

# 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*

**LoveLincoln.** It is more than just a marketing brand; it is our intentional effort to show our love to Lincoln Parish through specific acts of service and ministry. Indeed, LoveLincoln events push us beyond the four walls of the church building and out into our community. Last week, several of our church family members did exactly that as they encouraged our local law enforcement personnel. In *The Tidings*, George indicated in his article that volunteers delivered around 150 meals and handwritten note cards to various agencies across the parish: Choudrant Police Department, Dubach Police Department, Grambling Police Department, Grambling State University Police Department, Lincoln Parish Sheriff's Department, Louisiana Tech University Police Department, Ruston Police Department, Ruston City Marshal's Office, and Simsboro Police Department. (We were also able to minister to a couple of Louisiana State Police Troopers.) We did this because we recognize how personally challenging it is for our law enforcement folks right now, and we hoped to remind them how much they are loved and appreciated. These are men and women who place their lives on the line daily to protect our families and communities. They deserve our support and encouragement in Christ. I urge you to pray for those who serve in such capacities and express your appreciation to them through tangible acts of kindness. After all, the beloved disciple commanded, "Little children, let us love not with word or with tongue, but in deed and

truth" (1 John 3:18 NAS). Thanks again for what you did to make last week's "deed" a reality. How truly grateful I am for how you LoveLincoln like you do!

I am also thankful that your love spills over into our state, national, and even international missions. Already, you have contributed over \$16,000 to our Georgia Barnette State Missions Offering, funds which undergird the disaster relief response as well as the church planting endeavors right here in Louisiana. In many ways, this offering is the lifeblood of such ministries, and we look forward to reaching and exceeding our church goal of \$28,000 so that we can impact our state for Christ.

Finally, I admit that I am missing the fellowship of our faith family. Many of you know that I have been in quarantine as COVID-19 reared its head in our household. Currently, we are all doing well as only one of our family members has dealt with the virus. Thankfully, we were able to watch our worship services online, and we were blessed by the music and by John's message. Technology has certainly allowed us to stay connected. Yet, it is not the same as worshipping in person with our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. Neither the television or the iPad can provide the personal touch that gathering physically with the body of Christ does. That is why I so look forward to being back with you. Because I not only LoveLincoln . . . I also LOVE Temple! Never forget that! And I'll see you soon!

# From The Minister of Pastoral Care

Dale Oden

Fall has arrived and this week should be one of those delightful weeks of beautiful weather! I really enjoy this time of the year with cooler days and nights. Hopefully, we will get to enjoy some of the beauty of this season as the leaves begin to change colors.

I am excited that Dr. Argile Smith will be coming to be with us for a late edition of our **Senior Adult Summer Bible Study**. Let's call this one the "Not-Summer" Bible Study. He will be with us **Monday-Wednesday, October 26-28**. We will meet in the **Sanctuary** so we can spread out. We will encourage everyone to wear a mask. The only disappointment is that we will not have a meal following the study as we have in previous years. But you should get some wonderful blessings from an intensive study of God's Word.

Dr. Smith is planning to lead us in a study of **the book of Jeremiah**. We have been studying from the book of Isaiah for the past few weeks in Sunday School. Now we will be looking at the writings of another of the major prophets in Jeremiah. The October 26-28 sessions will begin each day at **9:30 a.m.** We should conclude at 11:30 a.m. I hope many of you will be able to come join us in this study.

Our **Tuesday morning study of the book of Isaiah** has been good. We are meeting in the **Sanctuary at 10 a.m.** Come join us if your class has not been meeting. There is plenty of room to spread out.

Even with all that is going on with the illnesses, the unrest, and the difficulties in our lives, it is encouraging to know we have a Heavenly Father who will never leave us or forsake us. Continue to trust Him!



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## Special Called Business Meeting Deacon Nomination

Sunday, October 18 | All Worship Services

**The flowers in the Sanctuary**  
are in memory of Eddie Ray Hammons and  
Edna Franklin, given by the Kip Franklin family.

**Sugar for CCA**  
Local Mission Opportunity  
We are responsible for 75 bags  
of sugar each month.

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# UNDIVIDED

MORE THAN A HASHTAG

North American  
Mission Board

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the  
SPRINGS

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4 | 5 P.M.**

**at Huckleberry Trails Park**

**2304 Magnolia Drive, Ruston**

**(located adjacent to Cypress Springs Elementary School)**

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!

GRIEF SHARE<sup>®</sup>

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

*A Thank you card has been received from...*  
The Coody Family; Mark and Cindy Burns and family  
(Located on the bulletin board in the Library window)



the family of **Dorothy Brown**, grandmother of Jill (Lonnie) Menzina; the family of **Charlotte Elaine Reinhart**, grandmother of Grady Small; the family of **Harold Bauman**, father of Liz (John) Hood and grandfather of Lance (Chelse) White, Garson (Matt) Woodard, and Will Hood.

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## Neighbors and Nations

*Ben Jernigan*

Does it really say that? I'll never forget the inscription written on the side of some of the police cars in our East Asian city several years ago. It read, "to punish and enslave." This was the message the police department in this East Asian city wanted to communicate to their people! A few months later, I compared that to the message on the police car in a small town in Mississippi. It read, "to serve and protect." I'll never forget the contrast in the two messages and the meaning of the words from each. I believe it is with that spirit that most of our law enforcement officers sign up to serve their communities.

On Thursday, we hosted our third **LoveLincoln** event of the year as we blessed local law enforcement in Lincoln Parish! We had over 50 volunteers from Temple join together to serve those who serve on our behalf. We prepared over 150 meals and notecards, and delivered them to police departments in Choudrant, Dubach, Grambling, Ruston, Simsboro, as well as the Sheriff's department and Marshal's office. We also took them to the campus police departments at Grambling State University and Louisiana Tech University. We were able to speak an encouraging word to them, pray over them, thank them for their work, and speak about the One who gave His life for us so that we could have life!

Thank you, Temple Baptist Church, for your commitment to Christ for shining His light on our community!

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, October 4

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 *Undivided* Study (Huckleberry Trails Park, 2304 Magnolia Drive, Ruston)

### Tuesday, October 6

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

### Wednesday, October 7

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 8

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.



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