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BAPTIST CHURCH

TIDINGS

A weekly newsletter for all active members of Temple Baptist Church

The Pastor's Perspective

Dr. Reggie Bridges

“Here I am, send me.” It was a simple, yet powerful, confession uttered by the prophet some 2700 years ago. The scene itself was awesome. God was in full glory and holiness. The Lord sat upon the throne as the King. For Isaiah, the only appropriate response was surrender. He completely yielded his life and service to the One Who Reigns. “Here I am, send me.”

That moment was certainly not the first time that God’s majesty evoked humility from His servant; and no doubt, it was not the last time for such a reaction. In fact, many have heard God’s call and responded in obedience. Such was the case for Dr. James M. and Mrs. June Young. According to his own testimony, James experienced the Lord’s directive hand not only in his pull toward missions, but he also knew that the work included medical missions. James wrote, “I have never doubted that it was God who spoke to me and put this question in my mind, ‘Why not you? Why can’t you help meet this need?’” Thankfully, June strongly sensed the Lord’s movement as well; and the two of them ultimately ended up in Yemen, a land that had been “almost completely closed to the Gospel for 1000 years.” They served compassionately and effectively. Not long ago, a friend of mine sent me a dissertation that outlined the Kingdom impact of the Yemeni hospital that the Youngs helped establish. As demonstrated by the research project, the Youngs’ legacy truly continues to point people to Jesus. And it was only because they declared, “Here I am, send me.”

This Saturday, we will honor the life and the work of **Mrs. June Young**. A few months ago, she heard the words,

“Well done, thou good and faithful servant.” Because of the pandemic restrictions and concerns, we were not able to have a public service. Now, the family invites you to celebrate her extraordinary life on **Saturday, May 15, at 2 p.m. in the Temple Baptist Chapel**. In 1966, James and June wrote to Dr. Magee: “We will never cease to be thankful for the members of Temple and for all they have meant and still mean to us.” Well, I think our church family can genuinely say that we will never cease to be thankful for the Youngs and for their faithfulness to the Gospel.

And of course, I remain excited to see how people are still declaring, “Here I am, send me.” We have seen continued salvations; and this coming Sunday, we will baptize at least five individuals in *the gathering* at 10:30 a.m. We have also seen those who want to commit to our church family (and have us commit to them) as they have become official members. We are seeing younger generations rise up to meet the challenge of missions. (Don’t forget to pray for our high school and college graduates this week.) We are witnessing recommitments across our faith family as God draws some nearer to Him. In other words, God is still on the throne, and people are still responding in obedience.

I hope you will join with us Sunday as we give thanks to Him for all He is allowing us to see and experience. It will be a great day to worship and fellowship. That’s right! **Don’t forget our Church-wide Picnic that begins at 4 p.m. on Sunday at Lincoln Parish Park (L-6). Just tell the attendant that you are with Temple.** It will be awesome to join together! See you Sunday!

From the Associate Minister of Music

Zach Husser

Greetings, Temple family! I want to use this article to briefly share a concept that has been helpful to me and my team. This idea was introduced by a worship pastor whom I hold in high esteem and is very helpful in aiding our understanding of the term “worship.”

Unfortunately, sometimes the word “worship” prompts a great deal of confusion. You may hear one person use the term to describe a particular style of music, while another describes a formal, rigid, liturgical worship service. Then, some people may say that worship is simply just a way of life. Between these varied definitions, debates abound.

So, I want to provide a framework for describing worship. This framework is called, “One. Two. Three.”

- **One object (God)**
- **Two contexts (the gathered and scattered church)**
- **Three audiences (God, God’s people, the lost)**

This is helpful because it allows us to see that there are multiple elements to consider when we talk about worship. For example, when we sing a song in congregational worship, we must consider: 1) Who is the object of this song? 2) How will this song encourage us while we are gathered and how will it empower us when we are scattered? 3) How is this song being received by God, His people, and the lost?

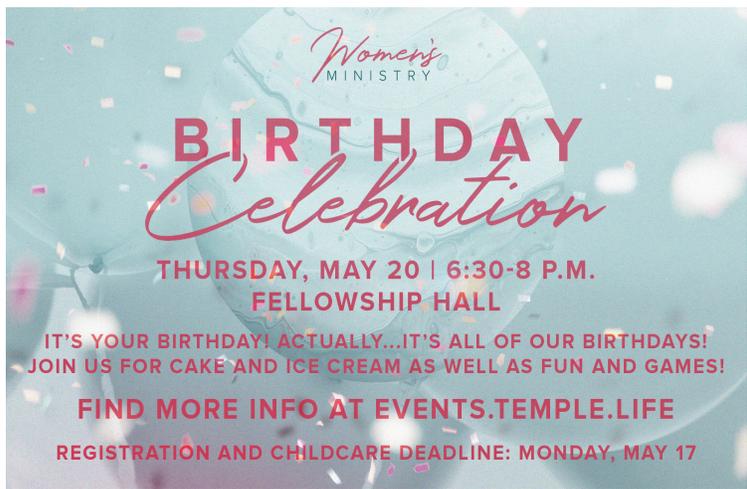
Certainly, I could write multiple pages on this one concept, but I will spare you! I hope you find this helpful and pray that our church continues to pursue an informed understanding of biblical worship!



