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TIDINGS

A weekly newsletter for all active members of Temple Baptist Church

The Pastor's Perspective

Dr. Reggie Bridges

In many ways, Matthew presents Jesus as the New Moses. The parallels are unmistakable. The gospel writer notes how the Christ child was threatened by a wicked ruler (i.e. King Herod) just as Moses' life was endangered by Pharaoh's murderous decree. At the urging of an angel, Joseph and his family escaped to Egypt—the nation synonymous with Moses' work. Matthew also reminds us that Jesus fasted for an extraordinary forty days, a feat reminiscent of the revered deliverer. And of course, the Sermon on the Mount echoes Moses' ascension up to Mount Sinai and his delivery of Yahweh's law to the people. If that weren't enough, Matthew includes five extended teaching sections (including the Sermon on the Mount) of Jesus. For the Jewish Christian readers, these five discourses would have corresponded to Moses' Pentateuch (i.e. the first five books of the Old Testament). Hopefully, you don't miss it! Matthew demonstrates Jesus as a New Moses!

We shouldn't be surprised as Moses himself predicted Jesus' arrival: "The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your midst" (Deut. 18:15a NKJV). Jesus was indeed a prophet like Moses. But don't miss this: Jesus is GREATER than Moses. That is why He authoritatively declared, "You have heard it said . . . but I say unto you." In other words, Christ affirmed Moses' words, but He claimed a divine authority over them. You see, Jesus had been the very One Who had given the law to Moses on the mountain. Moses was dependent upon the Son for both revelation and his very existence. The writer of Hebrews captured this truth: "For this One [i.e. Jesus] has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as He who built the house has more honor than the house" (3:3 NKJV). Moses was the house, but Christ was Moses' architect and builder!

As I read Dr. Jud Davis' article, "One Greater Than Moses Is Here," I came away with a litany of truths that speak to Christ's superiority:

- Moses was a slave but was adopted into a royal family; Jesus is the Eternal King who became a bondservant to provide salvation for us!
- Moses turned water into blood; Jesus turned water into wine!
- Moses was an earthly shepherd; Jesus is the Good Shepherd who willingly laid His life down for us!
- Moses parted the water; Jesus said, "I'll walk upon the water!"
- Moses led the people out of their Egyptian captivity; Jesus delivered us from our bondage to sin!
- Moses killed the Passover lamb; Jesus was the Passover Lamb!
- Moses fed the people manna; Jesus proclaimed, "I am the bread which came down from heaven!"
- Moses went up to get the law; Jesus brought the Word down to us.
- Moses called for obedience to the law; Jesus demonstrated perfect obedience to the law!
- Moses set forth types and shadows; Jesus is the reality and substance!
- Moses lifted up the serpent for the people to find healing; Jesus declared, "If I be lifted up, I will draw all men unto myself!"
- Moses prayed for his people; Jesus continually intercedes unto the Father on our behalf!
- Moses' failure excluded him from the Promised Land; Jesus' victory allows His people to join Him in the Promised Land!
- Moses was a servant; Jesus was not only a Servant, but He is also the Savior and the Son!

My friends, Jesus is not only greater than Moses, but He is more glorious than every individual who has ever walked this earth. Don't forget that! Stand in amazement of Jesus, the Nazarene, and worship Him this week! See you Sunday!

From The Minister of Pastoral Care

Dale Oden

“O, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever. Let the redeemed of the LORD say so.” As we enter into the season of Thanksgiving, we have so much to be thankful for each day. God has been so faithful to us as individuals, as families, and as a church. He has blessed us with His love by sending His Son to be our Savior.

How thankful we ought to be for His goodness and His grace. I am grateful to be a part of the Temple Baptist Church family. We, as a congregation, have been blessed each week with wonderful times of worship and Bible study. I hope you and your family will take time during the holiday season to say thank you to God for blessing our church during the past year.

Our Senior Adult Ministry continues to offer opportunities for fellowship, spiritual enrichment, and service. The recent trip to Pigeon Forge was a spiritually uplifting experience for all who attended. The preaching and the music were so inspiring. We are already planning to take a group to the Celebrators Conference in October, 2023.

