

# 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*

“Would you pray for Anne?” It was a simple request I offered before our Old Testament survey class began. You see, we always prayed together at the beginning of our Bible classes at Blue Mountain College, and we students regularly shared what was on our hearts for that intercessory moment. The professor accepted my appeal and asked one of my fellow students to commit Anne to the Father in prayer. Class then got underway, and we were off into the story of the Old Testament. Somewhere along the way, my mind began to “clear,” and I began to recognize my mistake. That summer semester, I was taking English Literature in the morning and followed up by attending Old Testament immediately afterward. There had been many sleepless nights of study and work, and it was though the distinction between literature and reality had been blurred. “Would you pray for Anne?” The question itself exemplified that conflation of two worlds. As I sat there in class, I realized that I had just asked the class to pray for a character in my English Literature story! What an embarrassment! Thankfully, none of those students noticed my error, but I was horrified that I could transport a character from literature into the contemporary setting with such ease.

Yet, as I have preached through the study of Moses, I have similarly welcomed him into my daily experience. I feel like

I have walked with him, cried with him, and rejoiced with him. The biblical character has become so real! I pray that you have identified with him as well and that the study has helped you grow in faith. Even this past Sunday's text that recorded Moses' death presented me with great peace as I was reminded that it occurred “according to the word of the Lord.” No doubt, God held Moses in the palm of His hand. And so, He holds us! He determines the number of our days, and nothing can circumvent His ultimate plan for us. No COVID-19, no hurricanes, and no wildfires can take me before it is my appointed time. Certainly, we should be wise and live prudently each day; but in the end, we must trust the Lord for life itself. He rules, and He reigns. We should live like it!

This coming Sunday, I will begin a new series from Revelation 1-3 that I've entitled “A Word to the Church.” Those three chapters both comfort and challenge us as a church. Indeed, we are called to be faithful to Christ and rest in His victory. I'm excited about this new series, and I hope you will commit to be a part of it with me! We will also celebrate the Lord's Supper together as we remember and rejoice in the Lord's work! It is going to be a great day! Hope to see you then!

# Neighbors and Nations

*Ben Jernigan*

Psalm 18:19 reads, "He brought me out into a broad place; he rescued me, because he delighted in me." How good it is to reflect on the idea that we have been rescued by God and that he delights in us! At the same time, let us not forget those who cannot yet say this because they don't know Christ as Lord. With this in mind, below are a few ways you can help others be rescued by Jesus.

It is time to pray for and give to the **Georgia Barnette State Missions Offering**. The GBSMO trains church planters, funds disaster relief, trains ESL workers, assists in church construction projects, sparks church multiplication, provides food for the needy, equips evangelists to share the gospel, assists churches in disasters (like Hurricane Laura), provides mission camp opportunities for children, provides college scholarships, provides Bibles and tracts for evangelistic opportunities, and much, much more (for more info go to <https://georgiabarnette.org/fast-facts/>). Our church's goal is **\$28,000**.

Want to help the hurting on a mission trip to the Caribbean this winter? The **Puerto Rico Mission Team** needs you! This is a fantastic opportunity to join with Southern Baptists across America to rebuild and restore Puerto Rico after the devastation of Hurricane Maria in 2017. You will work alongside NAMB missionaries and local church planters to minister in this rebuild effort. Come to the Interest Meeting on September 23 or contact the Church Office!

Covid-19 has interrupted many of our 2020 mission trips, but the work still goes on! One of the churches we bless is **The Well Church** in Monroe. This is a new church plant that is growing and reaching people for Christ. They need our help! Because they rent their space, one of their biggest needs is setting up for Sunday worship and tearing down afterwards. Would your class consider helping them one afternoon this fall? This can be done on a Saturday (set-up) or a Sunday afternoon (tear-down). The task takes about an hour and will free up the church to go out and do evangelism while our team works. To sign up, contact the Church Office!

As you know, **Ron and Jean Coody** are staying in our mission house this fall. They would love a chance to speak to your Sunday School class or small group. They are fantastic and have many years of valuable missionary experience. Please use them! For their contact info, please contact the Church Office!

