

# 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

For the past few years, our Temple family has joined Samaritan's Purse in what we call Operation Christmas Child. The stated mission of Operation Christmas Child is "to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to needy children around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ." Individually, we pack small shoeboxes with school supplies, hygiene items, toys, and personal notes that will be delivered to children around the world. Small, simple shoeboxes designed for eternal impact. Doesn't seem possible, does it? Well, let me assure you that it is possible!

A few years, I entered into *the gathering* service and was greeted by Mrs. Vivian Magee. Of course, we exchanged greetings and then she shared with me a story about the young lady who accompanied her in church that day. Mrs. Vivian told me that her worship companion had actually received an Operation Christmas Child shoebox as a child overseas, and later she had filled a shoebox to send. I was astounded to hear how God had not only used a shoebox to minister to a young child in the past but also how He moved upon that same heart years later to continue a cycle of ministry. I recounted this extraordinary incident to the congregation during

my message, only to be further amazed after the service closed. Another young lady approached me and asked how I knew her story. Somewhat confused, I asked what she meant. She then began to relate a similar testimony of receiving an Operation Christmas Child shoebox when she resided in an overseas orphanage. A student at Tech, she had packed a box to be sent. As you could imagine, I was overwhelmed at God's confirmation of ministry. My sense of gratitude only multiplied later that evening as I discovered that at least four other children within our church had benefited from Operation Christmas Child before they were adopted and brought to the United States.

I say it again. Small, simple shoeboxes can have an eternal impact. And thanks to your faithfulness, we are sending over 600 such ministry boxes to children all over the globe. If you want to add to this number, please drop your box off by this Sunday. (You can take them directly to *the gathering*, the Sanctuary, or The Springs as we will dedicate them together.) Join us in praying that our Lord will direct these tangible expressions of the Gospel to the right child at the right moment to make a difference! See you Sunday!

### FROM THE RECORDS OF NOVEMBER 10, 2019

Worship Attendance		Sunday School Attendance '19	
9 a.m. Blended Worship Service	587	9 a.m. Sunday School	146
9 a.m. <i>the gathering</i> Worship Service	240	10:30 a.m. Sunday School	710
10:30 a.m. <i>the gathering</i> Worship Service	267	First Steps	141
The Springs Worship Service	35	Off Campus	123
Combined Morning Total	1129	Total	1120

Sunday, November 10, 2019	
Budget	\$64,513.05
Share the Light	\$1,600.00



### Preschool Ministry ~ First Steps

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

Sundays 9-11:30 a.m.

# From The Minister of Pastoral Care

Dale Oden

Greetings from “chilly” Branson, Missouri! Forty-nine folks left the Temple parking lot on Monday morning with the temperature in the 60’s and drove through rain, sleet, and snow. We awoke on Tuesday morning to a temperature of 14 degrees and the wind chill of 3 degrees. It is cold! But, we saw a wonderful show last night that got us into the Christmas spirit. We will be seeing four more shows and doing a lot of eating before returning home on Friday afternoon. These senior adults trips are great!

Our monthly **Senior Adult Luncheon** is scheduled for Tuesday, November 19, at 11:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Come enjoy some great fellowship, wonderful food, and an inspiring program. Our program for this month will feature Eddie Robison. Eddie and his family are members here at Temple. They have served as missionaries with the International Mission Board. Presently, Eddie is serving as a strategy leader for Life TV, Pakistan. As we are approaching the time for our annual emphasis on International Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, I thought it would be nice to hear from someone who has served on the mission field. So, come join us on Tuesday.

Speaking of missions, we still have room for a few more folks to go to Dallas, Texas, to work in the **Distribution Center for Operation Christmas Child**. We will be going out there on Tuesday, December 3, and returning on Wednesday, December 4. It is a great opportunity to be involved in ministry and missions. Give me a call or contact the Church Office if you would like to go with us. The cost is \$125 per person.

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## South Asia Mission Trip Interest Meeting (Trip: March 27-April 5, 2020)

Wednesday, November 20 | 5:30 p.m. | Room 75

Mission: To work with missionaries and local believers to share the hope of Jesus Christ with local people through English corners, cultural exchange, and more

## 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.

*A Glorious Mystery:  
Come and See What God Has Done*  
*A Christmas Worship Experience*  
*Sunday, December 15 | 10:30 a.m.*  
*Sanctuary*

## Where Moms Connect: A Time of Encouragement

Monday, November 18, 9:30 a.m., *The Journey Place*  
Moms, come and enjoy meaningful conversation, laughter, and friendship!

