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BAPTIST CHURCH

# TIDINGS

A weekly newsletter for all active members of Temple Baptist Church

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## *The Pastor's Perspective*

Dr. Reggie Bridges

As summer winds down, I give thanks that the Lord has given us the privilege of joining Him in His work. Whether it was in New York, Boston (multiple times), Ft. Smith (MT), Tyler, Memphis, Mexico, Germany, or the Pacific Rim, Templites from across the generational spectrum shared Christ's message of salvation. From the sending hub we call Ruston, the good news spread throughout our nation and unto the nations themselves this past summer.

But as much as we celebrate the sending of individuals to other places, I also want to underscore how we are missionaries right where we are. In fact, we have been commissioned to impact those people right around us—our family, friends, coworkers, neighbors, etc. I became keenly aware of our daily responsibility as we baptized several folks over the past couple of months. I noted each story began with a decision made right here in ministry—through events such as VBS, WinShape, Princess/Warrior Weekend, Men's Retreat, and even a family prayer time. In other words, we were doing the gospel work right here during the summer as others went out from us! And that is the way it is supposed to be!

I am especially mindful of the opportunities many of us continue to have as we prepare for the start of school. The school and university setting arguably provide us some of the greatest ministry moments. Whether we assume the role of educator, support staff, parent, or even student, we have an incredible context to share the good news of salvation. God has literally placed unbelievers right before us so that our testimony can draw them to the Lord.

Moreover, He has given us a sphere of influence that allows us to disciple other believers. How awesome is that!

This Sunday, we will begin our Back-to-School Prayer emphasis as we intentionally ask our Father to bless our schools/universities and work within us to see His love/care extended. Prayer stations will be set up in the Family Life Center Gym, and each stop will guide you in your intercession for students, administrators, etc. The Gym will be open the following Monday-Saturday 7 a.m.-7 p.m. I do hope that you will make a point to come by and join us in this concentrated prayer.

In addition, the Ambrose family will be with us at Temple on Sunday as they make a big announcement concerning Valley Church and its ministry in the Tewksbury. We'll take a moment in the worship services to celebrate with them and pray over them as they continue to strive for gospel impact in the Boston area. What a day it is going to be!

Just this past week, I received a text message from a minister at another strong Baptist church in our state: "Bro. Reggie, my team has had a wonderful time in Tewksbury this week, and I wanted you to know (not that you need the reminder) how awesome Jacob is doing. . . . Praise the Lord for y'all [Temple] leading the way in sending so we have a good example to follow." My brothers and sisters, you all are truly "leading the way" through your giving, praying, and going! And I am grateful you let me be a part of this incredible work of God with you! See you Sunday as we continue our study, "When Will These Things Be?", from Matthew 24:15-28!

# MINISTER OF YOUNG ADULTS

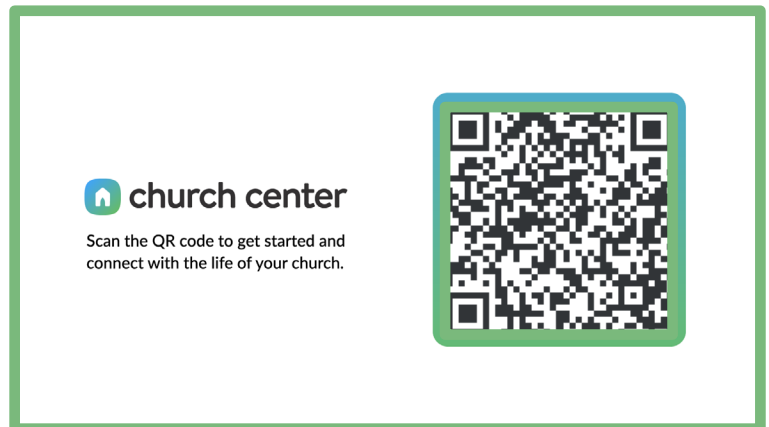
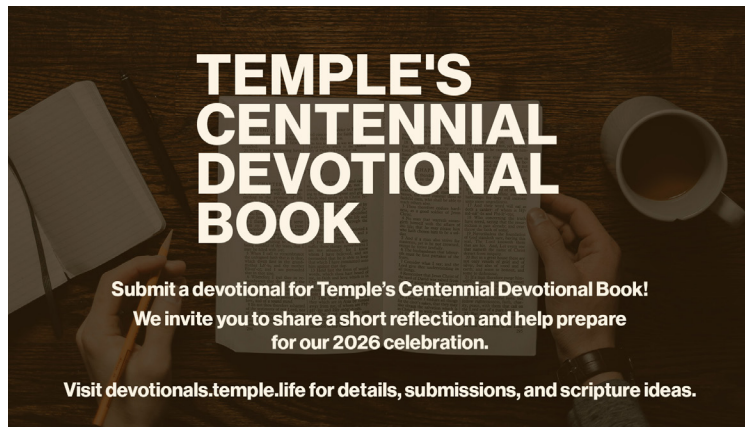
*Andrew Thompson*

Hello Temple Family! Last week, I had the privilege of traveling to Boston to spend time with the Ambroses and attend one of Valley Church's preview services. It was my first time visiting Boston, and it was incredibly encouraging to see how the Lord is moving in the community of Tewksbury.

Temple Baptist has such a unique and effective approach to missions. While I was there, I saw college students from our College Ministry wrapping up their summer with GenSend. I heard stories about the impact of our choir team's recent visit, and I learned more about the ministry our high school students carried out in June.

