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TIDINGS

A weekly newsletter for all active members of Temple Baptist Church

The Pastor's Perspective

Dr. Reggie Bridges

Leadership. Through the years, God has certainly blessed us at Temple in this area. I know because I get to work closely with these men and women daily! Our staff is committed to the Christ's mission both personally and professionally. They get along (praise the Lord!), and they are passionate about serving Him and His people! I truly believe they are the greatest collective team with which I have ever worked. They do not subscribe to transactional leadership; but instead, they embrace transformational leadership. What does that mean? They don't view their work as a transaction. They are not trying to offer something *to* you so that they receive something *from* you. Instead, they are attempting to see transformation in others and in themselves.

Phillip Lewis declares, "Transformational leaders change reality by building on the human need for meaning. They focus on values, morals, and ethics. . . . Their goal is to transform people and organizations—change minds and hearts; enlarge vision, insight, and understanding; clarify purposes . . . and bring about changes that are permanent, self-perpetuating, and momentum building." Doesn't this echo the biblical witness? Over and over in Scripture, we are reminded that we are new in Christ and that we are in the process of becoming more like Him (cf. Romans 12:1-2; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Ephesians 4:11-13). The men and women with whom I serve strive for such purpose daily. We long to see ourselves and others conform to the image of Christ.

Of course, the church's leadership is not fully encompassed within the paid employees of the church; it is also demonstrated throughout our membership. For example, our deacons exemplify transformational leadership. They love the Lord, walk in His ways, repent when necessary, serve with diligence, discern His will, etc. I cannot say enough about them and their commitment. On November 6, you and I will

have the opportunity to add to the Active Deacons' Council by selecting more men to serve. You can find the list of nominees here in this copy of *The Tidings*. I must admit that it is going to be difficult for me to narrow this list down to eleven as there are some wonderful, godly servants who have been nominated. (And to be honest, there are several other such men in the church whose names don't even appear here! That is a testament to the quality of guys at Temple!) However, in the pattern of Acts 6, we must choose from among us those who are already serving our faith family. Join me in praying over these names, ask for His wisdom, and be prepared to vote on Sunday, November 6.

No doubt, we see leadership demonstrated throughout other ministries of our church as well: Sunday School, worship, college, youth, children, etc. Whether you are about to head to New Orleans on a construction mission trip, cooking in the kitchen on Wednesday night, or riding a golf cart for security/hospitality purposes this Sunday, I am so grateful for you! **You are a *serv*ing group of people!**

And no doubt, **you are a *g*iving people.** This coming Sunday, we will vote to approve our 2023 budget. It is a challenging, yet achievable, financial goal that focuses on missions and ministries. And while we are sensitive to the economic difficulties around our nation, we also know that the Lord's Kingdom must be advanced. Let's use this time to celebrate God's provision in the past and commit ourselves to His stewardship in the future! Together, we can make a difference.

Lastly, thanks for all your encouragement and for all the expressions of appreciation you demonstrated toward me and the ministers this past month. It is a blessing to be a part of the Temple family; and as always, know how much we all love you! See you Sunday!

Neighbors and Nations

Dr. John King

You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus... And also if anyone competes in athletics, he is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. **2 Timothy 2:1, 5, NKJV**

A few weeks ago, as Dr. Reggie was teaching through this passage from 2 Timothy on Wednesday Night Bible Study, my mind went back to lessons I learned as a child from playing sports. I reflected on learning attention to detail through baseball, endurance through wrestling, and teamwork through soccer. And to the Apostle Paul's point in this passage, I recalled the importance of understanding and observing the rules in each sport.

Athletic training is not only a vehicle for instilling values in an individual, but it is also an effective way for us to further our mission as a church. Through Sports Ministry, we see people *growing in Christ* as they apply biblical truth in real-world situations. We see people *connecting in community* as they form peer and mentor relationships. And we see people *engaging in mission* as unchurched people see and hear the message of Christ.

If you want to be involved in Sports Ministry at Temple, a great place to start is **Upward Basketball and Cheer**. Upward is a seven-week sports league we run each winter. This year, kids from grades 1-6 will have an opportunity to develop skills, learn biblical values, and compete in either Basketball or Cheerleading. Registration for players runs November 1-27, 2022. The season will run through January and February 2023. If you would like to be involved as a volunteer, you can go to upwardhelp.temple.life. To register a player, you can go to upward.temple.life. If you have questions, feel free to reach out to me (johnk@temple.life).



FAMILY ORNAMENT PARTY
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1
FELLOWSHIP HALL | 6 P.M.
MORE INFO AT EVENTS.TEMPLE.LIFE



Soup for the Soul
November 15 | 11 A.M. - 1 P.M.
Tickets available at Wednesday Night Family Meal and Sundays at Missions Hub
Cost is \$10/soup
Learn more at events.temple.life

Myrtle King Lunch Bunch

Thursday, November 10 | Noon | Fellowship Hall
Speaker: Deborah Gates from Samaritan's Purse
Project: Bring shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse



the family of **Iris Stanford**, mother of Sonja Walker;
the family of **Billy Jarmon**, husband of Rita;
the family of **Joyce Chandler**, mother of Stanton (Jan) Martin; the family of **Gene Andrews**, brother of Bobby (Jane) Andrews.



