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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

"But thank God! He has made us his captives and continues to lead us along in Christ's triumphal procession. Now he uses us to spread the knowledge of Christ everywhere, like a sweet perfume" (2 Corinthians 2:14 NLT). Frequently, I feel like I must pause and verbally declare, "But thank God!" Whether I am overwhelmed by His tremendous favor upon my life or by His powerful work within His church, gratitude springs up within me and overflows into my public expression. Even now, I simply want to proclaim, "But thank God!" As I write this article, we have already experienced an obvious manifestation of the Lord's Spirit through our Resurrender worship services. Through the musical worship and the proclamation of His Word, God has invaded territories within my life and conquered them for His glory. You might say that He captured me through His lavish, unspeakable love. And the irony of it? Ego's defeat and my surrender allowed me to join Christ's triumphal procession! Oh, my friends, I had already been saved. That reality occurred years ago! But the Lord stirred my heart this week to search my spirit for areas not fully submitted to Him, and subsequently, He called me to resurrender. I am convinced some of you share the same story from the week. If so, cry out with me now: "But thank God!"

I am also appreciative of those the Lord utilized to make the renewal services happen . . . the worship and media teams, the ushers/greeters, the security personnel, and so many more. And the preachers? Well, those guys brought some truly powerful messages to us. I told someone I had better up my game or get my resume ready (as you now know how much more quality you can have!). And thank

you for showing up. I understand there are so many things you can be involved in, but many of you prioritized the moments we had together and participated in the services.

Now, I hope that the week was not just an emotional high or worked-up excitement; I pray it precipitated a true transformation in us. I am asking the Father for us to show forth obedience this week as we spread the knowledge of Christ everywhere, like sweet perfume. May we be His people in the community as much as we are in the church building!

I am already looking forward to gathering back with you this coming Sunday to worship, study, and fellowship. Remember, we will have our annual meeting briefly at the end of service. **We will vote on a challenging, yet attainable, 2026 budget while electing deacons to serve on the active council.** The Finance Committee, led by Chris Barr, did an excellent job working through the numbers that would support our ministry and mission next year. We understand it is God's blessings in our lives that allow us to be generous to support the ongoing work of the church, so we express our dependence upon Him as we cast our votes this week. And as to the deacon selection, I admit that I am having a difficult time narrowing down the list to ten men. I am asking Him for discernment, and I pray you are as well as you prepare for this vote. It is always a significant time in the church's life as we determine His leadership. Pour over the Scripture, seek wisdom from Him, and choose those that are already serving His church! Love you, Temple family! Always! See you Sunday!

MINISTER OF WORSHIP

Jeremy Asher

Fall is always a busy season in the Worship Ministry, not only in preparing for weekly worship services but also rehearsing for our Christmas cantata. Christmas rehearsals are underway, and I am so thrilled with the number of singers and instrumentalists that have already committed to participate. One exciting development in the Worship Ministry is that our **Temple College Choir** has restarted! After several years of hiatus, we are rebuilding this ministry that has meant so much to Temple college students for many decades. Sunday, October 26, our college choir participated in both morning and evening worship services, as they sang in the Contemporary Service at 10:30 a.m., and joined our Sanctuary Choir for the Night of Renewal at 6 p.m.

God is working, and I am so thankful to serve Him together with you. Let's make His praise glorious!