A thank you card has been received from...
Andrew Ellis
(Located on the bulletin board in the Library window)



the family of **Steve Nicholson**,
brother of Sherri White.



The flowers in the Sanctuary are in memory of Glenda Lawshe and Relda Jo Freeman, given by the church family.

Lost and Found ~ May 13-24
A table is located by the Church Office. Please stop and pick up your “lost” items. Any items left after Monday, May 24, will be donated to Rolling Hills Ministry.

Our Newest Member Candidates



Beth Welch;
Jay, Rebecca, Jayson,
and Mason Welch
(Blended)



Sadee Williams
(the gathering
10:30 a.m.)



YOUNG ADULT News

Jacob Ambrose

We have an exciting update for Young Adult Worship! After much prayer and the Lord working things together behind the scenes, we are transitioning this service to be a community-wide young adult service! I have met with several other ministers who oversee young adult ministry at their churches, and the Lord has given us a sweet spirit of unity and agreement.

There is a great need for young adults in Lincoln Parish to find community with other believers. For many of them, the support system they had in high school and/or college shifts dramatically as they enter adulthood. Even though they may be affiliated with a local church, the unmet desire for community is ever-present. By opening up YA Worship to other churches, *any* young adult in the parish will be able to come and find that community with other believers without feeling like they have to join Temple first. The main objective of our worship nights is to be a “front porch” for young adults to gather, then usher them into the fellowship of a local church. We’ve already had several join us for worship on Tuesday nights who are members of other churches in our area, and the atmosphere has been amazing – a true answer to prayer.

As we move forward, I ask for your prayers for the Lord to preserve the spirit of unity and to foster community among the young adults in Lincoln Parish. If you know *anyone* in their 20’s-30’s who is struggling to find biblical community, please send them our way! Listed below is our summer schedule. All YA Worship Services will be held at Temple’s Chapel at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays unless otherwise noted:

- 5/18 (Summer Kick-Off Party)
- 6/1 YA Worship
- 6/15 YA Worship
- 6/24 (Thursday night, Skate & Shake in Family Life Center)
- 6/29 YA Worship
- 7/13 YA Worship
- 7/22 (Thursday night, Surge Ent. in West Monroe)
- 7/27 YA Worship
- 8/10 YA Worship
- 8/24 YA Worship

YOUNG ADULT WORSHIP

TUESDAYS | CHAPEL | 7PM

5/18	7/13
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HANGOUTS:
6/24 - SKATE & SHAKE (TEMPLE FLC)
7/22 - YA NIGHT AT SURGE ENT. (WEST MONROE)

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Week-at-a-Glance

Sunday, May 16

- 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 | Baptisms (Sanctuary); livestream at live.temple.life (*the gathering* Worship); Sunday School for all ages
- 2 p.m. - Deacons Meeting (Chapel)
- 4 p.m. - Church-wide Picnic (Lincoln Parish Park L-6; Menu: Hot Dogs/ Polish Sausage)

Tuesday, May 18

- 11:45 a.m. - Senior Adult Luncheon (FH)
- 7 p.m. - Young Adult Worship (Chapel)

Wednesday, May 19

- 5 p.m. - Family Night Meal (FH; Cost: \$4/person, \$2/child under 8, \$12 max/family; Menu: Chicken Fried Chicken)
- 5:45 p.m. - Children's M³ End of the Year Parties (Music, Missions, & More) (JP); Youth Junior High Worship (Youth Rm)
- 6 p.m. - Business Meeting | Prayer Meeting/Bible Study (FH); *YA Complement* - Couples Study (Chapel); The Springs Women's Bible Study (The Springs)
- 7 p.m. - Youth High School Worship (Youth Rm); Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm)

Thursday, May 20

- 2 p.m. - GriefShare (Rm 76)
- 7 p.m. - Temple College Game Night (FLC); Women's Ministry Event ~ Birthday Celebration (Fellowship Hall)



Broadcast Hours: Sundays: 9 a.m. Channel 11 (KAQY); 9 and 10:30 a.m. livestream (live.temple.life)
Family Life Center Hours: Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday: 8 a.m.-7 p.m.; Wednesday and Friday: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.