**UPWARD  
SPORTS**

**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, [ben@temple.life](mailto:ben@temple.life)  
or Emma, 255-6184, [emma@temple.life](mailto:emma@temple.life)

NEWLY ELECTED DEACONS	
Dwight Anderson	Cecil Barham
Mike Barmore	Kenny Cox
James Davison	Bobby Ensminger
Bob Hearn	Rusty Mabry
Tim McCarthy	Larry Neal



the family of **Dianne Ebeyer**, grandmother of Andrew Ebeyer; the family of **Pete Wooley**, father of Karen (Robby) Roberson, grandfather of Ryan, Ryder, and Anna Larr Roberson; the family of **Robert Coburn**, grandfather of Mitchel (Missy) Jones.




*A thank you card has been received from...*  
**Ronnie Rodrigues**  
 (Located on the bulletin board in the Library window)



**Children's Ministry Dates**  
 Family Ornament Party - December 5  
 M<sup>3</sup> Christmas Program/Musical - December 8  
 Parent's Night Out - December 13

## Youth & Recreation Ministry

John Nugent

I've learned from much personal experience that babies are not always excited to have changes. Everyone in a 50 ft radius can know that the baby needs to be changed, but still that baby does not want it to happen. Babies don't really see the need to be changed, and they may even fight against the change. If you've ever tried changing a baby who has transformed into a something that is eerily similar to a crocodile doing the "death roll" because it just caught its next meal, you know that babies can take a stinky situation to a whole new level of messiness that requires a whole box of wipes! The crying, screaming, gagging, rolling, and flinging are borderline impressive – and the baby can get upset too!

Too often, I think Christians fight against change that God wants to make in our lives. Teenagers (and adults too) can usually tell you exactly what changes they need to make in their relationships with God, but they still fight against those changes instead of fighting to make those changes happen. Many times, Christians make a bigger mess than needed before we allow God to make the necessary changes in our lives.

I love seeing when real change takes place. I love seeing a teenager really and truly follow Jesus Christ in life-changing and contagious ways. One event where I get to see this on a regular basis is **Princess & Warrior Weekend**. This event allows teenagers to get biblical answers for their tough questions from incredible leaders in an environment that encourages real change. We have extreme amounts of fun at this retreat, but everything about Princess & Warrior Weekend is designed to see God radically change the lives of teenagers. It's all happening again **January 17-20, 2020**. You can get more information and sign up at [puw.templebcstudents.org](http://puw.templebcstudents.org). If you're wondering how you can be a part of this outstanding event, here are some things you can do: pray for students, scholarship a student who needs financial help, pray for leaders coming from all over the South, come chaperone a cabin of students, tell any and every teenager you know about this event, or pray that we'll see God's glory as lives are changed. I am praying that we take 200 people to be a part of Princess & Warrior Weekend in 2020 and that every one of those lives will be changed by God for His glory.



## Temple's 2019 Goal = 600 boxes

You may drop off your box in the service you attend this Sunday! If you need assistance with your box you may take it to *The Journey Place*.

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

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**Deacons of the Week—November 17-23**  
David Darland & Walter Scriber

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## Week-at-a-Glance

**Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection ~ Now-November 17**  
**Poinsettia Sales ~ Now-November 26**  
**temple-tech Hike-A-Thon (North Georgia) ~ November 15-20**  
**Operation Christmas Child Relay Center ~ November 18-25**

### Sunday, November 17

9 a.m. - Blended Worship | Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Commissioning (Sanctuary); *the gathering* Worship | Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Commissioning (GS); Sunday School for all ages  
10:30 a.m. - *the gathering* Worship | Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Commissioning (GS); Sunday School for all ages  
11 a.m. - Young Professionals Class Thanksgiving Lunch (FH)  
4:30 p.m. - Deacons Meeting (Rm 81); Youth Sunday School Teacher Meeting (GS)  
5 p.m. - The Springs Worship | Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Commissioning (The Springs); Puerto Rico Team Meeting (Rm 75); F.A.I.T.H. Riders Information Meeting (FH)  
6 p.m. - Evening Worship (Chapel); *temple-tech* Sunday Night Supper; High School Worship (Youth Rm)

### Monday, November 18

9:30 a.m. - Where Moms Connect (JPMR)

### Tuesday, November 19

11:45 a.m. - Senior Adult Luncheon (FH)

### Wednesday, November 20

9 a.m. - Friendship International (Rm 76)  
12 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm)  
5 p.m. - Family Night Meal (FH); Menu: Chicken Fried Chicken; Cost: \$4/person, \$2/child under 8, \$12 max/family); The Springs Small Group (The Springs)  
5:30 p.m. - South Asia Mission Team Interest Meeting (Rm 75)  
5:45 p.m. - Children's M<sup>3</sup> (Missions, Music, & More!) (JP)  
6 p.m. - Business Meeting/Bible Study (FH); GROW Visitation - ORANGE 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)

### Thursday, November 21

2 p.m. - GriefShare (Rm 76)

### Friday, November 22

6 p.m. - Young Adult Bowling Night (LA Tech Lambright Sports and Wellness Center)

**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