

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

Recognizing God's gracious deliverance, the Psalmist declared, "Then they cry out to the Lord in their trouble, and He brings them out of their distresses. He calms the storm, so that its waves are still. Then they are glad because they are quiet . . . Oh, that men would give thanks to the Lord for His goodness" (107:28-31a NKJV). Hear the progression of the writer's thoughts—they cried out, God calmed the storm, and then they gave thanks to Him with gladness. That sounds eerily familiar to my (and maybe your) experience last week about this time. The tall pine trees were swaying as the wind howled through the hills of North Louisiana, and many of them along with their oak cousins surrendered to the assailing gusts. Like many of you, I found myself pleading with the Lord for His power and protection. Gratefully, the weather calmed as the God moved the storm out of the area; and I remember the feeling of relief. A survey of our parish demonstrated extensive damage and even revealed homes that had taken the brunt of falling trees. Even more so, the eventual reports and pictures from our friends and family members to the south revealed tremendous devastation. Yet, I believe that we still have reason to give thanks to the Lord for His goodness. In this moment of quietness, we should praise Him for calming the storm and for allowing us to experience recovery/renewal. Storms are difficult; their consequences, devastating. But praise be to the Lord that He has kept us through the storm and given us a spirit of hope!

Of course, I am grateful for how our church family has continued to respond with an eye to ministry. Our "official" Chainsaw Crew as well as numerous volunteers have aided in the cleanup. In many instances, neighbor just helped neighbor. Our churches have even worked together. Specifically, the Bridge Community Church and Calvary Baptist Church helped us feed linemen, volunteers, & people in the community at The Springs. What an example of the body of Christ! Indeed, we have a way to go . . . especially our brothers and sisters in the Lake Charles area. If you would like to contribute to the ongoing disaster relief efforts, you can give directly to Rolling Hills or you can give to Temple. Either way, we will make sure that your funds undergird

Southern Baptist disaster relief response in our state. Additionally, there may be some volunteer ministry opportunities in the Lake Charles and DeRidder areas. If you are interested in serving, I encourage you again to contact Rolling Hills and/or the Church Office.

Other ministries still continue here at Temple as well! We have been planning for the return of the Tech students to Ruston. (It has been a while!) And in that preparation, we are making some **adjustments to our Sunday morning worship service locations**. We will still have our **9 a.m. Blended Worship Service in the Sanctuary and the gathering Worship Service at 9 a.m. in The Gathering Space**; however, our **10:30 a.m. the gathering Worship Service at 10:30 a.m. will meet in the Sanctuary**. This move will allow us to promote social distancing with what we pray is an ever-growing worship service. **(Our Wednesday night college MidWeek service will also meet in the Sanctuary at 8 p.m.)**

Furthermore, we are planning to offer a class/service for senior adults only on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. beginning September 8. Dr. Galen Turner, III will lead this study from the book of Isaiah in the Sanctuary. Masks are required. Please know this will not take the place of senior adult Sunday School indefinitely. We want to get our classes/departments up and going again as soon as possible, but we also recognize the reality of the COVID-19 challenges. We are attempting to do everything we can to help provide contexts where people feel comfortable returning to campus to study and worship. We firmly believe that these opportunities are necessary to reconnect with one another in ways that technological means cannot. It is essential that we maintain fellowship and connection!

During these unprecedented days, we are committed to love the Lord and to love one another. That way, we will continue to look for ways to serve Him and our community. We may have to change some things around and be flexible as we move forward. But again, we are determined to do what we must do to make a difference for the Kingdom. Never forget, you are loved! See you Sunday!

From the Associate Minister of Music

Zach Husser

Hey, church family! Hopefully, by the time you read this article, most of you will have power and water restored at your home. I know it was a rough weekend, but thankfully the Lord brought us through the storm and has blessed us with resources for a speedy recovery!

Investing in the next generation of worship leaders is one of the most exciting aspects of my job here at Temple. So, this season of social distancing and phased startups has been difficult because I haven't been able to lead with our Youth Band.

