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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

We often speak of our missionary efforts, and we give thanks for the privilege we have to touch the world with the gospel of Jesus Christ. From South California to South Asia, we see His message being proclaimed. But I want to remind you, *all of us are missionaries right where we are*. We have been sent to those individuals right around us—our family, friends, coworkers, neighbors, etc. I am especially mindful of the opportunities many of us have as school begins. Whether you assume the role of educator, support staff, or even student, you have an incredible context to share the good news of salvation. God has literally placed unbelievers right before you so that your testimony can draw them to the Lord. Moreover, He has given you a sphere of influence that allows you to disciple other believers. How awesome is that! Like some of you, I have been praying especially for our children as they encounter this mission field. In addition, I have been interceding for our teachers, professors, administrators, and support personnel as they seek to invest Christ within their students and fellow employees. This past Sunday, we paused in our services to ask collectively for His favor to rest upon our educators as they begin this new academic year, but I encourage you to remember them in prayer daily.

Of course, the disturbing violence of the past few months reminds us of the import of such intercession. We desperately need His hand of protection upon our campuses. And no doubt, the spiritual brokenness begs for our evangelistic and discipleship efforts. **Demonic influences continue to wreak havoc upon our land,**

**and the only hope for healing is through Jesus Christ.** No political party or personality is powerful enough to wage the spiritual warfare necessary to defeat such evil foes. But our Lord can! Indeed, the Holy Spirit can! And my friends, He uses us to push back against the hate and destruction. Every life is valuable before God, and every individual has potential through Christ! That must be our message . . . the message of good news!

I truly believe that our educators play a key role in this fight. In my view, they are on the front lines of the battle as they demonstrate the love of Jesus Christ daily. I know some of the most formative influences that I have experienced in my walk with the Lord came through my teachers, professors, administrators, etc. They made a difference in me! And educators still have incredible impact today! That is why I encourage you to join me in praying for all of those involved in the education process. Ask specifically for discernment and empowerment for each one. **And may our God work within “our missionaries” in the schools to effect renewal and revival that will produce committed, life-giving Christ-followers!**

Finally, I remind you that our **2022 Strategic Planning Committee Report** is available at [theplan.temple.life](http://theplan.temple.life). I hope that you have had an opportunity to read through the challenging, God-sized recommendations. **On Wednesday, August 17, at 6 p.m., the committee and staff will be available to answer your questions about the report.** Hope you can join us! God has blessed me with some time away this week, but I am ready to be back with my faith family! So, I'll see you Sunday!

# YOUNG ADULT News

## Jacob Ambrose

Developing and investing in leaders are two of my biggest passions in ministry. In Ephesians 4:11-13, Paul writes to the church:

“And he himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, *to equip the saints for the work of ministry, to build up the body of Christ*, until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of God’s Son, *growing into maturity* with a stature measured by Christ’s fullness” (CSB, emphasis added).

Notice Paul’s clear language in the verses above; the pastors of the church are to “equip the *saints*” for ministry. Who are the *saints* to which he is referring? YOU! Part of our shepherding role as pastors is identifying members with leadership potential and investing in them, helping them grow, lead, and minister in the ways God has uniquely gifted them. The result of the saints being identified, equipped, and released for ministry is this: the body of Christ is built up and growing towards maturity in Christ! How awesome that the God of the universe would choose to use broken people like us to lead others to grow in Him.

Here at Temple, one of the most significant ways that the saints lead and disciple the body of Christ is through Sunday School. We have one of the strongest and most consistent Sunday School ministries that I have ever seen! I praise God for that, and I thank the many leaders who have gone before us to make that happen. But **right now, we have a great need for Sunday School leaders and teachers**. Specifically in the Young Adult Ministry, I need *at least* four couples to step up and be willing to lead. There are teaching vacancies in our Young Professionals class and in several young couples classes, both at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. This is just one area of *many* in our church that need leaders; both the Children’s and Youth Ministry are in desperate need.

