

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

For some years, Temple Baptist Church has extended the invitation for individuals to **gather around the Word**. Pastors like Dr. Robert Magee and Dr. Rick Byageron emphasized the centrality of the biblical witness in our faith and practice, and they systematically taught through the Scripture. Personally, I love that our faith family places priority upon the life-transforming truth of God. Too many today either neglect or reject its import for our lives; but thankfully, Temple has not followed the spiritual charlatans of our culture. Instead, we have committed ourselves to studying/sharing God's authoritative, inerrant revelation. Every week we enjoy opportunities to gather together and make the Word central to our lives. How blessed I am to share these moments with you! Whether it is a Sunday morning as we watch God teach Moses what leadership truly is or whether it is a Wednesday night as we hear Peter explain how we live in submission as we walk in Christ's steps, we are able to study together. And even through technological capabilities, we can gather around the Word. I want to encourage you to remain faithful to these moments. Join us on campus or online as the Lord grants you opportunity. Take advantage of studying together. Participate in our corporate worship as well as your small group (Sunday School) setting. It is essential in ever-changing, difficult times to be anchored in the never-changing, life-providing Word!

But may I also mention another important element involved in this discipleship process? God has not just called you to gather around the Word; He has instructed you to **live out the Word**. In other words, Christ has called you to integrate His message within your being and act upon it accordingly. Instead of trying simply to get through the Word, you are to allow the Word to get through you. Whether in the family context, the classroom, or the workplace, you are to demonstrate love, truth, and holiness in who you are. You are to be the testimony of Jesus Christ in thought, word, and deed! This coming Sunday morning, we will consider "The Framework for a Godly Culture," a practical model for how we live in relationship with God and others. I do hope you can study Exodus 20 with us, but more importantly, I pray you will commit to live out His truth.

Many of you already live out the Word in your daily lives, and I am so grateful for you. I truly marvel at the way in which our great God has continued to use our Temple family for His glory. I especially lift you up in prayer this week as you assume whatever role necessary to demonstrate His Word—teachers/professors, doctors, plant workers, moms, engineers, painters, nurses, waiters, administrators, oil field hands, accountants, dads, supervisors, etc. The winds of renewal and expectation are blowing around us! May we experience that refreshing presence as we live out the Word! See you Sunday!

Minister of Community Engagement

George Lee

Great Things at The Springs!

The Lord continues to do great things at The Springs! In September, The Springs will be covering a study provided by NAMB called **Undivided: More than a Hashtag**. This study will be the second installment of one we did last year. *Undivided* focuses on candid conversations regarding racial reconciliation and how the church can lead and must lead this charge. This time around, we are taking *Undivided* outside the four walls of our church. We will host our first Sunday evening study on September 13 at 5 p.m. at local parks. When we did *Undivided* last year on Wednesday nights, so many from our church and community expressed a desire to be involved. Unfortunately, many could not because of scheduling conflicts and other commitments. By hosting our study at local parks on Sunday evenings, we are working to bridge the communal divide as well as undergird the safety protocols surrounding COVID. Unity in the body of Christ and across racial lines can only come through Jesus Christ, the creator and sustainer of all things.

Also, in September, our church will have an opportunity to support the **Georgia Barnett Sate Missions Offering**. This has been a tremendous blessing to The Springs in assisting with building renovations and equipment purchases early on. The focused Week of Prayer for the Georgia Barnette Offering will be September 13–20. This year, The Springs is featured in the Georgia Barnette publications, with a prayer emphasis, “Day 7: The Right Time to Replant.” Featured in this publication is a story about how the Lord has worked in the life of one of our church members. This story is accompanied by some specific prayer requests for The Springs. Please continue to pray for wisdom for me and other leaders, our ministry’s witness to the community, and responsive hearts within the Barnett Springs community and surrounding areas.



FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Wednesdays ~ September 2–November 4

5:45–7 p.m., Room 275

Register at fpu.temple.life

YOUNG ADULT WORSHIP

Every other Tuesday
beginning September 1

7 p.m., Chapel

For ANY young adult
in their 20s–30s

Childcare Reservation
at events.temple.life



2020 Fall Food Roundup

Louisiana Baptist Children’s Home
& Family Ministries

September 6–September 20

*Collection baskets will be
located at the church entrances
Much needed items are listed below.*

