

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

Elimelech. His very name made a statement of faith— "My God is King." Indeed, it was a confession of trust in God's sovereignty over all circumstances and situations. Elimelech. What a wonderful name! Unfortunately, names do not always reflect the hearts of men. As we studied together last Sunday, Elimelech's actions did not demonstrate his trust in God as King. In the midst of famine, the "man from Bethlehem, Judah" moved his family to the land of Moab in order to find a piece of bread. Instead of turning to the Lord for provision, he turned to the enemy. Think of it. God's child entered pagan territory and relied upon pagan sustenance! How unfathomable!

But aren't there days when we seem to forsake the reality that "My God is King" by placing our faith in worldly provision? With each step we take toward Moab, we journey farther away from the Lord and His work. I know, I know. We must provide for our families. We must find bread to feed our children. I understand that, but I also know that we can rationalize any of our actions. My word to you is that we should be more concerned with our family's spiritual well-being than we are its material progression. It is not worth making a few more dollars if it requires

you to relinquish the spiritual leadership of your family. In truth, it is not worth introducing Moabite practices and philosophies within your household.

Men, I believe we have a special obligation to guard our families and keep them out of Moab. It is a tough assignment; yet, He empowers us in the task. As a church, we seek to equip you in the work through consistent study, prayer, and encouragement. For example, Men's Retreat coming up on January 30-February 1 at Seeker Springs will challenge you to be who God wants you to be. I have heard tremendous things about this retreat's impact upon men's lives, and I encourage you to be a part of it. We have only forty spots available; and within the next week, those will be opened to others in Ruston. Act quickly to secure your place for that life-changing weekend.

God is doing some great things among us, and I believe He is going to do even greater things as we move through the end of the year and into 2020. The staff and I have sought the Lord, and I look forward to presenting what we believe He is challenging us to accomplish in the next few months. Pray for me as I prepare myself and us for that work. See you Sunday!

FROM THE RECORDS OF NOVEMBER 17, 2019

Worship Attendance		Sunday School Attendance '19	
9 a.m. Blended Worship Service	550	9 a.m. Sunday School	76
9 a.m. <i>the gathering</i> Worship Service	218	10:30 a.m. Sunday School	746
10:30 a.m. <i>the gathering</i> Worship Service	172	First Steps	132
The Springs Worship Service	32	Off Campus	101
Combined Morning Total	972	Total	1055

Sunday, November 17, 2019	
Budget	\$64,486.11
Share the Light	\$75.00



Preschool Ministry ~ First Steps

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

Sundays 9-11:30 a.m.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Jeremy Asher

Hasn't the Lord been good to us? Has He not blessed us in every way imaginable? When I stop, just for a moment, to remember what the Lord has done, it overwhelms my heart with gratitude. I am so thankful to serve in the Worship Ministry with so many volunteers who have amazing musical and technical skills. They also demonstrate great humility by serving week after week with little "time off" or "overtime pay." You know why they serve so faithfully? Because they are serving "as unto the Lord." That is certainly something to celebrate!

Our Music Ministry continues to prepare for the Christmas season. I want to ask you to prepare as well in two specific ways. Stop for a moment and pray. First, ask the Lord to help our Music Ministry sing and play skillfully and with great joy in the Lord. Second, ask the Lord to prepare the hearts of every listener, whether they attend a worship service or watch on television. I am convinced that there are many who will hear the songs presented; but truthfully, they need to hear a message of hope and salvation from the Savior who is Christ the Lord. I believe the Lord wants to speak to each of us every time we gather, every time we sing, and every time we simply ask "Speak to my heart, Lord Jesus."



MEN'S Retreat


THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 5 P.M.
- SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 12 P.M.
SEEKER SPRINGS
\$150
REGISTER AT EVENTS.TEMPLE.LIFE

Temple Men's Retreat is a powerful 3-day experience filled with opportunities to invest in your own faith journey and build brotherhood with other men. Over 2,000 men from the Monroe area have attended these men's retreats in the last few years. The Lord has used these to bring about salvation and renewal in the lives of men. We are excited to be the first Ruston church to host one. We are limited on space and have only 40 spots, so please register and sign up today!



