

# 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*

Flexibility. Flexibility. Flexibility. How that word has fallen from my lips as I prepared people to travel! Every time I lead a church trip specifically, I remind the participants that flexibility is the key to navigating the journey successfully. Experience itself informs us of how adaptable we must be. For which traveler has not had a flight delay, a missing suitcase, or even a revised itinerary? I'm certain we all have had some type of glitch in logistics and schedules. When our mission team traveled to Hungary a few years ago, our bags of personal belongings as well as our teaching resources did not catch up to us for approximately five days. Instead, the baggage sat patiently in Houston as it had not been loaded on our plane. And wow, what an experience that was! I am convinced that Ivin Hood's "green" shirt of the fifth day was actually the same "white" shirt he was wearing when he boarded the plane in Houston. (At least, he did try to create a better aura about him by inserting dryer sheets in his sleeves!) And our lodging? Well, most of us stayed in specific homes with local church people although I stayed in an apartment above the church sanctuary. And oh yeah, did I mention that they locked me in there by myself one night? They even locked the doors from the outside!! I had to crawl out a window the next morning! The only solace I had was knowing that they had also locked Dwight Anderson in a nursing home as well. I'm not kidding! Dwight stayed at the nursing home! Seems fitting, right? Oh, the different challenges that came at us on that one mission endeavor. Throughout that time, I kept preaching that same message to myself: Flexibility! Flexibility! Flexibility! And you know what? With all of the difficult adjustments we had to make, I still regard that opportunity as one of the most satisfying ministry experiences of my life. We had a great

team on a great mission to serve a great God! It took flexibility on our part, but our Lord demonstrated His ability to accomplish much!

Lately, I feel as though God has continued to teach me the significance of flexibility. Over the last few weeks especially, our church has had to adapt our worship services and our ministry work for the present context. We have had to gauge the ongoing crisis as we were steadily updated on congregational capacity limits, recommended timing, and appropriate procedures. And to be honest, we continue to adjust as necessary! That is not easy for a traditional, routine guy like me. Yet, I hear the self-proclamation of flexibility in my own life. This is not a one-week mission trip; rather, it is a lifetime of ministry. As a result, we must be committed to making the necessary changes so that we can move to a full ReGathering of His people.

**Beginning Sunday, May 31, we will move back to our on-campus regular Sunday Morning Worship Schedule with one Blended Worship Service at 9 a.m. in the Sanctuary and the gathering Worship Services at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.** We believe we have plenty of room to continue our social distancing efforts while accommodating everyone in three services. **Again, we will continue our online presence as we will livestream the Blended Worship Service at 9 a.m. and the gathering Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.** Don't forget we have also resumed our Wednesday night Prayer Meeting and Bible study at 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary. This service will be livestreamed as well if you can't join us physically.

Flexibility. Flexibility. Flexibility. I have preached it! Now pray that I will live it! Hope to see you Sunday either on-campus or online!

# Education & Administration News

Jason Walsworth

Hey, friends! We have just finished our first two weeks of ReGathering for worship on Sundays, and we had 275 and 298 respectively in total on-campus attendance. It was so great to drive to church knowing other people were going to be there and to see some of you finally! In the beginning, we needed to plan to be below 25% capacity; and we have been well below that. Also, after worship each week, both worship spaces are completely sanitized with a commercial fogging disinfectant. We appreciate everyone's patience, and we have been pleased with how our first two weeks have gone. This Sunday, May 31, we will return to our regular Morning Worship Schedule, if you can remember that far back! You are welcome to attend your preferred Morning Worship Service and time. Please see calendar for service times.

## Sunday School

We are working through what it might look like and when we might be able to meet again for Sunday School. Sometime in mid-July would be the earliest we see as a possibility, but we will keep you informed as that time gets closer.

Please know we are here to help in any way; and if you have any questions, please let us know. Have a great week!

**The flowers in the Sanctuary are** in memory of Martha Finklea, Mary Sumler, Janice Evans, Dannon Roberts, Tammy Saffel, and Helen Ferrel, given by the church family.

