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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

"Lord, bend us," the preacher prayed. It was a simple but significant request that became the heart cry of revival. The Welsh minister, Seth Joshua, petitioned God to shape and transform his congregation, and how that prayer was answered! In particular, a young man named Evan Roberts was gripped by the words: "I felt a living power pervading my bosom . . . the tears flowed in streams . . . I cried out, 'Bend me! Bend me! Bend us!' . . . I was filled with compassion for those who must bend at judgment, and I wept . . . I felt ablaze with a desire to go through the length and breadth of Wales to tell of the Savior." The rest, they say, is history—a tremendous story of renewal and revival. Roberts formed a team that took the gospel across the nation; and through their efforts, city by city was claimed for the glory of Christ. Even after Roberts had to step back from the work, the ministry continued as thousands confessed faith and repented of their sins. It was an unmistakable move of God and His Spirit. Today, the Welsh Revival is still recognized as one of the greatest moments of renewal in the church's history.

I long to see such an outpouring of the Spirit upon our land as well. Now, don't get me wrong. I consistently and constantly witness the Lord's power in our church, our community, and beyond. He is always working! He is always changing lives! But what if we were to stop and intentionally ask Him to bend us? If we were to *resurrender* everything to Him and allow Him to shape us? Would we see a renewal? Could we see transformation? I'm convinced we can! Even as we approach our upcoming special services, *Resurrender: Nights of Renewal*, I have cried out for His overwhelming presence to be known. I have asked God to save people, change hearts, reconcile relationships, rearrange homes, revitalize believers, connect individuals to community, and so much more. In essence, I humbly pray, "Lord, bend us!"

Would you join me in that appeal? And would you make a commitment to center yourself upon Him during this renewal

season? As a reminder, we will begin this focused time together on Sunday morning during our regular morning services. Todd Strain, Senior Pastor at Calvary Baptist Church, Alexandria, will bring God's Word to us. The following service schedule looks like this:

Sunday Night	Rev. George Lee, Minister of Community Engagement, Temple, and Pastor, The Springs
Monday Night	Dr. Gevan Spinney, Senior Pastor, First Baptist Church, Haughton
Tuesday Night	Rev. Fred Luter, Senior Pastor, Franklin Avenue Baptist Church, New Orleans
Wednesday Night	Your Pastor! (I will lead us in a time of collect response.)

I know that there are a lot of things going on. There always are! But I hope you can find some moments to pray, seek the Lord, and gather with us for these worship events.

Ultimately, we want to see long-lasting fruit from these services. Max Lucado described the outcome of the Welsh Revival: "One hundred thousand people came to Christ in less than a year. Almost-empty bars were closed for lack of business. Magistrates saw their courts emptied of criminals. Miners even had to retrain the mules that worked in the coal mines – many of the animals had been trained to respond to vulgar commands. But when the men got cleaned up, their language did as well, and the mules had to learn a new vocabulary." Retraining mules? Now that is revival! Moreover, homes were transformed, debts repaid, and social responsibility assumed as faith was lived out. You see, revival is not a worked-up excitement or emotion; it is a heart change that leads to life change. So again, pray it with me now: "Lord, bend us!" May He bend us in such a way that we will all be different people after next week! See you Sunday!

College Connection

Casey Casady

This fall, God has done something incredible through Temple's College Ministry! Our Fall Break Mission Trip sign-ups surpassed expectations — over 50 college students are stepping out in faith to serve across three major cities: Boston, New York, and Miami. These teams will partner with more than ten church plants to share the gospel, encourage planters, and engage communities in need of hope. Before I write again, these students will be on mission.

Each student is a living testimony of Isaiah 6:8 — “Here am I. Send me!” Their willingness to go reflects the heartbeat of our ministry: to develop disciples who live sent lives, both at home and across the world.

As our teams travel November 15-20, we're asking the entire Temple family to cover them in prayer:

Pray for safety and boldness as students travel and share Christ in new places.

Pray for open hearts in Boston, New York, and Miami — that the gospel will take root and grow through our church-plant partners.

Pray for lasting impact, both in those being served and in our students' lives as they return changed. Together, we celebrate what God is doing through our College Ministry — sending out laborers, equipping the next generation, and expanding His kingdom from Ruston to the nations.

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	

TEMPLE BAPTIST

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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the family of **Janell Colvin**,
mother of Rosie Colvin,
grandmother of Angie (Michael) Chisholm
and Marshal (Karla) Doss, and
great-grandmother of Peyton and Shelton
Chisholm, Annaliese, Ainsley and Dylan Doss.

the family of **Jackie House**, mother of Randy House.

TEMPLETECH CHOIR

REUNION

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21 - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH

Who's ready to reunite with college friends, meet family members and step back into fun-filled choir rehearsals with Shayla?!

