

# 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*

Life on Mission. Every day, Christ followers are called to embrace His mission and declare His good news. No one is exempt from the task; no one is excused from the responsibility. There are no “second-class” citizens of God’s Kingdom. Moreover, there are no hired professionals to do our work for us. **ALL** believers are missionaries in their own specific context (i.e. school, workplace, home, etc.). Think of how awesome that truth is! You and I have the great privilege of participating in the eternal work of God’s Kingdom! And we can do it each day as we go about our lives . . . even in moments of pandemic and natural disaster!

I am grateful for a community of faith who is committed to this God-sized agenda and for my fellow leadership (staff, deacons, etc.) who help communicate the vision daily. For example, one of our goals for 2020 is to engage in **1100 gospel conversations**. That translates into about one conversation per regular attendee. So far, we have recorded about **800** such moments, and no doubt, there have been more that we haven’t captured yet. Therefore, I want to encourage you to share the Gospel intentionally with someone this week, and then let us know so that we can celebrate collectively as we live on mission together!

Finally, thank you for how you **give** on mission as well. Just this past week, we were able to contribute a

significant amount of groceries to the Louisiana Baptist Children’s Home & Family Ministries as a part of our annual Fall Food Roundup. In addition, we collected many items for Prison Ministry that will be used to advance the Kingdom. Sunday School classes have provided resources to Rolling Hills to aid our friends in Southwest Louisiana as they recover from Hurricane Laura while some of our members have traveled to serve on the frontlines of the work there. And of course, we have already given over \$10,000 toward our \$28,000 Georgia Barnette State Missions Offering goal (A goal I believe we will surpass in the coming days!). Through your financial support for the missionary endeavor here in the state of Louisiana, disaster relief efforts, church planting, and various other ministry projects will be accomplished. And even more importantly, people will enter into eternal life through Christ Jesus!

My friends, I thank my God continually for allowing me to be your pastor. **You live on mission, and you give on mission . . . even when life and ministry is challenging!** I am so grateful for you, my Temple family.

Let’s stay united! Let’s stay faithful! Let’s declare His glory! Let’s live and give together! And let’s gather together Sunday!

# Youth Ministry

## John Nugent

**Let God Use What You Already Have:** Jesus had a large crowd pressing in on Him, and He wanted to be able to teach them. So He used Peter's boat (Luke 5:1-3). Jesus didn't come for the righteous but for the sinners, so He called Matthew and used Matthew's friendships to introduce Himself to sinners who needed Him (Matthew 9:9-13). Somebody, whose name we don't know, had an upper room that Jesus used to teach His disciples and have the Last Supper with them (Luke 22:10-13). There are many more times that Jesus uses someone's donkey, influence, and many other things for His glory. What do you have that Jesus is using?

Too often, teenagers are waiting to obtain something, grow old enough, or arrive at some point in life before they feel like they can be used by God. The truth is that God can and is using teenagers for His glory with what they already have. We've had students bring soccer teammates to know Him. Students have used their cars to bring friends to church to hear the Gospel, and even used their cars to teach a friend in need to drive! Our youth are using their friendships to have Gospel conversations and to show friends what it really means to follow Jesus.

Pray that more of our students allow God to use them in epic ways just as they are. Pray that they will see their classrooms, family supper tables, friendships, cars, sports teams, etc. as instruments He is ready to use for His glory!

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## rightnow MEDIA

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# UNDIVIDED

## MORE THAN A HASHTAG

North American  
Mission Board

#ourcommunityundivided

the  
SPRINGS

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 | 5 P.M.**  
**at Cook Park**  
**(2800 Kavanaugh Rd, Ruston)**

A study focused on candid conversations regarding  
racial reconciliation and how the church can lead  
and must lead this charge.

Everyone is invited to attend!

*Congratulations to:*

Ryan and Angelle Campbell on the birth of their son  
**Wilson Myles Campbell**. Proud sister is Emery.



the family of **Huey Pierce "Sleepy" Roberts**, father of Phyllis (Mark) Ramin; the family of **Lee Barham**, brother of Jennifer (Tony) Blake; the family of **Gene Brazzel**, brother of Hilda Estes.

## YOUNG ADULT WORSHIP

Every other Tuesday  
Next one is September 29  
7 p.m., Chapel

For ANY young adult  
in their 20s-30s

Childcare Reservation  
at [events.temple.life](http://events.temple.life)



*A Thank you card has been received from...*

Kevin and Becky Kaase

(Located on the bulletin board in the Library window)

## Weekly Bible Studies

### ***Women's Bible Study***

Wednesdays | 5:45 p.m. | Rm 261

### ***Men's Bible Study***

Wednesdays | 5:45 p.m. | Rm 76

### **The flowers in the Sanctuary**

are in memory of Ed Stanford, Marcus Ward,  
Cildeal Smith, given by the church family.



### **SUPPORT GROUP**

Thursdays through January 7 | 2 p.m. | Room 76

Facilitator: Linda Echols

Contact: Jason Walsworth, [jason@temple.life](mailto:jason@temple.life), 255-3745

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# Minister of Community Engagement

*George Lee*



**LOVELINCOLN**

**Loving our Local Law Enforcement Officers:** This week our church had an opportunity to minister to our local law enforcement officers (about 140 officers and administrators). Each officer received a hot meal for lunch, a handwritten note offering encouragement, and prayer. We would not have been able to do this project without willing

hearts. We had several teams who worked to make this effort a success. The Meal Prep Team had a time of prayer and plated lunches here at the church. The Delivery Team delivered lunches to area offices. Handwritten notecards were prepared for each officer by the Notecard Team. What a blessing to be able to serve those who serve us and sacrifice so much for us. Today, if you happen to cross paths with a local law enforcement officer, please take a moment to thank and appreciate them! Also, please pray that this ministry opportunity will draw officers closer to Him. Pray that they would see and feel the love of Christ as we had the privilege to serve them!

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 27

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 | Parent/Child Dedication  
(Sanctuary); livestream at *live.temple.life* (*the gathering* Worship);  
Sunday School for all ages  
5 p.m. - The Springs *Undivided* Study (Cook Park, 2800 Kavanaugh Rd)

### Tuesday, September 29

10 a.m. - Senior Adult Bible Study (Sanctuary)  
7 p.m. - Young Adult Worship (Chapel)

### Wednesday, September 30

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 76);  
6 p.m. - Prayer Meeting/Bible Study (Sanctuary); livestream at  
*live.temple.life*; The Springs Bible Study (Springs Sanctuary);  
livestream at *live.thesprings.life* (The Springs Worship)  
6:30 p.m. - Temple College Freshman Bible Study (GS)  
7 p.m. - Senior High Worship (Youth Rm)  
8 p.m. - Temple College MidWeek (Sanctuary)

### Thursday, October 1

2 p.m. - GriefShare (Rm 76)

### 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

**Broadcast Hours:** Sundays: 9 a.m. Channel 11 (KAQY); 9 and 10:30 a.m. livestream (*live.temple.life*)