Cereal (Children’s Brands)	Fruit (Canned)
Oatmeal (Instant)	Jell-O (Pie Filling/ Pudding)
Bottled Juice (Orange/Apple Grape/ Fruit Punch)	Pam Cooking Spray Cooking Oil & Crisco Shortening
Cleaning Supplies & Disinfectant Spray	Pickles & Relish (Dill & Sweet)
Paper Towels	Salad Dressing (Ranch/Italian/ 1000 Island)
Dishwasher Detergent	Spaghetti Sauce
Laundry Detergent (HE-Liquid)	Potatoes (Boxed & Instant)
Dryer Sheets	

The flowers in the Sanctuary are in memory of
Melba Barmore and Violet Branham, given by
Mike and Donnie Barmore and Glynda Hicks.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

M³ (Missions, Music, & More)

Beginning Wednesday, September 2

5:45 p.m. ~ For the fall, we will have Missions Only.



the family of **Terry Joseph McDaniel**,
grandfather of Danyelle (Justin)

O'Neal; the family of **Jean Young**,
sister of Rick (Geraldyn) Hurst;

the family of **Betty Ray**, mother of Cindy (Mark)

Burns, grandmother of Allison (Kyle) Jett,

Blake (Jillian) Burns, and Ashley (Patrick) Hofford.

Temple's Newest Membership Candidate



Charles "Charlie"
Neal Williams



*Helen Payton for 5 years
of service at Temple.*

Congratulations to:

James and Antionette Anderson on the birth of their
great-grandson, Maddox Carmichael Olivo.

A Thank you card has been received from...

Will and Kelly Brantley;

Mandy Bush and Cedar Creek School Staff
(Located on the bulletin board in the Library window)

From The Minister of Pastoral Care

Dale Oden

It has been good to see some of our senior adults back in our Morning Worship Service and then in Sunday School. I know you will continue to pray for an end to all this Covid-19 so we can get back to some type of normalcy and routine. I am grateful that we can provide the worship service and Bible Study via livestream each Sunday.

For those of our senior adults who have not felt comfortable coming back to Sunday School on Sundays, let me tell you about a new opportunity for **Bible Study**. Dr. Galen Turner has volunteered to teach the lesson from the Explore the Bible series on Tuesdays for the next several weeks. We will meet in the **Sanctuary at 10 a.m. beginning Tuesday, September 8**. There is plenty of room to spread out and be socially distanced. Everyone who attends will be asked to wear a mask. Some of our folks have not felt comfortable being in their department or classroom on Sundays, so this will be a good time to come to the church when there will not be as many people in the building.

Our ladies have been asked to participate in the **2020 Ministry Weekend at the Louisiana Correctional Institute for Women, September 25-27**. What is needed for this special ministry is to help provide supplies that will be distributed in women facilities across the state. You can place one of each item in individual, plastic bags and drop off in the Church Office by Monday, September 14. Here is a list of the items needed: *Shampoo* - 12-20 oz. in plastic bottle, with or without conditioner (only 1 bottle); *Solid or Roll-on Women's Deodorant* - (2-3.5 oz) in plastic bottles; *Lotion* - (8-11 oz size) in plastic bottles, absolutely no pumps, tubes, or "specialty" lotions such as Bath and Body Works; *Toothpaste* - (6-9 oz size), major name brands, individually boxed, no travel sizes; *Adult Toothbrush* - SOFT BRISTLE ONLY, in original, individually factory-sealed wrap - 1 toothbrush per wrapper; *Bar of soap* - (3.2-6 oz size), no specialty soaps, no unwrapped/unboxed bars, no travel sizes; *Ball Point Pen* - blue or black ink, stick pen with top, no springs or clickers; *1 Pair White Crew Socks* - for women (no ankle or no-show socks), remove all plastic tags, paper, etc. and fold together as a pair; and *1 Plastic Shower Cap*.

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!

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LUKE 5:17

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Week-at-a-Glance

Sunday, August 30

9 a.m. - Blended Worship | Staff Recognition (Sanctuary);
livestream at live.temple.life (Blended Worship);

the gathering Worship (GS); Sunday School for all ages

10:30 a.m. - *the gathering* Worship(GS);

livestream at live.temple.life

(*the gathering* Worship); Sunday School for all ages

5 p.m. - The Springs Worship (Springs Sanctuary);

livestream at live.thesprings.life (The Springs Worship)

Tuesday, September 1

7 p.m. - Young Adult Worship (Chapel)

Wednesday, September 2

5:45 p.m. - Junior High Worship (Youth Rm);

Financial Peace University (Rm 275);

Children's M³ (Missions) (JP)

6 p.m. - Prayer Meeting/Bible Study (Sanctuary);

livestream at live.temple.life

7 p.m. - Senior High Worship (Youth Rm)

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)

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