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RESURRENDER

NIGHTS @ RENEWAL

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26 - WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29

IN THE SANCTUARY

JOIN US FOR THESE NIGHTS OF RENEWAL THROUGH WORSHIP AND THE PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD FROM PASTORS TODD STRAIN, GEORGE LEE IV, DR. GEVAN SPINNEY, FRED LUTER & DR. REGGIE BRIDGES.

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Welcome to the Family!



Lauren Clayborn
(Statement)

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GEORGIABARNETTE.ORG

COLLECTED TO DATE
\$32,812.83

OUR GOAL
\$44,000

LOUISIANA BAPTISTS

Savor the
SEASON

Monday, November 3 | 6 P.M. | Fellowship Hall

Ladies, come join us for a fun night together as we Savor the Season!

Register at Events.Temple.Life

CoEd Bible Study

JONAH

WEDNESDAYS, NOVEMBER 5 - DECEMBER 17 | 6 P.M. - 7 P.M.

Jonah's story is about more than a run-in with a big fish.
Discover the deeper message in this 6-week CoEd study!

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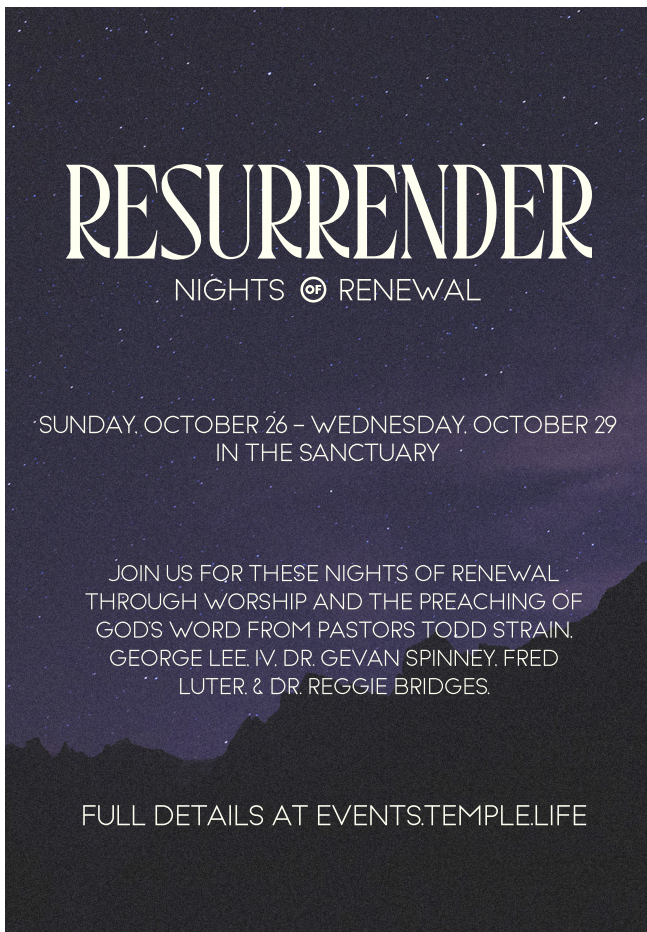
Neighbors and Nations

Dr. John King

Believe it or not, it is almost time to launch registrations for our 2026 Upward Basketball and Cheer league! Upward is a developmental basketball and cheer league focused on helping kids grow in their athletic abilities, relationship with God, and social skills. It is also a strategic outreach opportunity for our church, because over 1/4 of the families who participate tell us they do not attend church. How amazing is it that these families come to our church building twice a week for two months to hear devotions and experience the positive atmosphere we create!

Pulling off Upward each year is a team effort, and we need your help to make it happen! Whether you're up for coaching, refereeing, greeting families, or sharing devotions, there's a spot for everyone to pitch in. You don't need to be a sports expert—just bring your heart for kids and a willingness to serve. If you want to learn more about volunteering as a coach, assistant coach, referee, greeter, or devotional leader, you can reach out to me (johnk@temple.life) or call the Church Office. If you already know how you would like to be involved, you can sign up at: upwardhelp.temple.life.

Also, player registration starts on Monday, October 27, for the season that runs in January and February. You can sign up your own kids and grandkids soon at: upward.temple.life. Make sure to invite some friends who would be blessed by hearing the Good News of Jesus and participating in a family-friendly sports environment!



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Week-at-a-Glance

Sunday, October 26

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
 6 p.m. - Resurrender Nights of Renewal (Sanctuary)

Monday, October 27

6 p.m. - Resurrender Nights of Renewal (Sanctuary)

Tuesday, October 28

6 p.m. - Resurrender Nights of Renewal (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, October 29

5 p.m. - Family Night Meal (FH; Cost: \$5/person, \$3/child under 8,
 \$15 max/family; Menu: Beef Tenderloin)
 5:45 p.m. - Children's M3 (JP)
 6 p.m. - Resurrender Nights of Renewal (Sanctuary)
 6:30 p.m. - College Freshman Bible Study (Rm 216)
 7 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm)



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.