A couple of weeks ago, we relaunched our youth worship services on Wednesday nights, which means we were finally able to have our Youth Band play again. Our students haven't had an opportunity to lead worship since February; so needless to say, they were pumped! We switched up our schedule a bit on Wednesdays, so now our Youth Band is leading two services on the same night. I'm so proud of the dedication that the team shows each week and the work they put into preparing to lead. They are growing rapidly in their musical abilities while also growing in their knowledge of what it means to be a worship leader, which brings me so much joy. I think it's just as important for them to develop a heart for worship as it is for them to develop their musical gifts.

I'm so thankful that we are back meeting in person. I hope you join me in praying that God uses the youth platform on Wednesdays to raise up a generation of worshipers who have a heart for praising the Lord and leading others to do the same!



the family of **John Woods**,
brother of Hubert Estes

Senior Adult Bible Study Tuesdays | 10 a.m. Sanctuary Beginning September 8

Dr. Galen Turner, III teaching Isaiah
from Explore the Bible
Contact Dale at dale@temple.life

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

M³ (Missions, Music, & More)

Beginning Wednesday, September 9

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

The flowers in the Sanctuary are in
memory of Everett, Janet, and Jerry Odom
given by Dolora Gregory and Dianne Davison.

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
Cleaning Supplies & Disinfectant Spray	Cooking Oil & Crisco Shortening
Paper Towels	Pickles & Relish (Dill & Sweet)
Dishwasher Detergent	Salad Dressing (Ranch/Italian/ 1000 Island)
Laundry Detergent (HE-Liquid)	Spaghetti Sauce
Dryer Sheets	Potatoes (Boxed & Instant)

Temple's Newest Membership Candidate



Dawson Sills



*Whitney Johnson for 5 years
of service at Temple.*

Congratulations to:

Patrick and Stacey Thomas on the birth of their son, **William Louie Thomas**, grandson of Kathy (Randy) Frasier and Robert & Deb Truett, proud great grandparents are Louie and Janece Miller. Pam Bunn on the birth of granddaughter, **Lillian May Oehlerich**.

Georgia Barnette
STATE MISSIONS OFFERING

The Right Time

—WEEK OF PRAYER—
September 13-20, 2020

2 CORINTHIANS 6:2 NLT
Indeed, the "right time" is now.

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STATE GOAL:
\$1,700,000

CHURCH GOAL:
\$28,000

LOUISIANA BAPTISTS

YOUNG ADULT News

Jacob Ambrose

I want to make you aware of several upcoming discipleship opportunities for Young Adults! See below the details for each. All links to register for each event can be found by visiting ya.temple.life.

Young Adult Worship is an opportunity for young adults in their 20's-30's to worship and connect with other believers. We meet every-other-Tuesday in the Chapel at 7 p.m. The next time we will gather is Tuesday, September 15. Childcare is available by RSVP! Register by clicking the link found at ya.temple.life.

Financial Peace University is Dave Ramsey's life-changing money plan, designed to get you debt free and in control of your money! It will begin on Wednesday, September 16 at 5:45 p.m. in Room 275. **Cost for the class is \$129.99**, and includes access to Ramsey+ for a year. If you plan to attend, you must register at fpu.temple.life prior to attending on September 16.

Matchless is an 8-session women's Bible study by Angie Smith on the mission, miracles, and message of our Savior. The study, facilitated by Jenn Carter, will begin on Wednesday September 16, at 5:45 p.m. in Room 261. Books are available for \$14, but not required for participation in the study.

Kingdom Man is a 6-session men's Bible study by Dr. Tony Evans, designed to "empower men to exercise the God-given dominion they were created for." The study, facilitated by John Cowling, will begin on Wednesday, September 16 at 5:45 p.m. in Room 49. Books are available for \$14, but not required for participation in the study.

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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Week-at-a-Glance

Sunday, September 6

- 9 a.m. - Blended Worship (Sanctuary);
livestream at live.temple.life (Blended Worship);
the gathering Worship (GS); Sunday School for all ages
10:30 a.m. - *the gathering* Worship (Sanctuary);
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)

Monday, September 7

- Church Offices CLOSED
5 p.m. - Temple College Trivia Night (FH)

Tuesday, September 8

- 10 a.m. - Senior Adult Bible Study (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, September 9

- 5:45 p.m. - Junior High Worship (Youth Rm);
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)
8 p.m. - Temple College MidWeek (Sanctuary)

Broadcast Hours: Sundays: 9 a.m. Channel 11 (KAQY); 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