

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

Leadership. Through the years, God has certainly blessed us at Temple in this area. I know! Because I get to work closely with these men and women daily! **Our staff is committed to Christ's mission both personally and professionally.** They get along (praise the Lord!), and they are passionate about serving Him and His people! I truly believe they are the greatest collective team with whom I have ever worked. **This coming Sunday, we hope to add George Lee IV to our full-time staff.** Already, he has meant so much to our Temple family, but I believe this full-time role will allow him to assist us in expanding our local ministries. Sure, he will serve as pastor of The Springs, but he will also direct our community missions opportunities. He will strengthen our relationships with our local partners (CCA, Life Choices, Rolling Hills, etc.), and he will help us push farther into our neighborhoods. I have been so impressed with his work ethic, his compassionate heart, and his insightful spirit. He and his wife, CiCi, are the real deal in ministry. I ask you to pray for them this week as they follow the Lord's will, and I encourage you to vote Sunday to affirm George as our Minister of Community Engagement!

Of course, **the church's leadership** is not fully encompassed within the paid employees of the church; **it is also demonstrated throughout our membership.** For example, our deacons are some of the most spiritually qualified guys I have ever been around. They love the Lord, walk in His ways, repent when necessary, serve with diligence, discern His will, etc. I cannot say enough about them. **On November 10, you and I will have the opportunity to add to the Active Deacons' Council by**

selecting ten of the following men: *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, and Brad Waller.* I must admit that it is going to be difficult for me to narrow this list down as there are some wonderful, godly servants on it. (And to be honest, there are several other such men in the church whose names don't even appear here! That is a testament to the quality of guys at Temple!) Join in praying over these names and be prepared to vote on Sunday, November 10.

No doubt, **we see leadership demonstrated throughout other ministries of our church as well: Sunday School, worship, college, youth, children, etc.** Whether you are heading toward the border this weekend to serve on our Border Compassion mission team or riding a golf cart for security/hospitality purposes this Sunday, I am so grateful for you! **You are a serving group of people!**

And no doubt, **you are a giving people. This coming Sunday, we will vote to approve our proposed 2020 budget.** It is a challenging, yet achievable, financial goal that focuses on missions and ministries. Let's use this time to celebrate God's provision in the past and commit ourselves to His stewardship in the future!

Lastly, thanks for all your encouragement and for all the expressions of appreciation you demonstrated toward me and the ministers this past month. **And always know how we all love you!** See you Sunday!

FROM THE RECORDS OF NOVEMBER 3, 2019

Worship Attendance		Sunday School Attendance '19	
9 a.m. Blended Worship Service	623	9 a.m. Sunday School	146
9 a.m. <i>the gathering</i> Worship Service	232	10:30 a.m. Sunday School	767
10:30 a.m. <i>the gathering</i> Worship Service	284	First Steps	132
The Springs Worship Service	30	Off Campus	120
Combined Morning Total	1169	Total	1165

Give the  Sunday, November 3, 2019	
Budget	\$69,810.41
Share the Light	\$1,245.00



Preschool Ministry ~ First Steps

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

Sundays 9-11:30 a.m.

The Journey Place

Tiny Trekkers & Summit Kids

Sally Hearn

Operation Christmas Child is underway. Have you picked up your shoebox yet? Shoeboxes are available at the Mission Hub, the Gathering Space foyer and in *The Journey Place*. **Temple boxes are due by Sunday, November 17.** You can also create a box online at <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/> If you create a box online, let us know in *The Journey Place* so we can add it to our count.

We will host the area Relay Center from November 18-24. Hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; Thursday 4 p.m.-6 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m.-12 p.m.; and Sunday 2 p.m.-6 p.m. **We need volunteers** to serve during these times as we case boxes that are dropped off. Sign up is available in *The Journey Place*.

Christmas will be here soon! Children's Ministry December dates to remember:

Family Ornament Party: December 5 from 6-8 p.m.

Children's Choir Program: December 8 at 6 p.m.

December Parent's Night Out for Sunday School Parties: December 13 from 5:30-8:30 p.m.

A thank you card has been received from...

Connie Turner

(Located on the bulletin board in the Library window)

Women on Mission Group

Myrtle King Lunch Bunch

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

Speaker: Casey Casady, SEND Students

Projects: Shoe Boxes for Samaritan's Purse



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

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, ben@temple.life or Emma, 255-6184, emma@temple.life

TEMPLE TECH

TAILGATING | Saturday, November 9

Tailgating at 1 p.m. | LA Tech vs. North Texas
3 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: Brisket



Temple Baptist Church

F.A.I.T.H Riders

Information Meeting

Sunday, November 19

5 p.m | Fellowship Hall

For those who enjoy riding motorcycles, ministering to others, and/or great fellowship.

Contact: *Trey Albritton, 318-331-0877*

Foyer Christmas Ornaments Needed!

