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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

"Say not, I will study the Torah with the purpose of being called Sage or Rabbi—or to acquire fortune, or to be rewarded for it in the world to come; but do it for the sake of thy love to God." Thanks to some friends who heard me mention it one Wednesday night, this quote from an older Jewish teacher hangs upon the wall of my "inner" office and serves as a reminder to me in my studies. I am not digging into the Scripture in order to impress people or to further my kingdom; rather, I am encountering the Word so that I might develop an intimate relationship with the One Who spoke it—Christ Himself. My desire is to engage in a conversation with Him, and to hear His voice. I indeed love the study and the mechanics of each passage. Yes, I get excited when I find how a verb tense furthers the message of the text. I so enjoy finding how a specific word was used in the biblical world and how that term adds depth to our understanding. (You already recognized it, but I am a nerd at heart!) That is why God often confronts me in my study with a caution: "Reggie, remember! You are not studying to express your knowledge before the congregation. You are looking into My Word to communicate My knowledge to My people! It is not what you know but Who you know that truly matters!" And how right He is!

I'm so blessed to be surrounded by so many believers who longingly yearn for God's authoritative truth. I see it on Sunday mornings in our worship services and in our Sunday School classes. I witness it on Wednesday nights as you are faithful to gather again. I observe it in the small D-Groups that meet during the week. And I recognize it in personal devotions that mark our daily activities. You love the Word! Praise be to Him! **But remember, you study not to make more of yourself; you study to make more of Him in yourself! We don't just try to get through Scripture; we pray that the Scripture will get through us!** Indeed, we study for the "sake of our love for God"!

What sweet, great moments we are experiencing as a church right now as we gather to study and as we go to serve! No doubt, our attendance continues to increase. Some of you have noted that we had to add another "crushed gravel" parking lot to accommodate that growth. And still, we are feeling the growing pains. As they say, these are great problems to have! **Let me encourage you to be "extra welcoming" as weekly guests join us.** I encourage you to heed Dr. Thom Rainer's "nine keys to being a guest friendly congregation":

1. Pray as you enter the property.
2. Park at the most distant spot available.
3. Greet people.
4. Look for people to help.
5. Sit as close as possible to the front of the worship center.
(I know this doesn't seem the "Baptist way"!)
6. Sit in the middle.
7. Sit closely.
8. Volunteer to serve.
9. Pray as you leave.

These practical tips can really foster a welcoming atmosphere and potentially lead to a genuine change in someone's life.

I know I sound like a broken record here, but God is doing some awesome things! Let's give thanks for the privilege of being in the center of His work, and let's continue to give generously to His ministry. Without your continued financial support, we would not be able to fund our ministries and missions like we do. We need you to lean in with your efforts and your resources now. Also, pray for continued growth and effectiveness as His Spirit moves among us. Pray specifically for our PacRim mission team as they travel over fall break and for our upcoming services on Sunday. Love you guys always! See you soon!

MINISTER OF YOUNG ADULTS

Andrew Thompson

Hey Temple Family,

This Fall at Temple has been incredible so far! We've had new people join us every Sunday, and it's been such a joy to worship with all of you in our newly renovated Sanctuary.

I want to share a little about a new ministry that has just begun—**The Chapel**, our Young Adult Worship Service that meets on Sunday evenings at 6 p.m. Over the past six weeks, it's been amazing to see young adults in their twenties and thirties gathering for worship, fellowship, and community. Each week, new people who are looking for a place to belong join us!

If you know someone who might benefit from this ministry, please encourage them to come visit. And would you also commit to praying for our young adults and for The Chapel? I believe this ministry will be an incredible way for our church to reach and disciple young people in the years ahead.

Also, I hope you're making plans to join us for our **Resurrender: Nights of Renewal** services coming up on **October 26–29**. It's going to be a special time of worship and commitment, with some incredible guest speakers and worship leaders. You won't want to miss it!

Blessings, Andrew



Welcome to the Family!



Ansley Griffin
(Letter)



Avery Lohman
(Baptism)



Emmy Dawsey
(Baptism)



Reed and Molly Walker
(Letter)

Congratulations to:

Charles and Callie Slade on the birth of their son,
Stone Carter Slade.
Proud grandmother is Suzanne McCarter.



the family of **Ray Arthur**,
brother of Teri (Michael) Fulton;
the family of **Jack Collinsworth**,
father of Kim (Steve) Diebold,
grandfather of Daniel (Stacey) Collinsworth,
Caleb, Adeline, and Eli Diebold,
great-grandfather of
Dylan Foster and Sadie Collinsworth;
the family of **Alice Brazzel**, mother of Tracy Barnes.