We have a luncheon on the third Tuesday each month. Our December luncheon is scheduled for **Tuesday, December 21, at 11:45 a.m.** Senior Adults are invited to attend this Christmas event. Come enjoy a good time of fellowship, delicious food, and special music.

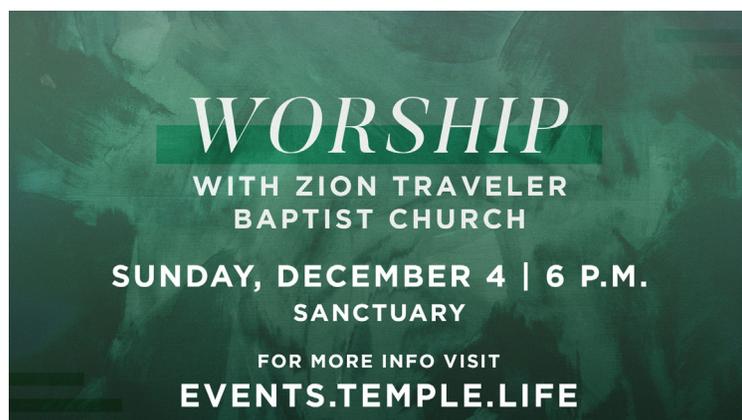
On Monday, November 28, a group of senior adults from Temple are planning to go to Dallas to work in the **Operation Christmas Child Distribution Center**. We were only able to reserve 30 spots to work at the center this year. If you would like go, give me a call or text me at 318-235-1076. You can also stop by the Church Office for information.



FAMILY ORNAMENT PARTY
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1
FELLOWSHIP HALL | 6 P.M.
MORE INFO AT [EVENTS.TEMPLE.LIFE](https://events.temple.life)



Women's MINISTRY
BOWS and BOARDS
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6 | 6 PM
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WORSHIP
WITH ZION TRAVELER
BAPTIST CHURCH
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4 | 6 P.M.
SANCTUARY
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IMB | **LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING**
WEEK OF PRAYER
NOVEMBER 28 - DECEMBER 4
MARCH FOR MISSIONS
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4
CHURCH GOAL: \$170,000



Welcome to the Family!

Bradley and Jordan Carver
(also pictured: Maverick)
(Letter)



CHRISTMAS
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FOR THE SANCTUARY AND GATHERING SPACE
RED ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE BUILDING
DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30



the family of **Mary Louise Russo**, mother of Tiphonie (John) Maxwell, grandmother of Johnny, Kathryn, and Anderson Maxwell.

COUNSELING CENTER

YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!

FOR MORE INFORMATION
CALL 255-6940

A thank you card has been received from...

Sonya Walker; Rita Jarmon and family
(Located on the bulletin board in the Library window)

Minister of Community Engagement

George Lee, IV

Great Things at The Springs: From the very beginning, we knew that the Lord was leading us to God-glorifying multigenerational, multicultural, and multiethnic ministry in the Barnett Springs community of Ruston, Louisiana. A few weeks ago, I looked around our sanctuary on a Wednesday night as members of our church community ate, laughed, and shared about their week. I was overwhelmed to see a God-given vision come to fruition.

We've experienced Gospel-centered unity with people who have come to faith in Christ, recommitted their lives to Christ, and become equipped for the work of ministry! God is good! We've been blessed with an amazing leadership team, with oneness of purpose, as we continue to further the Lord's Kingdom together! Please pray that the Lord would continue to use The Springs, and we would continue to "embrace the love of Christ, starting in our hearts, surfacing in our homes, and spreading to our community."





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Week-at-a-Glance

November 1-27 - Upward Registration

November 14-20 - Operation Christmas Child Relay Center

November 17-23 - Temple College Fall Mission Trip

Sunday, November 20

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 Worship (The Springs); Handbell Rehearsal (Rm 213B)

Tuesday, November 22

7 p.m. - THE YARD (The Depot)

Wednesday, November 23

Church Offices closed at noon (Thanksgiving Holiday)

Thursday, November 24

Church Offices closed (Happy Thanksgiving)

Friday, November 25

Church Offices closed (Thanksgiving Holiday)

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.