Only white, platinum, and silver Christmas balls or ornaments

Contact: Lynn Rodrigues, 318-548-9647

Temple's Newest Membership Candidate:



Emily McGuirt



the family of **Jerry Edmondson**, brother of Shirley (Kenny) Crump; the family of **Randy Till**, brother of Donna (David) Hipp; the family **Ronnie Shadoin**, brother of Rob (Carol) Shadoin.

Congratulations to:

Phillip & Barbara Washington on the birth of their great-grandson, **Phillip Gower Washington**.

Christmas Poinsettias



Reservation deadline: Tuesday, November 26 for display in the Sanctuary and Gathering Space

Purchased poinsettias are to be picked up after the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Please Note: MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS ARE TO BE SEPARATE RESERVATIONS MADE IN SEPARATE ENVELOPES.

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

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, 255-6184

Education & Administration News

Jason Walsworth

A Season of Thanksgiving: November begins a season of thanksgiving for most all of us (Unless you are like my wife who just skips ahead to Christmas!). I am not saying she isn't thankful, but she can hardly wait for Christmas music, shopping, and celebrating Jesus and His arrival. She sometimes calls me "Scrooge" when it comes to ALL the Christmas shopping, but I am not sure we, nor anyone else we buy for, really need anything else at this point. I also think that is our job as men, to a certain extent! Let's back up to that idea of giving thanks and thankfulness.

Psalm 95 and 100 are a couple of my favorites when it comes to what God has to say about thankfulness. First Thessalonians 5:16 also says, "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." That is an entire sermon in one verse! We don't always feel like being thankful and our circumstances sometimes are far from joyful. God's will for us is to continue to offer thanks to Him. None of us have perfect lives, but we have much for which to be thankful. My church family is always high on my list!

I am very thankful for all of you who serve, teach, and work (volunteer) each week to make ministry possible at Temple Baptist Church and in our community. We know we ask a lot of you, but you always rise to the challenge and serve the Lord faithfully and courageously. I think that's the way it should be, by the way, so don't slow down now! The Lord isn't finished yet and there is more to do, so memorize Ephesians 2:10 and get ready to see what He has planned for us. Thank you again for all you do!

Monthly SS Leadership Meeting: This Sunday, November 10, will be our final meeting of 2019 together as SS Leadership. I want to thank you for your faithfulness this year to our meetings and training times together. It has helped me more than you know, and I pray you have been encouraged and trained in different ways as well. I don't want to scare you, but we have just scratched the surface of what I would like to cover and do through our Sunday School Ministry. This will require more workers and more leaders to serve as Outreach leaders, Care Group leaders, Fellowship leaders, etc. So pray, pray, pray for laborers. The harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few. If you are already teaching and leading, I don't want to add more onto your plate. Instead, I want to help you raise up new leaders to carry the load and do ministry in 2020. Let's start praying for that now, and I will see you Sunday!

Special Called (Annual)

Business Meeting

Sunday, November 10,

for the purpose of

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

Deacons of the Week—November 10-16

Patrick Patton & Jim Pearce

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Week-at-a-Glance

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection ~ Now-November 17

Poinsettia Sales ~ November 3-26

Border Compassion Mission Trip ~ November 8-11

Senior Adult Trip (Branson) ~ November 11-15

temple-tech Hike-A-Thon (North Georgia) ~ November 15-20

Sunday, November 10

9 a.m. - Blended Worship | Special Called Business Meeting for Annual Meeting, Deacon Election, & Budget Vote (Sanctuary); *the gathering* Worship | Special Called Business Meeting for Annual Meeting, Deacon Election, & Budget Vote (GS); Sunday School for all ages

10:30 a.m. - *the gathering* Worship | Special Called Business Meeting for Annual Meeting, Deacon Election, & Budget Vote (GS); Sunday School for all ages

5 p.m. - Sunday School Leadership Meeting (FH); The Springs Worship | Special Called Business Meeting for Annual Meeting, Deacon Election, & Budget Vote (The Springs)

6 p.m. - Evening Worship (Chapel); *temple-tech* Sunday Night Supper; High School Worship (Youth Rm)

Wednesday, November 13

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: Breakfast for Supper; Cost: \$4/person, \$2/child under 8, \$12 max/family); The Springs Small Group (The Springs)

5:45 p.m. - Children's M³ (Missions, Music, & More!) (JP)

6 p.m. - Prayer Meeting/Bible Study (FH); GROW Visitation - RED TEAM (FH); Junior High Worship (Youth Rm); High School Bible Study (Rm 252)

6:45 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm); Orchestra Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

7 p.m. - *temple-tech* Freshmen Bible Study (Rm 216)

Thursday, November 14

12 p.m. - Myrtle King Lunch Bunch (FH)

2 p.m. - GriefShare (Rm 76)

6 p.m. - Young Adult Worship Night

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