For more TBC missions stories, read our blog at [tbcommission.wordpress.com](http://tbcommission.wordpress.com) and follow us on Instagram at [temple.go](https://www.instagram.com/temple.go)



Wednesday, September 23  
4-8 p.m. | Parking Lot - Mobile Bus  
Goal: 15 Units

If we meet our goal, Temple members who need blood will move to the top of the list.  
Everyone come and give.  
Let's make and even exceed our goal!

## Sugar for CCA

Local Mission Opportunity

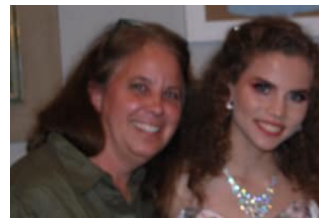
We are responsible for **75 bags** of sugar each month.



*Congratulations to:*

Ben and Diana Humphries on the birth of grandsons,  
**Daniel and David Futrell.**

Temple's Newest Membership Candidates



Melinda  
and Ansley Long



**Thursday, September 24  
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

Providing a meal for local law enforcement in the parish

**Opportunities to serve:** Meal Prep Team, Delivery Team, Notecard Team

**To volunteer please contact:** George Lee, IV  
*george@temple.life* or 255-3745

**This Sunday is The Lord's Supper during all Morning Worship Services.**

For those worshipping at home, you may come to Guest Services by the Church Office on Thursday or Friday to pick up pre-packaged elements.

## 2020 Fall Food POUNDUP

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.*

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

**The flowers in the Sanctuary** are in memory of Dr. Robert S. Magee, given by Vivian, Bruce, and Gayle.



the family of **Pattye Brasher**, mother of Kim (Terry) Gardner; **Cildeal Smith**, father of Quinton Smith; **Jimmy Ambrose**, grandfather of Jacob (Amanda) Ambrose.

**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.*

STATE GOAL:  
**\$1,700,000**

CHURCH GOAL:  
**\$28,000**

GeorgiaBarnette.org

LOUISIANA BAPTISTS

## College Connection Casey Casady

Let's get COLLEGE started! The students are back, and we could not be more excited! This year is going to look much different. We are doing everything we can to create a safe environment for worship, Bible study, and small groups. We know it will be different, but we are committed to see God's Kingdom advance in the lives of students on our local college campuses. Our weekly schedule has changed a bit to help students flow through our space with more distancing. Help us greet, gather, and grow students as they return to Ruston. Below is our Wednesday Night College Schedule:

College Leadership 5 p.m. | Freshmen Relationships Study 6:30 p.m. | Midweek 8 p.m.

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, September 20

- 9 a.m. - Blended Worship | Lord's Supper (Sanctuary);  
livestream at *live.temple.life* (Blended Worship);  
*the gathering* Worship | Lord's Supper (GS);  
Sunday School for all ages
- 10:30 a.m. - *the gathering* Worship | Lord's Supper (Sanctuary);  
livestream at *live.temple.life* (*the gathering* Worship);  
Sunday School for all ages
- 2 p.m. - Deacons Meeting (Chapel)
- 5 p.m. - The Springs *Undivided* Study | Lord's Supper  
(Duncan Park, 1311 Arlington Street)

### Tuesday, September 22

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

### Wednesday, September 23

- 4 p.m. - Blood Drive (Parking Lot | Mobile Bus)
- 5:45 p.m. - Children's M<sup>3</sup> (Missions) (JP); Junior High Worship  
(Youth Rm); Financial Peace University (Rm 275);  
Women's Bible Study (Rm 261); Men's Bible Study (Rm 49);
- 6 p.m. - Business Meeting (Sanctuary); livestream at  
*live.temple.life*; The Springs Bible Study (Springs Sanctuary);  
livestream at *live.thesprings.life* (The Springs Worship)
- 6:30 p.m. - TempleCollege Freshman Bible Study (GS)
- 6:45 p.m. - Puerto Rico Mission Team Interest Meeting (Rm 76)
- 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