If you are not serving in any area of the church, I want to strongly urge you to pray about stepping up and being willing to help. You would be surprised what God can do when you simply put your “Yes” on the table. Our church is growing with a lot of young families, and we need you! Call the Church Office or email me at [jacob@temple.life](mailto:jacob@temple.life) for more info.

### Policy for Announcements

All announcements to be considered for church-wide publications are due in the Church Office by noon on Thursday **prior** to the week of the next publication.

The Temple **WEEK**day program is looking for substitute teachers. We have children 6 months to 5 years old.

If you would be interested in adding your name to our sub list, please contact Gina Holstead at 255-9506 or [gina@temple.life](mailto:gina@temple.life)



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the family of **Lynn Causey**,  
brother of Wayne (Patsy) Causey;  
the family of **Margaret Simpson**;

the family of **Kristie Palacios**, mother of Hannah and Jacob,  
daughter of Thelton and Dianne Ginn, sister of Karen Evans.

the family of **Sara Ann Napper**, grandmother of Baskin  
(Jay) Robbins, great-grandmother of Alexandra and Parks  
McConnell, Jacob, Laney, Josh, and Jack Robbins.

*A thank you card has been received from...*  
Stephen Payne and the Payne, Wils, and McBride  
Families(Located on the bulletin board in the Library window)




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## **From the Associate Minister of Music** **Zach Husser**

Hey, Temple family! First, I want to thank all of you for continuing to pray for the Music Ministry. I am so grateful to be a part of a body of believers that is so consistently encouraging and prayerful!

As you continue to pray for the ministry taking place at Temple, I want to ask that you would remember Beach Retreat. Specifically, I ask that you pray for the worship team, and students who will be participating in worship services on this trip. Beach Retreat is our annual college kickoff retreat in Panama City Beach and provides an excellent opportunity to introduce new college students to our passion for worship. Each night, we gather the students together and hold a service that hopefully engages students in singing, prayer, and preaching of the Word. Our hope is that the Lord uses these services to produce a firm faith in those who are already disciples, and belief in those who don't know God.

Here are a few specific ways you can be praying for the worship services that will be taking place on this trip:

1. Pray for salvations to happen!
2. Pray for revival among students who previously might have been casual with their faith.
3. Pray for the speaker, Daniel Berry, and our Temple College worship team that will be leading the music.

Thank you in advance for praying!

# STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

**TIME OF DISCUSSION**  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17 | 6 P.M.  
THE CHAPEL

**SPECIAL CALLED BUSINESS  
MEETING FOR VOTE**  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24 | 6 P.M.  
FELLOWSHIP HALL

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## Week-at-a-Glance

**August 18-22 - Beach Retreat (Panama City Beach, FL)**

### **Sunday, August 14**

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

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

5 p.m. - The Springs Worship (The Springs); Church Plant Interest Home  
Group (Ambrose Home)

6 p.m. - Senior Adult Bible Study (Chapel)

### **Monday, August 15**

9:30 a.m. - Senior Adult Bible Study (Chapel)

11:45 a.m. - Senior Adult Bible Study Luncheon (FH)

### **Tuesday, August 16**

9:30 a.m. - Senior Adult Bible Study (Chapel)

11:45 a.m. - Senior Adult Bible Study Luncheon (FH)

### **Wednesday, August 17**

9:30 a.m. - Senior Adult Bible Study (Chapel)

5:30 p.m. - South Asia Advocacy Prayer Time (Rm 72)

5:45 p.m. - Junior High Worship (Youth Rm)

6 p.m. - Prayer Meeting | Bible Study (Chapel)

6:45 p.m. - Orchestra Rehearsal (Sanctuary); Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal  
(Choir Rm)

7 p.m. - High School Worship (Youth Rm); YA Ladies Bible Study (Rm 252)

**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.

**The Journey Place Playscape Hours:** Monday 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; Tuesday-Thursday 2:30-4 p.m.

## SENIOR ADULT BIBLE STUDY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14 | 6 P.M.  
MONDAY, AUGUST 15 – WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17 | 9:30 A.M.

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**Fall Classes are Listed!**

**APPLICATIONS DUE AUGUST 15**  
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