

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**

Everyday, I am reminded that only The Gospel of Christ can transform individuals, and subsequently, the culture around them. This truth motivates me to pray and give to advance the kingdom of God throughout North America. We can participate actively in restoring the gospel's place in our land by praying for our Southern Baptist missionaries specifically and by giving sacrificially to support their endeavors. Through your contributions to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering (AAEO), you allow our missionaries to proclaim the gospel and plant new churches in strategic areas. You support Matt Lawson as he leads Story City Church to expand their witness (even as they recently launched a new campus with over 200 strong!) in Los Angeles; Jason Tallent, an Arkansas boy, as he pastors Harbor City Church in Boston; and Chris Flora as he continues to multiply churches in Calgary. You stand with our college students as they spend their summer intentionally sharing the gospel in areas like Boston, Chicago, West Palm Beach, and Calgary. You help facilitate relief teams as they respond to natural disasters which seem to dot the headlines frequently. You assist the appointment of Southern Baptist chaplains in our military who provide pastoral counsel and gospel direction. You even undergird the ministry of professors who teach at the Canadian Southern Baptist Seminary in Cochrane, Canada, as they attempt to train leaders to impact their country.

The AAEO is vital for the gospel advancement on our continent. According to the U.S. Census Bureau and the North American Mission Board (NAMB) Center for Missional Research, there are 363 million people who collectively speak 350 languages in North America, and it is estimated that 273 million of them are lost. What a tragic, dark

context! Outside of the Cooperative Program, the AAEO is the primary funding stream that sustains our effort to push back that darkness. In fact, around 49% of the NAMB's budget is supported by the AAEO. I pray that you will help us far surpass our church goal of \$65,000, not for bragging rights but for life transformation. There is nothing more significant to contribute to than God's mission. Pray and be generous in your gifts this year.

I'm grateful Temple is not just content on being a giving church, but we are committed to being a "going" church. Just this week, our Bahamas team returned safely after working on a Baptist church that was destroyed by Hurricane Dorian. As you read this, around sixty of our folks (mostly college students) are in Panama City Beach with LifeWay's Beach Reach. This Beach Reach team is engaging spring breakers through multiple gospel conversations in various venues! Pray for the Lord to multiply their efforts!

With this week's short-term mission efforts, we have had over eighty serve outside of Ruston already! Remember our goal is 275, and we have already reached eighty! Pray for God to raise up more laborers as well. By the way, we just celebrated baptism at The Springs this past Sunday night and at the Lincoln Parish Detention Center the past few Wednesday nights. In other words, we are still reaching people here! This year we have baptized 23 with more coming! That is 23 toward our goal of 100! Wow, our God is good! Let's keep having gospel conversations (and turn in our green balls), and He will remain faithful to our witness.

Thank you, Temple family, for being both a giving AND going church! See you Sunday!

FROM THE RECORDS OF MARCH 1, 2020

Worship Attendance		Sunday School Attendance	
9 a.m. Blended Worship Service	550	9 a.m. Sunday School	83
9 a.m. <i>the gathering</i> Worship Service	237	10:30 a.m. Sunday School	710
10:30 a.m. <i>the gathering</i> Worship Service	220	First Steps	119
The Springs Worship Service	36	Other	105
Combined Morning Total	1043	Total	1017

Sunday, March 1, 2020	
	Budget \$71,270.09
	Share the Light \$1,470.25



Preschool Ministry ~ First Steps

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

Sundays 9-11:30 a.m.

Minister of Community Evangelism

George Lee

Have You Heard about Purchased: Not For Sale NELA?

One of the most encouraging things about engaging our community is that we get to support our local missions partners and witness the work the Lord is doing through their ministries. Purchased NELA is a ministry of Freedom 13, one of our local partners. "The mission of Purchased: Not For Sale NELA is to give rescue, relationship, recovery, and resources to women and children experiencing sexual exploitation and sex trafficking." What a blessing it is to have a ministry like Freedom 13: Purchased NELA in our community.

On Sunday, March 15, the 50 Somethings Sunday school class of Temple will be hosting a house warming for Freedom13 Ministries' Purchased NELA. Please consider being a part of this amazing opportunity to help Freedom 13 continue to be a light in the darkness, reaching those who are oppressed by the devastating effects of sin in our world and community! See the announcement in Sunday School for more information.

Youth Summer Trips

Senior Mystery Trip ~ June 1-5
High School Mission Trip ~ June 13-19
Junior High Mission Trip ~ July 5-11
WinShape Camp ~ July 13-17

More information at www.templebcstudents.org

Democratic Republic of Congo Mission Trip Interest Meeting (Trip: August, 2020)

Sunday, March 8 | 5 p.m. | Room 75

Mission: Team will learn Bible storytelling to teach truths and key stories from the Bible to local churches; local churches will then teach others strengthening churches to do the work of the ministry, share the love of Jesus, and make disciples for Him.