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ON THE  
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### Youth Ministry News:

Check out our ministry adjustments/trips/plans at [www.templebestudents.org](http://www.templebestudents.org)



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## Temple's Newest Membership Candidates



Marley Jinks



Son, Van Tran,  
& Melissa Le  
(also pictured: Hana & Mia)



the family of **Randy James Frank**, brother of Isreal Frank;  
the family of **Sandra Rambin**,  
sister of Gary and Mark Rambin.

**Sunday School Classes are still meeting virtually. Would you like to join a class?**

We want you to be a part.

Jason Walsworth is here to help!  
[jason@temple.life](mailto:jason@temple.life) | 255-3745

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## The Journey Place Tiny Trekkers & Summit Kids Sally Hearn

**Staycation Bible School 2020 ~ June 22-26 ~ Concrete and Cranes:** Grab your hard hat and tools for an exciting week! You can have Bible School with your family in your home, join with other families, or invite some neighbors to a Neighborhood Block Party. However you choose, we will provide the resources for a fun week as we build our lives on the foundation of Jesus. Register online at [sbs.temple.life](https://sbs.temple.life) for family packets. Packets will include a password to view online content, Bible stories, craft projects with materials, snack ideas, recreation ideas, mission project ideas, and more! We will have packets available for pick up on Saturday, June 20. Videos will be available June 22-26. If you would like to host a Block Party in your neighborhood, contact *The Journey Place* Office. We will supply Block Party Packs for your group. Help us promote online registration, and let's make this the best SBS ever!

**WinShape On!** Camp may be canceled on location, but you can still experience WinShape Camp right from your home. **WinShape ON Jr.** is for campers who have **Completed Kindergarten-Grade 6**. Through a combination of engaging video content and hand-delivered goodies, campers of all ages will experience moments of memory-making awesomeness filled with the same over-the-top intentionality you've come to expect at WinShape Camps.

### What to expect from WinShape Camps ON Jr

- Unforgettable video content delivered daily
- Over-the-top Camper Kit delivered to your doorstep
- Build community while we're social distancing
- Three ways to experience WinShape ON Jr.

**Registration is live now at [WinShapeON.org](https://WinShapeON.org) with several options available.**

**WinShape ON Sr.** for students who have **Completed Grades 7-12**. For senior campers, this summer is going to be so EPIC; WinShape is still ironing out some of the details. However, there are some exciting updates on the newly launched *WinShapeOn.org*. Learn about weekly online gatherings including Life Groups as well as other exciting events WinShape is going to have throughout the summer.

How can we help? Our staff is here to serve. You can contact them by calling the Church Office (255-3745)!

We are navigating unprecedented times, but we believe our God is still in control and can use us to share the Gospel in creative and powerful ways!

Church family, we LOVE you and are here to serve you!

**5:17 PRAYER**  
LUKE 5:17

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## Week-at-a-Glance

### Sunday, May 31

9 a.m. - Blended Worship (Sanctuary);  
livestream at [live.temple.life](http://live.temple.life) (Blended Worship);  
*the gathering* Worship (GS)  
10:30 a.m. - *the gathering* Worship (GS);  
livestream at [live.temple.life](http://live.temple.life) (*the gathering* Worship)

### Wednesday, June 3

6 p.m. - Prayer Meeting/Bible Study (Sanctuary),  
livestream at [live.temple.life](http://live.temple.life)

The Church Office is open from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday, but we encourage you to come to the office only if it is completely necessary. To stay within the guidelines given by the CDC and our government leaders, more information about our ReGathering efforts can be found at [update.temple.life](http://update.temple.life)

**Broadcast Hours:** Sundays: 9 a.m. Channel 11 (KAQY); 9:30 a.m. 94.1FM (KRLQ); 9 and 10:30 a.m. livestream ([live.temple.life](http://live.temple.life))

Vision:  
To become authentic, loving followers of Jesus,  
who are experiencing life transformation through God's Word,  
For the purpose of impacting our world.



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Core Values:  
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