

# 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

When God allows His people to gather collectively for worship, it is a powerful moment. Indeed, we are promised that our Lord is present where "two or three" are together in His name. This means that there is a special manifestation of His presence in and among us! Furthermore, such a gathering allows us to "rub souls" with one another. Our spirits connect as His Spirit hovers over us and brings us together. And for just a few moments each week, we have an opportunity to extend a gracious welcome to those around us. So, in particular, we need to make the most of that effort.

This week, I read some comments by Edward T. Welch that helped me think through my practice of extending hospitality to those around me. Welch writes:

*Greetings, of course, take time. This means our greeting list might be short, because we have a finite amount of time when the church is gathered . . . we cannot greet everyone. So here is how we prioritize:*

- *The visitor (what Scripture calls the 'foreigner' or 'alien') comes first.*
- *The visitor who returns comes next.*
- *The less popular, the introverts, the marginalized, or those sitting alone come next.*
- *Then come the children. Jesus singles them out as examples of the marginalized.*

• *'Hi, \_\_\_\_\_' is offered to as many people as possible.*

*Good friends are interspersed through these greetings, but they are left for later if time is short. A reasonable application of Scripture is to greet one person we don't know or don't know very well every time we gather with others in the body of Christ.*

No doubt, we want to make everyone feel welcomed when they walk on our campus, but these simple suggestions help us to be more intentional. I don't know if you have noticed this, but lately God has blessed us with a lot of new faces in our services. Praise Him for that! But also, be intentional about connecting with these new folks as they worship with us!

And as always, I thank you for your graciousness and your generosity. I love the Temple family! There is not another like you! You are "real" folks who daily demonstrate your love toward one another. What a bond of love! And what's more, you consistently give to fulfill the Lord's work in our community and beyond. Just this past Friday night, you helped us raise approximately \$30,000 for mission trips, etc. Thank you for all you do to advance the Kingdom of God. And remember, you are loved not for what you do, but rather for who you are! See you Sunday!

### FROM THE RECORDS OF FEBRUARY 9, 2020

Worship Attendance		Sunday School Attendance	
9 a.m. Blended Worship Service	622	9 a.m. Sunday School	112
9 a.m. the gathering Worship Service	214	10:30 a.m. Sunday School	699
10:30 a.m. the gathering Worship Service	259	First Steps	125
The Springs Worship Service	26	Off Campus	99
Combined Morning Total	1121	Total	1035

Give into the Lord		Sunday, February 9, 2020	
Budget			\$39,941.79
Share the Light			\$850.00



### Preschool Ministry ~ First Steps

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

Sundays 9-11:30 a.m.


# Education & Administration News

Jason Walsworth

Luke 5 is filled with stories of Jesus teaching, healing, and calling his first disciples. All of the Gospels record that Jesus' call was short and simple: "Follow me." For years, this simple invitation has mesmerized me. Later in chapter five, after a successful fishing trip, Jesus tells Simon Peter to follow Him, and He will make him a fisher of men. Jesus wanted his first disciples and his last disciples to be fishing for men, not just males, but also women and children. The gifts of forgiveness and eternal life that he offered were available to anyone.

**Follow and Fish: that is our call from Jesus.** We tend to complicate things when given the chance, or at least I do. There is something about that simple call from Jesus that is endearing and draws us in. "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you." James 4:8. That is just another way of saying, "Follow me." In chapter five, Jesus took Simon Peter where the fish, and they caught more fish than the boat could hold. They had to call over to their friends to bring another boat! Every day Jesus takes us where the fish are in our community. Lord, take us to the fish, open our eyes, and give us the boldness to share your Good News. Let's be faithful to Follow and Fish.

Our **Annual Volunteer Appreciation Banquet** is on Monday, February 24, at 6 p.m. We are so appreciative of the many volunteers in our church. You teach Sunday School. You greet people as they enter for worship. You run sound or lights. You help prepare our Wednesday night meals and clean up. You referee and coach Upward games. You direct traffic on Sundays. You serve in the nursery. You chaperone trips. You drive. I could go on and on! We want to say thank you and hope you will allow us to do that through this event. If you volunteer in any capacity, you are welcome (and a guest) to attend. Sign up in Sunday School or call the Church Office. Childcare is available upon request. **Deadline for reservations is Sunday, February 16.**



**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](https://events.temple.life)  
Registration ends Wednesday, February 19  
BRING YOUR DAD, GRANDAD OR FRIEND!  
\*SPORTS/TEAM ATTIRE WELCOMED

## LA Tech Baseball Trip March 13 and 14

Smith Wills Stadium in Jackson, MS  
Hosting Middle Tennessee Blue Raiders

Cost is \$120 (includes transportation and room)  
Plus \$10 per ticket for each game

Deadline to sign up: Wednesday, March 4  
Sign up in Sunday School this week!