2020 NORTH LA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Hosted by Rolling Hills Ministries

March 13-14 | Temple Baptist Church

Contact: David Abernathy, 251-0065,
rollinghillsministries.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
rollinghillsministries.com/disaster-relief-training)

March 14: Certified Severe Weather Spotter
or Shelter Training
(both sessions are 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 Weyerhaeuser

EASTER EGG HUNT
CANDY OR PRE-FILLED EGGS
WE NEED YOUR HELP!
COLLECTION BASKETS AT
EACH ENTRANCE!

WinShape Camp for Communities

July 13-17

Completed Grades K-8



WinShape
Camps

Register NOW at winshape.temple.life

Camp cost is \$219

A \$50 non-refundable deposit is due at the time of registration. Camp cost balance is due one month before camp begins.

Flowers for the Sanctuary

To place flowers in the Sanctuary on a Sunday in memory of or in honor of someone, please contact Ancie Parkman, 318-243-3867.



Vacation Bible School

Concrete & Cranes

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

Mark your calendar and pray about how you can serve.

Temple's Newest Membership Candidates:



Les Smith
(also pictured Paula)



Brandy Boyd



Jason & Paige Smith
(also pictured Parkes
& Hutson Claire)



the family of **Genevieve "Genie" O'Neal.**

Myrtle King Lunch Bunch

Thursday, March 12 | 12 p.m. | Room 216

Speaker: Patrick Patton, India

Project: Money for beans & rice for Western Shoebox Ministry

Where Moms Connect:

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

Youth Missions Chicken Dinner Fundraiser

Sunday, March 22 | 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. | Fellowship Hall



Get Your Tickets!

Dine-in or Take-out

Dinners are \$8 & include
chicken, beans, corn, & bread

Buy from a student on Sunday mornings or Wednesday
evenings to help raise money for their summer mission trips.

LOST AND FOUND ~ MARCH 1-8

A table is located by the Church Office.
Please stop and pick up your "lost" items.

**Any items left after March 8 will
be donated to Rolling Hills Ministries.**



Congratulations to:

Jeremy and Stephanie Morse on the birth of their son,
Samuel Davis. Proud sisters are Ella and Danielle
and grandparents are Loy and Deborah Seal.

From The Minister of Pastoral Care *Dale Oden*

It is a joy to be a part of the family of God that we know as Temple Baptist Church! As I sat last week at the annual Volunteer Appreciation Banquet, I was reminded once again how blessed we are to have hundreds of people involved in hundreds of various ministries throughout our church. None of us could do by ourselves what collectively we are able to accomplish for the Kingdom of God. And with His power and presence, we can continue to minister to people here in Ruston and all around the world.

One of the ministries that I enjoy is **teaching at the nursing homes** here in our community. We have a group of men who rotate going out every Sunday to teach a Sunday School lesson to the residents. These residents look forward to someone coming out each week to share the Bible lesson with them. We are in need of some more folks who would be willing to become involved in the rotation. If you would be interested, please give me a call.

Our **Senior Adult Luncheon** is set for **Tuesday, March 17**, at 11:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. The program for this month will be presented by one of our own, Sue Ledford. Sue and Tommy are very active members here at Temple Baptist Church. Sue will be sharing some ways to take better care of our bodies as we age. Her topic will be "How to Live Until You Die." She will also share her personal testimony. I hope you will join us and invite someone to join you for our luncheon.

There was an interesting statement in the February issue of *Mature Living* that ties in with what Sue plans to share with us. The quote from the magazine is, "We leave the land of the dying to enter the land of the living." That's a great observation that we should live our lives knowing that even though we are dying, for Christians, we will be alive for eternity in the presence of our God and our Savior.

ANNIE ARMSTRONG
EASTER OFFERING
FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS

March 8-15



It's all about the gospel

100% of your gifts support North American missionaries
ANNIEARMSTRONG.COM

Temple's Goal: \$65,000

Deacons of the Week—March 8-14
Mike Collie & Kenny Cox

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Week-at-a-Glance

Lost and Found Table ~ Mar 1-8 **Beach Reach ~ Mar 4-10**
Week of Prayer for North American Missions ~ Mar 8-15
Rolling Hills Disaster Relief Training ~ Mar 13-14 **Tech Baseball Trip ~ Mar 13-14**

Sunday, March 8 - Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

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); Sunday School
4:30 p.m. - Children's Bible Drill (JPMR); South Asia Team Meeting (Rm 76)
5 p.m. - The Springs Worship Service (The Springs Sanctuary); Sunday School Leadership Meeting (Rm 216); Handbell Rehearsal (Rm 213B); Democratic Republic of Congo Interest Meeting (Rm 75)
6 p.m. - Evening Worship (Chapel)
6 p.m. - High School Worship (Youth Rm)

Monday, March 9

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

Tuesday, March 10

9:30 a.m. - Ladies' Bible Study (Rm 275)

Wednesday, March 11

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: Beef Tips over Rice)
5:45 p.m. - Children's M³ (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)
6:45 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm)
8 p.m. - Temple College Midweek (GS)

Thursday, March 12

12 p.m. - Myrtle King Lunch Bunch (FH)
2 p.m. - GriefShare (Rm 76)
6 p.m. - Young Adult Worship (Ambrose Home)

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: 9-11 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