Worship with Zion Traveler

Baptist Church
@ Temple Baptist Church
December 15 | 6 p.m.
Sanctuary
Meal to follow in Fellowship Hall



Children's Ministry Dates

Family Ornament Party - December 5
M³ Christmas Program/Musical - December 8



PARENT'S NIGHT OUT

Friday, December 13 | 5:30-8:30 p.m.
The Journey Place
Cost: \$3/child
Sign up online at nightout.temple.life
Deadline to sign up: Sunday, December 8
(Great night for Sunday School Christmas parties!)



Fa-La-La Fiesta!

JOIN TEMPLE WOMEN'S MINISTRY & HEARTFELT FRIENDS FOR A
Tuesday, December 3
6 p.m. | Fellowship Hall
Registration Deadline: Sunday, December 1
RSVP at holiday.temple.life

Temple's Newest Membership Candidates:



Connie and Betty Ward



the family of **Roma Golden**,
grandmother of Patrick (Katie) Golden.

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

Sunday School | 9 a.m.

Congratulations to:
Jay and Patrice Collins on the birth of their
granddaughter, **Caroline Anne Horneman.**

COMPASSION LIVE PRESENTS
AVALON
— THE CALLED TOUR —

SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2020
6 p.m. | SANCTUARY

TICKETS ON SALE
More Information at
EVENTS.TEMPLE.LIFE

WITH SPECIAL GUEST
SARAH KELLY

COMPASSIONLIVE.COM

imb | LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING®

WEEK OF PRAYER : DECEMBER 1 - 8
MARCH FOR MISSIONS : DECEMBER 8

CHURCH GOAL: \$155,000
NATIONAL GOAL: \$165 MILLION

College Connection
Casey Casady

Our 3rd Annual Hike-a-thon was a success! Our students who attended got to see some pretty amazing waterfalls and beautiful sights in North Alabama and North Georgia. Thank you to all of our sponsors who helped us raise around \$5,000 for missions. This will go to help our students serve this summer in Boston, Chicago, West Palm Beach, Calgary, and East Asia.

Please pray for our students as they are traveling during this quarter break. Pray for those who are serving with the Louisiana Tech BCM in Los Angeles this week with Story City Church. Thank you for your continued support and prayers for our College Ministry and our students.

THE TIDINGS (USPS #020005), Published Weekly except Christmas by:
Temple Baptist Church, Periodical Postage Paid, Ruston, LA 71270
Postmaster send address changes to:
Temple Baptist Church, 1515 South Service Road West, Ruston, LA 71270



Label here

Boys & Girls in Grades 1-6
Cost: \$75
Register at upward.temple.life through November 30
Volunteers Needed!
To volunteer, contact Ben, 255-3745, ben@temple.life

ATHLETE-FIRST APPROACH | FAMILY FOCUSED ENVIRONMENT | FOCUS ON FUN | TEACHING LIFE PRINCIPLES | EXCEPTIONAL COACHING **UPWARD**
SPORTS

Deacons of the Week—November 24-30
Cullen Simmons & Zack Spivey

Phone: (318) 255-3745 • Fax: (318) 255-0134
Website: temple.life

Week-at-a-Glance

Sunday, November 24

9 a.m. - Blended Worship (Sanctuary); *the gathering* Worship (GS);
Sunday School for all ages

10:30 a.m. - *the gathering* Worship (GS); Sunday School for all ages

5 p.m. - The Springs Worship (The Springs)

6 p.m. - Evening Worship (Chapel); High School Worship (Youth Rm)

Tuesday, November 26

Poinsettia Sales End Today

Wednesday, November 27

All afternoon and evening activities canceled ~ Happy Thanksgiving

Thursday, November 28

All Church Offices Closed ~ Happy Thanksgiving

Friday, November 29

All Church Offices Closed ~ Happy Thanksgiving

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

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)