THE YARD
YOUNG ADULT FALL WORSHIP
TUESDAYS | THE DEPOT | 7 P.M.
NOVEMBER 8
A PLACE FOR YOUNG ADULTS IN THEIR 20'S-30'S TO WORSHIP + CONNECT



TEMPLE'S GOALS: 650 BOXES
PICK UP A BOX AT GUEST SERVICES, MISSION HUB, OR THE JOURNEY PLACE
Samaritan's Purse OPERATION Christmas Child
DROP OFF BY NOVEMBER 13
MORE INFO AT EVENTS.TEMPLE.LIFE

BLOOD DRIVE

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9 | 4 P.M. - 8 P.M.
LIFESHARE BUS

FOR MORE INFO, VISIT [EVENTS.TEMPLE.LIFE](https://events.temple.life)

A thank you card has been received from...
Dr. Daniel Huey and family
(Located on the bulletin board in the Library window)



2022 Deacon Nominees (11 to be selected)	
David Abernathy	Ronnie Ainsworth
Charles Alexander	Matt Barham
Daniel Barnes	Fred Benefield
Mack Blake	Mike Collie
John Corley	Toby Hammons
Robert Hearn	Gabe Hogan
Ivin Hood	John Hood
Tedd Hull	Tommy Ledford
Randy McWhorter	Eddie Moss
Bob Myers	Chad Newsom
Jim Oakes	Jim Pearce
Kyle Roberts	Glenn Scriber
Walter Scriber	Cecil Sibley
Cullen Simmons	Scott Sullivan
Dustin Whitlock	Zach Williams
Vote is Sunday, November 6	

Congratulations to:
Joel and Katie Schoening on the birth of their son, **Henry Collins**. Proud brother is Charlie. Grandparents are Lee and Gina Holstead and great-grandfather is Doyle Holstead.

College Connection Casey Casady

IT IS almost OVER! Fall quarter is quickly drawing to and end. We have seen God do some amazing things this fall! We have had the privilege to witness several students profess Christ as their Lord and Savior. We have had over 190 students participate in our Discipleship Groups (D-groups). And the most exciting thing going on right now in the College Ministry are the **Fall Break Mission Trips** to Boston, Miami, San Francisco, and West Palm Beach. We have 60 plus students participating in these fall mission and ministry trips. When God is moving, we have the honor of responding in faith. We hope that you will join us in prayer for these students as they serve **November 18-22** as they visit these strategic cities. It is our prayer that they will hear God's call and respond in faith to serve there over the summer. Please join us in lifting these up to our Heavenly Father:

Landace Abshire, Adam Albrecht, Brandon Ball, Adrienne Baxter, Drew Bennett, Mallory Blackmon, Ethan Brantly, Dawson Brogan, Kaden Brunson, Josie Camp, Kaylie Canerday, Casey Casady, Emily Collins, Emily Cook, Erin Cooper, Lane Cooper, Lauren Cooper, Fenner Derry, Dalton Diel, Elizabeth Draughon, Emma Earnhardt, Faith Earnhardt, Grace Ellison, Tyler Fletcher, Brogan Gibbon, Micah Heflin, Ian Johnson, Colton Kent, John King, Morgan Kunath, Joshua Lajaunie, Alyssa Lemoine, Blayre Madison, Colton McCann, Cameron McCarthy, James McMahan, Kaitlyn Misenheimer, Annabell Myers, Sophie Parkman, Breanne Pittman, Lee Allison Prine, Parker Robertson, Annelise Robison, Ethan Rugg, Lily Spillers, Avery Stallings, Erin Stallings, Abigail Thomas, Grady Thomson, Emily Tooke, Ben Turner, Ethan Turner, Galen Turner IV, Max Turpin, Jalyn Walsworth, Zalen Westbrooks, Micah White, Aaron Williams, Evan Yuhasz

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Week-at-a-Glance

November 1-27 - Upward Registration

November 10-14 - New Orleans Construction Team Mission Trip

Sunday, November 6 - Daylight Savings Time Change

9 a.m. - Blended Worship | New Orleans Construction Team Commissioning | Special Called Business Meeting for Deacon Election and Budget Vote (Sanctuary); livestream at live.temple.life (Blended Worship); *the gathering* Worship | Special Called Business Meeting for Deacon Election and Budget Vote (GS); Sunday School for all ages
10:30 a.m. - *the gathering* Worship | Special Called Business Meeting for Deacon Election and Budget Vote (Sanctuary); livestream at live.temple.life (*the gathering* Worship); Sunday School for all ages
11:30 a.m. - Student Christmas Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm)
5 p.m. - The Springs Worship | Special Called Business Meeting for Deacon Election and Budget Vote (The Springs); Handbell Rehearsal (Rm 213B)

Monday, November 7

6 p.m. - Mary Martha Women on Mission (FLC)

Tuesday, November 8

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

Wednesday, November 9

4 p.m. - Blood Drive (Bus, Parking Lot)
5 p.m. - Family Night Meal (FH; Cost: \$5/person, \$3/child under 8, \$15 max/family; Menu: Chicken and Spaghetti)
5:45 p.m. - Junior High Worship (Youth Rm)
6 p.m. - Prayer Meeting | Bible Study (FH); Children's M³ (JP)
6:45 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm); Temple College Freshman Bible Study (Rm 216); Orchestra Rehearsal (Sanctuary); New Orleans Construction Final Meeting (Rm 82)
7 p.m. - "Elijah" Bible Study (Rm 251); High School Worship (Youth Rm)
8 p.m. - Temple College Brinner (FH)

Thursday, November 10

12 p.m. - Myrtle King Lunch Bunch (FH)
2 p.m. - GriefShare (Rm 216)

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.

TEMPLE BAPTIST
ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
DEACON ELECTION AND 2023 BUDGET VOTE
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6
INFORMATIONAL MEETING FOR 2023 BUDGET
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2 | 6 P.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL
FOR MORE INFORMATION
VISIT EVENTS.TEMPLE.LIFE

BASKETBALL & CHEER LEAGUE
UPWARD SPORTS
BASKETBALL & CHEERLEADING
REGISTRATION
FROM NOVEMBER 1 - 29
SIGN UP AT UPWARD.TEMPLE.LIFE