## Vacation Bible School

Concrete & Cranes

June 1-5 | 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Mark your calendar and pray  
about how you can serve.



## WinShape Camp for Communities



July 13-17

Completed Grades K-8

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

\$189 for the first 175 campers

After the first 175, cost for camp: \$219

## Mission Trip Interest Meeting

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

This team will learn oral Bible story telling to teach local churches to disciple believers and carry out the Great Commission.

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

## Temple's Newest Membership Candidates



Todd, Joy,  
& Joshua Dean

### Under Our Watchcare

Ethan Patton



### Chili Cook-off Winners

- 1<sup>st</sup> Jodie Williams
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Debbie Willis
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Eddie Moss

Special thanks to the Hostess Committee and the judges.

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23**  
**5 P.M., SANCTUARY**  
**FOLLOWED BY A MEAL**

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

WITH SPECIAL GUEST  
**SARAH KELLY**

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## 2020 North LA Emergency Management

*Hosted by Rolling Hills Ministries*

**March 13-14 | Temple Baptist Church**

**Contact: David Abernathy, 251-0065,**  
[rollinghillministries.com/disaster-relief-training](https://rollinghillministries.com/disaster-relief-training)

Daily Registration: 7:30-8:30 a.m.

Training: 8:30-11:30 a.m.

### March 13 & 14: LA Baptist Disaster Relief Training

*(Costs will be found at*  
[rollinghillministries.com/disaster-relief-training](https://rollinghillministries.com/disaster-relief-training)*)*

### March 14: Certified Severe Weather Spotter and Shelter Training

*(Both Free to the public)*

### **THE PACK SHACK**

**March 14 | 1 p.m. | Temple Baptist Church**

After lunch, we will be packing 50,000 meals.

Funded by NLAR Weyerhauser

### **Senior Adult Luncheon**

Tuesday, February 18 | 11:45 a.m. | Fellowship Hall

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## YOUNG ADULT News

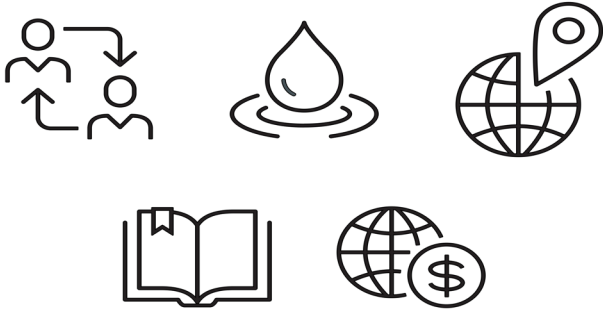
### Jacob Ambrose

Be in prayer for us this weekend as we take four couples to the **XO Marriage Conference** at Gateway Church in Southlake, TX! Pray for the Lord to draw us closer to himself and closer to our spouse and to protect us as we travel.

We have started the **Before You Say "I Do"** class, and it has been going great! We are still in need of five Mentor Couples. These couples will be responsible for meeting weekly with their couple for the duration of the class (at this point, only 4 times) and praying for them daily. If you are interested in helping mentor these young couples, please email me at [jacob@temple.life](mailto:jacob@temple.life).

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



*Deacons of the Week—February 16-22*  
Bill Belding & Fred Benefield

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## Week-at-a-Glance

### Bahamas Mission Trip ~ February 22-March 1

#### Sunday, February 16

- 9 a.m. - Blended Worship (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  
11:30 a.m. - Young Professionals Class Sunday School Lunch (FH);  
*temple-tech* Beach Reach Training (Rm 216)  
4:30 p.m. - Grades 4-6 Bible Drill (JPMR); Deacons Meeting (Rm 81);  
South Asia Team Meeting (Rm 76)  
5 p.m. - The Springs Worship Service (The Springs Sanctuary)  
5:30 p.m. - Bahama Mission Trip Final Meeting (Rm 75)  
6 p.m. - Evening Worship | Bahama Mission Trip Commissioning (Chapel);  
High School Worship (Youth Rm); *temple-tech* Sunday Night Supper

#### Tuesday, February 18

- 11:45 a.m. - Senior Adult Luncheon (FH)  
6 p.m. - Men's Retreat Reunion (FH)

#### Wednesday, February 19

- 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 Chicken)  
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 | 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); Congo Mission Trip Interest Meeting (Rm 76)

**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