2026 Deacon Nominees (10 to be selected)

Jody Adams	Ronnie Ainsworth
Fred Benefield	Mike Brister
Robert Cone	David Darland
Robert Davis	John Freeman
Doug Gibbons	Gray Hipp
Don Hogan	John Hood
Richard Hood	Ben Humphries
Kevin Klepzig	John Malone
Adam McGuirt	Randy Moore
Eddie Moss	Chad Newsom
Jim Oakes	Gary Rambin
Jody Smith	Leon Stamm
Mike Stone	Galen Turner, III
Dustin Whitlock	Brandon Williams
Zach Williams	Zach Wilson
Matt Woodard	
Election is Sunday, November 2	

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ANNUAL

BUSINESS MEETING

DEACON ELECTION AND 2026 BUDGET VOTE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2

INFORMATIONAL MEETING FOR 2026 BUDGET

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22 | 6 P.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL

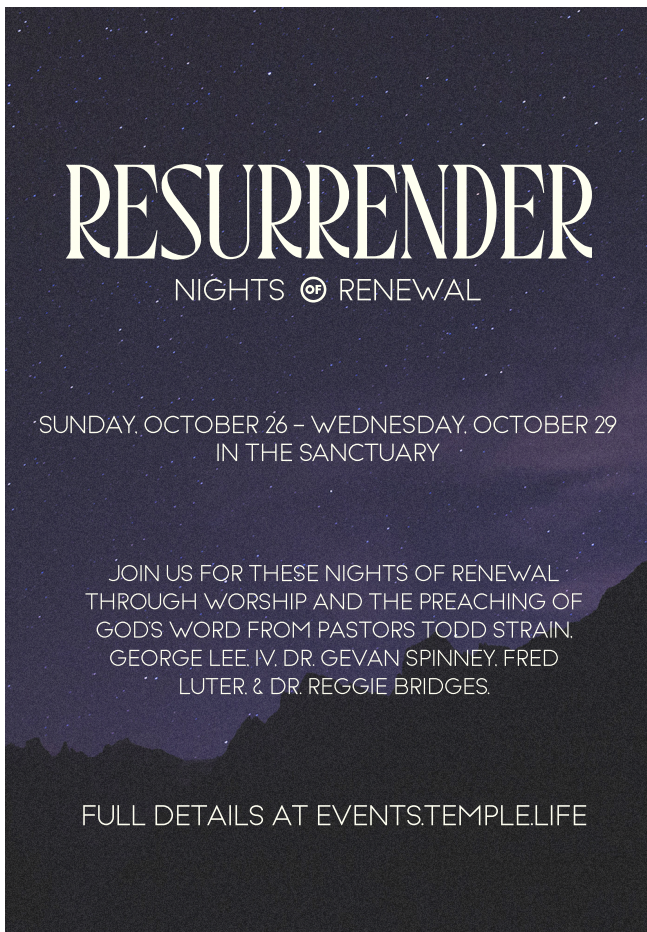
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From the Minister of Contemporary Worship Zach Husser

As we gather for *Resurrender: Nights of Renewal*, our prayer is that these evenings will be a time for our church family to come before the Lord with open hands and hearts. Each night will look and sound a little different, featuring music that reflects the variety of styles within our church. Whether you connect most through hymns, modern worship songs, or something in between, our hope is that everyone will experience a meaningful time of worship and renewal.

We also encourage you to invite friends and neighbors to join us for these special nights. Our team is preparing with excellence to create an atmosphere that is worshipful, engaging, and welcoming.

If you're interested in singing in the choir for this event, please reach out to me (zach@temple.life) or Jeremy (jeremy@temple.life), and we'll share how you can be involved. For those planning to participate from the congregation, begin praying now for the Lord to move in power through these times of worship!



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Week-at-a-Glance

October 9-18 - Pac Rim Mission Trip

October 12-17 - Senior Adult Celebrators Conference

Sunday, October 12

- 9 a.m. - Blended Worship (Sanctuary); livestream at live.temple.life; Contemporary Worship (Gathering Space); Sunday School for all ages
- 10:30 a.m. - Contemporary Worship (Sanctuary); livestream at live.temple.life; Sunday School for all ages
- 5 p.m. - The Springs Worship (The Springs Sanctuary)
- 5:30 p.m. - The Chapel | Young Adults (Connections Corner | Chapel)
- 6 p.m. - Temple College Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm)

Monday, October 13

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

Wednesday, October 15

- 5:15 p.m. - Boston Advocacy Prayer Time (Rm 76)
- 5:45 p.m. - Men's Bible Study (Rm 264)
- 6 p.m. - Prayer Meeting/Bible Study (Chapel); Women's Bible Study "What Matters Most"
- 6:30 p.m. - College Freshman Bible Study (Rm 216)
- 7 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm)
- 8 p.m. - College MidWeek (Sanctuary)



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.