What stood out most is that our support of Jacob and Valley Church goes far beyond financial giving. So many from Temple have chosen to go, help, and serve. The preview service itself was clear evidence of the hard work, prayer, and sacrificial service from the Ambrose family and from all those who've come alongside them.

It was an honor to witness what God is doing there, and I'm excited to continue playing a small role in the story through Temple's commitment to seeing gospel impact in the Tewksbury community through the ministry of Valley Church.







*Congratulations to:*  
Jay and Tracy King on the birth  
of their grandson, **Grayson Teal King**.

*A thank you card has been received from...*  
Brenda Teal, OCC Area Coordinator

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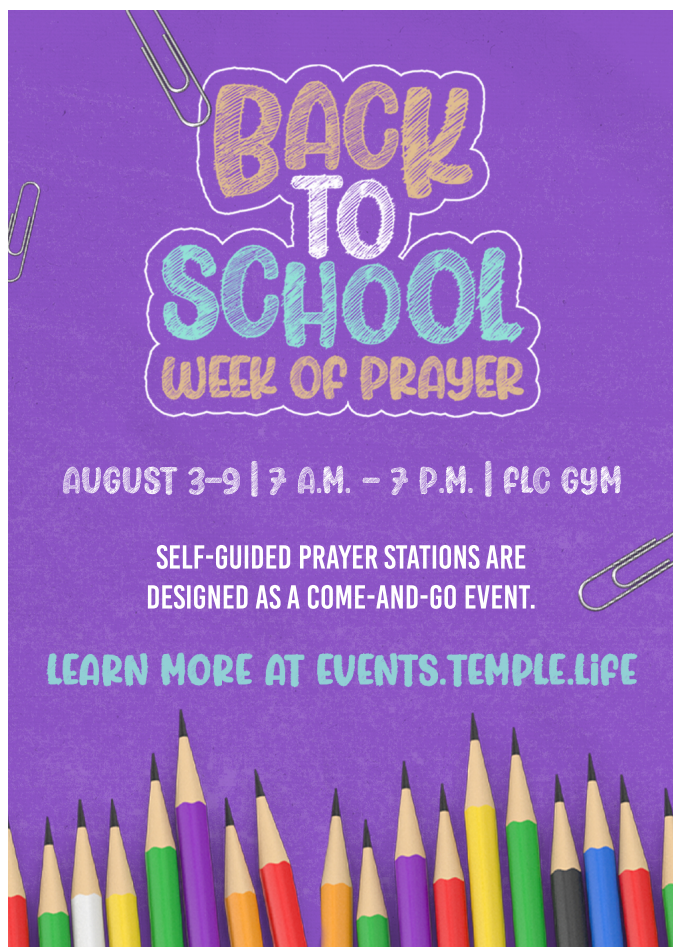
## From the Minister of Contemporary Worship

*Zach Husser*

Hello church family! This past week, I had the privilege of leading worship at a preview service for Valley Church in Tewksbury. Many of you are familiar with Valley Church and Temple's partnership with Jacob Ambrose as he plants this new church in the Greater Boston area. Serving and leading alongside Jacob was truly an honor.

I remember the days when Jacob was on staff at Temple, and we'd sit in a local Mexican restaurant eating cheap tacos while he shared his heart for church planting. As his move got closer, he would describe his vision for a gospel-centered church in Boston, a city where churches like that are unfortunately few and far between. At the time, it was hard to picture what that might look like. But while I was in Tewksbury leading worship at Valley Church, I caught a glimpse of what God is capable of doing there. I imagined the impact of a thriving, Bible-believing church that serves its community, sings gospel truth with passion, and faithfully declares the Word each week.

I truly believe God is going to use Valley Church as a beacon for the gospel. It was a joy to play even a small role in the work God is doing there. Please continue to pray for Valley Church and the people of Tewksbury as this new ministry takes root.



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## Week-at-a-Glance

### August 3-9 - Back-to-School Week of Prayer (FLC Gym)

#### Sunday, August 3

- 8 a.m. - Blended Worship (Chapel)
- 9 a.m. - Blended Worship (Chapel); livestream at [live.temple.life](https://live.temple.life);  
 Contemporary Worship (Gathering Space);  
 Sunday School for all ages
- 10:30 a.m. - Contemporary Worship (Gathering Space);  
 livestream at [live.temple.life](https://live.temple.life); Sunday School for all ages
- 5 p.m. - The Springs Worship (The Springs Sanctuary);  
 Grade 6 Welcome Party (Youth Rm);  
 Sunday School Leader Training (Rm 216)

#### Tuesday, August 5

- 12 p.m. - Jr. High Lunch with John (Youth Rm/FLC Gym)
- 7 p.m. - College Missions Study (Rm 216)

#### Wednesday, August 6

- 5:45 p.m. - Men's Bible Study (Rm 264)
- 6 p.m. - Prayer Meeting | Bible Study (Fellowship Hall);  
 Women's Bible Study (Rm 275); D-Group Interest Meeting (Youth Rm)
- 7 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (FLC)

#### Thursday, August 7

- 12 p.m. - High School Lunch with John (Youth Rm/FLC Gym)
- 5 p.m. - Senior Adult Game Night (FLC Snack Area)

### August 7-8 - The Journey Place closed for Carpet Cleaning

**Broadcast Hours:** Sundays: 9 a.m. Channel 11 (KAQY); 9 and 10:30 a.m. livestream ([live.temple.life](https://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.

