

# 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

Wow! What a tremendous day this past Sunday was! Although I was not at my best physically, I was empowered by the dynamic community of believers who gathered together. I'm so glad I did not miss it! Whether it was through the Super Bowl Mega Men's Choir leading the Blended Worship Service or in the celebration of baptisms in both *gathering* Worship Services, the Spirit filled our worship in a powerful way. I pray you sensed His presence as well. No doubt, the guys who attended the Men's Retreat returned Sunday with a renewed sense of spiritual vitality and commitment, too. I heard testimony after testimony of how God moved in each man's life, and I am already seeing transformative fruit from the weekend experience.

I say all this to remind you how blessed we are by the Lord. He is the one who deserves all praise and glory! If His Spirit didn't convict and empower us, we would not witness such wonderful moments. So, we give Him thanks! And of course, the blessing challenges us to greater faithfulness in our responsibilities to Him. It is imperative that we both live in that blessing and declare that blessing to others. That is why we have set our goals for this year. Remember them? **1100 Gospel Conversations. 100 Baptisms. 275 Short-Term Mission Team Members. 27 New Testament Books. \$1 Million to Missions/Benevolence.** To me, these goals remind us of our basic mission as a church—to

grow and to go. We grow as disciples through studying His Word and applying His principles to our lives. Hopefully, you have experienced growth already as you have read through portions of the New Testament. (And if you haven't started, that's ok! Go ahead and start reading! Don't wait until 2021!) Moreover, we fulfill our purpose by sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with people whom we come in contact. Remember the green balls? Through those balls, we want to track (as best we can) the gospel conversations that we have this year. When you have shared the good news with someone (a family member, a neighbor, a friend, a complete stranger, etc.), please let someone at Guest Services know. Even if you didn't pick up a green ball yet, the folks at Guest Services will take care of that for you. But most importantly, plan on telling someone about Jesus this week! Of course, I know that many of you are being evangelistic daily because this coming Sunday we will reach at least thirteen baptisms already for the year!

One of our ministry team members told me the other day that he is probably as excited about this year of ministry as he ever has been. And I answered with a hearty Amen! God is up to something! And He is letting us ride the wave of excitement, growth, and blessing! I am excited to enjoy this time with you! See you Sunday!

### FROM THE RECORDS OF FEBRUARY 2, 2020

Worship Attendance		Sunday School Attendance	
9 a.m. Blended Worship Service	714	9 a.m. Sunday School	124
9 a.m. <i>the gathering</i> Worship Service	231	10:30 a.m. Sunday School	801
10:30 a.m. <i>the gathering</i> Worship Service	339	First Steps	137
The Springs Worship Service	41	Off Campus	107
Combined Morning Total	1325	Total	1169

Give into the Lord		Sunday, February 2, 2020	
Budget			\$128,680.11
Share the Light			\$2,300.00



### 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

What a “**Souper**” day we had in Children’s Ministry on Sunday! Thank you for bringing 286 cans for our friends at CCA. Great job, children! Thanks for giving to our community.

“**You’re My #1 Fan**” **Father/Daughter Banquet** - Girls in Grades K-5: Friday, February 28 | 6 p.m. | Fellowship Hall. Registration is underway at [events.temple.life](http://events.temple.life)

**WEEkday Registration for Fall 2020** is underway for Temple members. Contact Gina Holstead in the **WEEkday Office** for more information. Registration opens to the public on March 4. Register soon as classes quickly fill up.

We had a great **Bible Drill Workshop** last Friday. I am so proud of our students Grades 4-6 who are committing to Bible Drill. Pray for them and our awesome leaders who teach them each week.



We will be enlisting volunteers for **Vacation Bible School** soon. Please pray about how you can serve in VBS this year. On the right are the statistics from Lifeway regarding VBS. Some may ask, “Is it worth it?” Here’s the answer!

Mark your calendar for **WinShape 2020: July 13-17**



### Where Moms Connect:

Monday, February 10 | 9:30 a.m. | *The Journey Place*  
Moms, come and enjoy meaningful conversation, laughter, and friendship!

### Mission Trip Interest Meetings

*Baton Rouge 2020*: Wednesday, February 12 | 6:45 p.m. | Room 76

*Congo*: Wednesday, February 19 | 6:45 p.m. | Rm 76

More information at [missions.temple.life](http://missions.temple.life) or contact:  
Ben Jernigan, 255-3745, [ben@temple.life](mailto:ben@temple.life)

### Before You Say "I Do"

7-week class ~ Sundays through March 15  
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](http://temple.churchcenter.com/groups/bible-studies)

“Mentor Couples” needed.

