

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

Our 2020 Goals

1100 Gospel Conversations. We hope to see at least 1100 gospel conversations take place this year. Why 1100? Our average weekly worship attendance is around 1100, so the challenge basically involves each one sharing the gospel with someone else who may not know Christ. Each person will be given a ball to return when he/she has presented the gospel to a friend, relative, neighbor, coworker, etc. so that we can celebrate each life that has been touched with the gospel. Remember, the heart of our existence is the gospel of Jesus Christ, and we must take His good news to those in our own families and communities.

100 Baptisms. Baptism is a public declaration of one's submission to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. If we are sharing the gospel with people, then we should expect some to come to salvation. Subsequently, we should urge them to be baptized as they follow Him faithfully. Moreover, those who have never followed through with baptism by immersion ought to be encouraged. We have never baptized 100 people in one year at Temple, but we want to strive to see people begin their discipleship through baptism. Of course, we recognize that only God brings salvation, so we are asking our members to pray for such a movement. Find more information about being baptized and praying for the 100 who will be baptized at 2020.temple.life.

275 Short-Term Mission Team Members. Not only are we called to reach our own communities for Christ,

but we are also called to take His name to the nations. This year, we want to see 275 individuals engage in short-term missions outside of the Ruston area. That is 275 people involved in advancing the gospel in our state, in our nation, and around the globe itself! See what mission opportunities you can be a part of at missions.temple.life.

27 Books. Every part of God's Word (Old and New Testament alike) is divinely inspired and authoritative for our lives. The twenty-seven books of the New Testament, in particular, recount the salvific work of Jesus Himself and the Spirit's empowerment of the church as it carries out His mission. This year, we encourage you to read through the New Testament with us; and if possible, to join a D-Group (discipleship group) to reflect upon His truth. Find more information about reading plans and how to join a D-Group at 2020.temple.life.

\$1 million. No doubt, God has blessed us in order for us to bless others. This coming year, we as a church want to contribute at least \$1,000,000 to missionary and benevolent causes. Through our Cooperative Program giving (as well as our special mission offerings: Annie Armstrong, Georgia Barnette, and Lottie Moon), we want to continue to work with our Southern Baptist brothers and sisters around the world. But, we also want to look for other areas of mission support and gospel expansion. In addition, we should look for benevolent opportunities as we demonstrate Christ's compassion upon those in need. Specifically, we plan to retire the medical debt of the most vulnerable in Lincoln, Union, Bienville, Jackson, and Claiborne parishes.

FROM THE RECORDS OF JANUARY 12, 2020

Worship Attendance		Sunday School Attendance '20	
9 a.m. Blended Worship Service	599	9 a.m. Sunday School	145
9 a.m. <i>the gathering</i> Worship Service	230	10:30 a.m. Sunday School	788
10:30 a.m. <i>the gathering</i> Worship Service	275	First Steps	131
The Springs Worship Service	51	Off Campus	93
Combined Morning Total	1155	Total	1157

Give into the Lord		Sunday, January 12, 2020	
Budget			\$97,625.24
Share the Light			\$1,300.00



Preschool Ministry ~ First Steps

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

Sundays 9-11:30 a.m.

College Connection Casey Casady

In just a few short weeks, Winter Quarter will be OVER! **College Beach Reach Mission Trip** is right around the corner. Each year we take the GOSPEL to the places and people who need the love of God the most during Spring Break. We will take our college students to Panama City Beach, Florida to meet those coming from Michigan, Indiana, Tennessee, and even England to soak up the Florida sunshine. Students come from around the world to experience the thrill and excitement of Spring Break in PCB. We will meet them where they are and graciously lead them to a relationship with the Lord. It is an overwhelming task - spiritually, physically and emotionally. However, God will not be overwhelmed; He will prepare our hearts and our way for PCB. How can you as our church family participate in this missions effort?

1. **Pray** for the people coming to PCB. Pray for their paths to cross ours and that we will have abundant opportunities to share the Gospel of Christ.
2. **Adopt** a college student who is signed up. By adopting them, you will be committing to texting or calling them each day during March 4-10 and encouraging them to share, be confident, and go boldly each night into the PCB beach scene. Email emma@temple.life to receive your student contact information.
3. **Financially assist** a college student. The overall cost to go on Beach Reach is \$349. If God lays on your heart to give to this amazing mission effort, then note your giving as College Beach Reach 2020.

Dr. Reggie set the goal of 275 short term mission trips outside of Louisiana. Let's go after this goal with all tenacity and strength. 275 and counting down!

LA Baptist All-State Youth Choir Auditions

Tuesday, February 4

6:30-7:30 p.m. | Choir Room and Sanctuary

All youth are invited to participate.

Chicago Tour Dates: June 3-12

Homecoming Concert: Friday, June 12

6:30 p.m. | Guinn Auditorium Louisiana College

Man Up Monday

Monday, January 20 | 6 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

Cost: \$5 at the door (fried fish and door prizes)

Speaker: Eric Edwards, former LSU and NFL player

Contact: Jason Walsworth, jason@temple.life, 255-3745



January 19-February 2

A soup collection for Christian Community Action

Bring cans of soup to the drop-off baskets located around the building

For more information: souperbowl.org

Connections Class

Sundays through February 2 | 10:30 a.m. | Room 221

More information on this 4-week class at connect.temple.life

Temple's Newest Membership Candidates:



Dylan Easter



Andrea Perez



Landry Baudouin



the family of **Margie Marie Jones**;
the family of **Remona Turner**,
wife of Chuck Turner.