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| 2026 Deacon Nominees (10 to be selected) | |
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| 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 Ramin |
| Jody Smith | Leon Stamm |
| Mike Stone | Galen Turner, III |
| Dustin Whitlock | Brandon Williams |
| Zach Williams | Zach Wilson |
| Matt Woodard | |
| Election is Sunday, November 2 | |

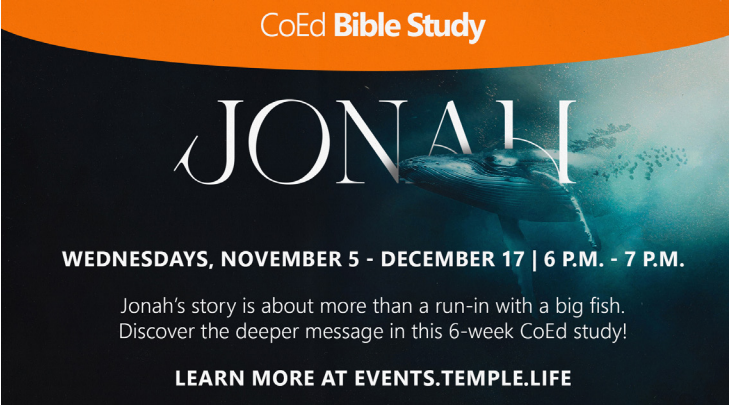


TEMPLETECH CHOIR
REUNION

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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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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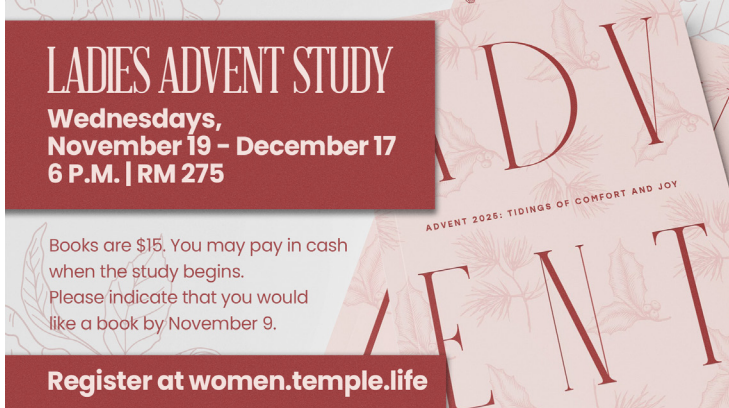


Savor the
SEASON

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](https://events.temple.life)



LADIES ADVENT STUDY

**Wednesdays,
November 19 - December 17
6 P.M. | RM 275**

Books are \$15. You may pay in cash when the study begins. Please indicate that you would like a book by November 9.

Register at women.temple.life

Welcome to the Family!



Karen Colvin (Letter)
Also Pictured:
Greyson Colvin

MOMS CONNECT

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10 | 9:30 - 11:30 A.M.
THE JOURNEY PLACE MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM

A time of encouragement for moms one Monday a month.

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the family of **Lynn Hawkins**,
husband of Edith, father of Curtis (Sonya),
grandfather of Jake and Mary Grace Hawkins
and Taylor Chennault.

the family of **Alverne Morton**.

Youth Ministry John Nugent

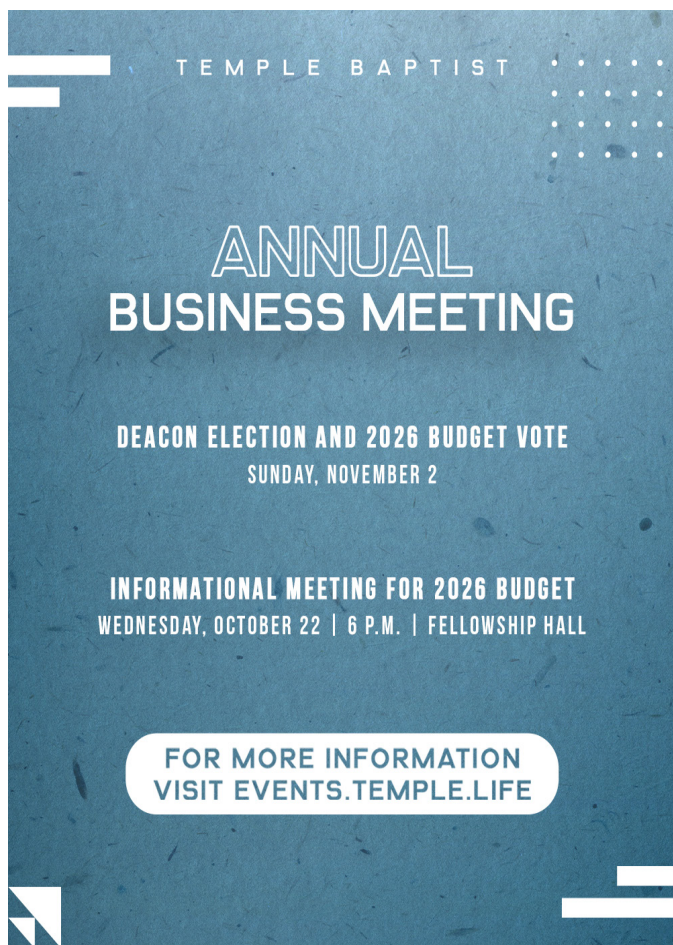
While it often seems like the world around us is growing darker, I want you to know without a doubt that there are many teenagers at our church that are boldly being the light in the darkness.