Contact: Jacob Ambrose, [jacob@temple.life](mailto:jacob@temple.life), 255-3745

**YOU'RE MY #1 FAN!**

**GIRLS IN KINDERGARTEN-5TH GRADE**  
**FATHER/DAUGHTER BANQUET**  
**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28**  
**6 P.M. IN FELLOWSHIP HALL**  
**\$20/FAMILY**

REGISTER ONLINE @ [EVENTS.TEMPLE.LIFE](http://EVENTS.TEMPLE.LIFE)  
Registration ends Wednesday, February 19

BRING YOUR DAD, GRANDAD OR FRIEND!  
\*SPORTS/TEAM ATTIRE WELCOMED

### XO Marriage Conference ~ Southlake, TX

February 14-15

\$112 - Conference tickets Only/Couple or  
\$250 - Conference Tickets/couple plus 2 nights hotel

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

Contact Jacob Ambrose, [jacob@temple.life](mailto:jacob@temple.life), 255-3745

## Temple's Newest Membership Candidates:



Graham &  
Emily Kozar



Charlene  
Taylor



Caden & Olivia  
Copeland

### Weekday Early Education Ministry

**REGISTER  
NOW**

Now accepting Fall 2020 applications  
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](mailto:gina@temple.life).  
Contact: Gina Holstead, 255-9506

SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2020  
6 p.m. | SANCTUARY  
TICKETS ON SALE  
More Information at  
[EVENTS.TEMPLE.LIFE](http://EVENTS.TEMPLE.LIFE)

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### Congratulations to:

Peni Armstrong on the birth of her grandson,  
Micah Ray; Joe and Cynthia Mitcham on the birth of  
their granddaughter, Josephine Elora "Joellie" Garvin.

### WinShape Camp for Communities

WinShape  
Camps

July 13-17

Completed Grades K-8

Registration opens **March 2 at 9 a.m.**

\$189 for the first 175 campers to register

Cost for camp: \$219

### Myrtle King Lunch Bunch

Thursday, February 13 | 12 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

Speaker: Tim McCarthy, Nicaragua & Puerto Rico

Project: money or nutritious snacks/quick  
(non-frozen) meals for LA Tech students

## From the Associate Minister of Music Zach Husser

Hey church family! Hope you've had a great start to your new year. I am praying that you are carving out time to make it through your New Testament reading plan.

I want to briefly share the lyrics of a new song we sang in *the gathering* yesterday. The title of the song is "Christ Be Magnified." The chorus goes like this:

"Christ be magnified, let His praise arise / Christ be magnified, in me  
Christ be magnified, from the altar of my life / Christ be magnified, in me"

These are simple, yet beautiful lyrics that should serve as a prayer for our lives. So, what does it mean for Jesus Christ to be magnified in us? Like me, I'm sure many of you can get caught in the trap of being consumed by the daily toils of life. Medical issues, financial struggles, and family problems can occupy our minds to a point that we forget about who the Lord is and what He has done. To magnify Christ is to acknowledge His power, control, and ownership of the universe. Whether it be your upcoming surgery, or political turmoil in the Middle East, He is over all things (Col. 1:15-16). When we make Him larger in our hearts and minds, our daily struggles become smaller. We do this, mainly, by reminding ourselves of who God has revealed Himself to be in the Scripture.

As we seek the Lord and he becomes magnified in our hearts and minds, our joy will become apparent to others! In that way, we will magnify Christ in our own lives and to others around us.

So today, I encourage you to pray those lyrics and expect Christ to be magnified in your life. Have a great week!



## Chili Cook-off & Ice Cream Fellowship

Sunday, February 9  
Fellowship Hall  
following Evening Worship



*Bring your chili to Fellowship Hall  
prior to Evening Worship*

*Deacons of the Week—February 9-15*  
Mike Barmore & Chris Barr

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## Week-at-a-Glance

### XO Marriage Conference ~ February 14-15

#### Sunday, February 9

9 a.m. - Blended Worship | Baptism (Sanctuary); *the gathering* Worship (GS); Sunday School; Before You Say "I Do" (Rm 216)  
10:30 a.m. - *the gathering* Worship (GS); Connections Class (Rm 221); Sunday School  
4:30 p.m. - Grades 4-6 Bible Drill (JPMR); South Asia Team Meeting (Rm 76)  
5 p.m. - Sunday School Leadership Meeting (Rm 216); The Springs Worship Service (The Springs Sanctuary)  
6 p.m. - Evening Worship (Chapel); High School Worship (Youth Rm); *temple-tech* Sunday Night Supper  
7 p.m. - Chili Cook-off and Ice Cream Fellowship (FH)

#### Monday, February 10

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

#### Wednesday, February 12

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: Baked and Fried Fish)  
5:45 p.m. - Children's M<sup>3</sup> (Missions, Music, & More!) (JP); The Springs Midweek Gathering (The Springs Sanctuary)  
6 p.m. - Prayer Meeting/Bible Study (FH); GROW Visitation - RED TEAM (FH); Junior High Worship (Youth Rm); Love Talk (Rm 49)  
6:45 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm); Baton Rouge Mission Trip Interest Meeting (Rm 76)  
8 p.m. - *temple-tech* Brinner (FH)

#### Thursday, February 13

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

**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