Blended Worship Service	551	9 a.m. Sunday School	120
9 a.m. <i>the gathering</i> Worship Service	209	10:30 a.m. Sunday School	764
10:30 a.m. <i>the gathering</i> Worship Service	266	First Steps	133
The Springs Worship Service	36	Off Campus	129
Combined Morning Total	1062	Total	1146

Sunday, October 27, 2019	
Budget	\$58,290.31
Share the Light	\$2,450.00



### Preschool Ministry ~ First Steps

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

Sundays 9-11:30 a.m.

# Minister of Community Evangelism

George Lee

**What's Happening at The Springs** - Things have been going well at The Springs. Over the course of the past several weeks, we have continued to welcome new individuals and families into our Gospel Community. A gospel community is a group of people committed to doing life together through the power of the gospel. The launch of our most recent sermon series, **Better Together**, has brought with it a great expectation and renewed sense of togetherness. Just a few weeks into Better Together, we have discussed that we all need community, and we have turned to the Word of God to look at examples of authentic gospel community, like the church in Acts 2 for example.

We have begun a **Wednesday night Bible Study**, *Undivided*, at The Spring. It has pierced our hearts and provided us with another opportunity to have honest, open, and transparent conversations about racial reconciliation. It is beautiful to see people of different ethnicities and cultures come together to discuss how God's Word can bring an end to racial division.

Lastly, the **Block Party** this past Saturday at The Springs was incredible! Apparently, scheduling a block party is the secret to bringing rain to our community. With the threat of more rain and wet grounds, we considered canceling it. You may recall that the last block party was canceled due to inclement weather. We decided not to cancel, and we moved everything we could inside. We had a wonderful time and ministered to close to 100 people. A special thank you to those who came out to help us serve! Our Temple family is amazing!

If you would like more information about The Springs or ways you can get involved, feel free to reach out to me at [george@temple.life](mailto:george@temple.life) or 318-255-3745.

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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



## 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)



## Foyer Christmas Ornaments Needed!

Only white, platinum,  
and silver Christmas balls  
or ornaments

Contact: Lynn Rodrigues,  
318-548-9647

## Women on Mission Groups

### Mary Martha Women on Mission

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

### Myrtle King Lunch Bunch

Thursday, November 14 | 12 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

Speaker: Casey Casady, SEND Students

Projects: Shoe Boxes for Samaritan's Purse

## 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



### Upward Basketball & Cheerleading!

Registration now through November 30

Boys & Girls in Grades 1-6

Cost: \$75

(Additional \$12 optional basketball shorts/cheer turtleneck)

Register online at [upward.temple.life](http://upward.temple.life)

Brochures located around the church

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

**Evaluations:** December 2 & 3 from 5-7 p.m. in the Family Life Center

To volunteer, contact Ben, 255-3745, or [ben@temple.life](mailto:ben@temple.life) or Emma, 255-6184, [emma@temple.life](mailto:emma@temple.life)



### The Crossing Ladies Bible Study (Special Needs Ministry)

Tuesday, November 5 | 6 p.m.

The Journey Place Multipurpose Room

### 2019 Deacon Nominees (10 to be selected)

Dwight Anderson	Cecil Barham
Mike Barmore	Fred Benefield
Mike Collie	Kenny Cox
Robert Davis	James Davison
Bobby Ensminger	Paul Frazier
Bob Hearn	Tommy Ledford, Jr.
Rusty Mabry	Greg McCarter
Tim McCarthy	Graham Morris
Larry Neal	Glenn Scriber
Leon Stamm	Brad Waller

**Vote is Sunday, November 10**

### Congratulations to:

Seth and Lauren Scriber on the birth of their daughter, **Leah June Scriber**. Proud grandparents are Walter and Caryl Scriber, and great-grandparents are Allen and Sue Lee and Mickey and Patty Slaughter.



the family of **Bryan Hixon**, brother of Delaine (John) Moseley; the family of **Don Jones**, father of Ame (Scott) Gray and grandfather of Mackenzie Gray; the family of **Betty Jean Goodwin**, sister of Doyle Holstead.

## YOUNG ADULT NEWS

Jacob Ambrose

Our podcast is up! As I mentioned in my sermon a couple of Wednesday nights ago, we have a church podcast called "Stone by Stone." On this podcast, we will share stories about how God is building the lives and ministries of our church. Each episode will feature an interview with a different member of our church, to hear how God has worked in his/her life. The interviewees will span across all ages and ministries of our church: junior/senior high students, college students, young adults, senior adults, and everyone in between!

If you would like to listen, download a podcasting app (Spotify or Apple Podcasts is what we recommend), search for "**Temple Baptist Church Stone by Stone**," and subscribe. We will release **two episodes per month**. If an episode resonates with you in a special way, share it with someone. The Lord is already using the first episode! We hope you will take advantage of this discipleship tool and be encouraged!

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**Daylight Saving**  
*Sunday, November 3 | Clocks Fall Back*

**Thanks to Daylight Saving, everyone gets an extra hour next weekend.**

**What are you going to do with your extra hour?**

***Deacons of the Week—November 3-9***  
**Bob Myers & Larry Neal**

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## Week-at-a-Glance

**Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection ~ October 9-November 17**  
**Poinsettia Sales ~ November 3-26**  
**Border Compassion Mission Trip ~ November 8-11**

### Sunday, November 3

9 a.m. - Blended Worship | Baptism (Sanctuary); *the gathering* Worship (GS);  
Sunday School for all ages  
10:30 a.m. - *the gathering* Worship (GS); Sunday School for all ages  
4 p.m. - Temple Students Girl Talk (Rm 216)  
5 p.m. - Border Compassion Team Final Meeting (Rm 75); The Springs Worship  
(The Springs)  
6 p.m. - Evening Worship | Border Compassion Mission Team Commissioning  
(Chapel); *temple-tech* Sunday Night Supper; High School Worship (Youth Rm)

### Monday, November 4

6:30 p.m. - Mary Martha Women on Mission (Home of Vickie Benefield)

### Tuesday, November 5

9:30 a.m. - Ladies' Bible Study (Rm 275)  
6 p.m. - The Crossing Bible Study (JPMR)

### Wednesday, November 6

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: Soup, Salad & Sandwich; 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. - Budget Proposal Informational Meeting (FH); GROW Visitation - GREEN  
TEAMS (FH); Junior High Worship (Youth Rm)  
6:45 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm); Orchestra Rehearsal  
(Sanctuary)  
7 p.m. - *temple-tech* Freshmen Bible Study (Rm 216)

### Thursday, November 7

2 p.m. - GriefShare (Rm 76)  
5:30 p.m. - Senior Adult Game Night (FLC)

**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)

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