We're seeing students come to know Jesus Christ as Savior, students proclaiming their faith through baptism, and students leading their friends to faith in Jesus. I'm hearing stories of our students sharing their faith around lunch tables, and we're seeing a boldness in our students as they are taking real stands for their faith on their sports teams and in their friend groups. One way we have seen a different kind of Christ-following teenager recently was that one of our senior girls asked to join our church because she knew that just attending regularly wasn't enough – she wanted to be officially part of our church family because this is where she has found belonging, community, and a place to serve and grow. We celebrate that teenagers are coming to church; but when they want to take the extra step and be official members, it shows that there are many in this generation that aren't settling for shallow commitment to following Jesus Christ.

For the first time in several years our Youth Ministry sent out students on an international mission trip. Four of our 11th and 12th graders and three adults went to the Pacific Rim over Fall Break to serve alongside some of our missionary partners. Our students were able to meet people from drastically different cultural and religious backgrounds and boldly share the gospel through conversational evangelism. They were also able to be an encouragement to the missionaries serving and ministering to these unreached people groups in the Pacific Rim.

I'm praying that this will be the first of many trips to other countries that our students are able to take as we strive to live out the great commission and reach the nations with the gospel. Pray with me that God will continue to inspire students and even families to go to the nations with the good news of Jesus. We want to be a sending church, and this experience has added even more to our sending capability.

We have so many stories of what God is doing in and through our student ministry! Our Sunday School teachers and adult volunteers are such a huge part of how God is working. It is such an exciting time to be a part of Youth Ministry at Temple Baptist Church!



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Week-at-a-Glance

Sunday, November 2 (Annual Meeting/Special called Business Meeting in all services)

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
 11:30 a.m. - Lunch with the Pastor (FH)
 5 p.m. - Sunday School Leader Training (Youth Rm);
 The Springs Worship (The Springs Sanctuary)
 5:30 p.m. - The Chapel | Young Adults (Connections Corner | Chapel)

Monday, November 3

6 p.m. - Savor the Season Women's Event (FH)

Wednesday, November 5

5 p.m. - Family Night Meal (FH; Cost: \$5/person, \$3/child under 8,
 \$15 max/family; Menu: Balance Brought Forward)
 5:45 p.m. - Men's Bible Study (Rm 264); Children's M3 (JP);
 Junior High Worship (Youth Rm)
 6 p.m. - Prayer Meeting/Bible Study (FH); Coed Bible Study - Jonah
 (FLC); Women's Bible Study - "What Matters Most" (Rm 275);
 6:30 p.m. - College Freshman Bible Study (Rm 216)
 7 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm);
 High School Worship (Youth Rm)
 8 p.m. - Temple College Brinner (FH)

Thursday, November 6

5 p.m. - Senior Adult Game Night (FH)

November 8-15 - Mexico Medical Mission Trip

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.