Cindy Burns for 20 years
of service at Temple.

Weekday Early Education Ministry

**REGISTER
NOW**

Accepting Fall 2020 applications
beginning February 4 for
Temple members and
those presently enrolled.
Open to the public March 4.

Applications available in *The Journey Place*.

For a digital copy, email Gina at gina@temple.life.

Contact: Gina Holstead, 255-9506

Congratulations to:

Gus and Laura Bertucci on the birth of their son,
Luke Thomas. Proud brother is Gustave and proud
grandparents are George and Cindy Murphy.

Before You Say "I Do"

7-week class beginning
Sunday, February 2 | 9 a.m. | Room 216
Open to couples who are engaged
or married less than two years



Each session will be taught by one of our ministers and his/her spouse.
Topics: Love Languages, Biblical Foundations, Intimacy, Finances,
Communication/Conflict Resolution, Love & Respect, and In-laws.

temple.churchcenter.com/groups/bible-studies

"Mentor Couples" needed.

Contact: Jacob Ambrose, jacob@temple.life, 255-3745

Senior Adult Luncheon

Tuesday, January 21 | 11:45 a.m. | Fellowship Hall
Program: Pilots for Patients

Concord Union WMU Quarterly Meeting

Thursday, January 23 | 10 a.m. | Chapel
Lunch will be served.

Speaker: David Moreland, Retired IMB Missionary

A Thank you card has been received from...

Bobbie Sue Lann

(Located on the bulletin board in the Library window)

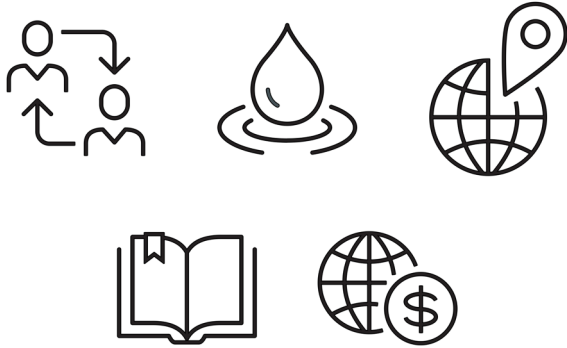
Neighbors and Nations

Ben Jernigan

Sportsman's Banquet for Missions: Join us on Friday, February 7, at the Ruston Civic Center from 6-8 p.m. for a fun night for the whole family as we enjoy a meal and fellowship together. There will be a live auction and silent auction items as well as fun activities for the kids. Get your tickets online at events.temple.life or in the Church Office. Reserved Tables (8 seats) are \$100 or General Admission tickets for \$5.

Two years ago we raised over \$25,000 to support the missions vision of our church; we were able to support mission teams, mission trip scholarships, and missions partners around the world through this event and your generosity. We had a great time doing it, so don't miss out! Contact Ben Jernigan for more details (ben@temple.life or 255-3745)

Make sure to visit
 2020.temple.life to see
 how you can be a part
 of our **2020 Goals**



Deacons of the Week—January 19-25
 Charlie Alexander & Dwight Anderson

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

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

Week-at-a-Glance

East Asia Mission Trip ~ January 11-21
Youth Princess & Warrior Weekend ~ January 17-20
Souper Bowl Collection for CCA ~ January 19-February 2
Nicaragua Construction Mission Trip ~ January 24-February 1
Puerto Rico Mission Trip ~ January 25-31

Sunday, January 19 | Sanctity of Life Sunday

9 a.m. - Blended Worship (Sanctuary); *the gathering* Worship (GS); Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. - *the gathering* Worship (GS); Sunday School; Connections Class (Rm 221)
 4:30 p.m. - Deacons Meeting (Rm 76); Grades 4-6 Bible Drill (JPMR)
 5 p.m. - The Springs Worship Service (The Springs); Puerto Rico Mission Trip Final Meeting (Rm 81); Nicaragua Mission Trip Final Meeting (Rm 72)
 6 p.m. - Evening Worship | Puerto Rico and Nicaragua Mission Trips Commissioning (Chapel); High School Worship (Youth Rm); *temple-tech* Sunday Night Supper

Monday, January 20

5 p.m. - Man Up Monday (FH)

Tuesday, January 21

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

Wednesday, January 22

9 a.m. - Friendship International (Rm 76); Quilting/Sewing (FH)
 5 p.m. - Family Night Meal (FH; Cost: \$4/person, \$2/child under 8, \$12 max/family; Menu: Chicken Fried Steak)
 5:45 p.m. - Children's M³ (Missions, Music, & More!) (JP); The Springs Midweek Gathering (The Springs)
 6 p.m. - Quarterly Business Meeting (FH); GROW Visitation - ORANGE TEAM (FH); Junior High Worship (Youth Rm); Love Talk (Rm 49)
 6:45 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm); Orchestra Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
 8 p.m. - *temple-tech* Midweek (GS)

Saturday, January 25

8:45 a.m. - A Queen's Celebration (Sanctuary)

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