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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

100 years. A century. To most of us, that is quite a space of time. And to think that a congregation of believers called Temple Baptist Church have been doing ministry and mission right here in Lincoln Parish and beyond for that long! I know, I know. None of us has actually been around here that long—except maybe Dale! But still, my relatively brief time (12+ years) as a Templite has reminded me how blessed I am to be a part of its story. I'm grateful God has written me into Temple's narrative. I look back upon its history with gratitude, and I lean forward toward its future with anticipation. Just this week, I was reading through the reflections of long-term members and relatively new members of the church:

"Temple is where my spiritual foundation was laid."
David Abernathy

"Temple Church has been the center of my life for 69 years. I gave my life to Christ here." Joe Mitcham

"Temple is a church built and standing on the shoulders of past generations of faithful and steadfast Christians whose memory I cherish." Rel Gray

"This church was absolutely instrumental in the person I have become. All of my formative years were spent in this church, and I was pointed to Jesus throughout that entire time." Faith Alexander

"Temple Baptist was where I began my walk with Christ. I was loved, nurtured, and encouraged by so many people there." Angela Ballard

"I've grown up in Temple, it's where I found salvation, the people who mean the most to me in life, and where I found out who I truly am, as well as who God wants me to become." Jake Hawkins

"I was led to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ as my personal Savior through the Royal Ambassador ministry at Temple." Dwight Anderson

"Temple is my anchor in an ever-changing world."
Ben Humphries

"Temple is a community of believers to do life with as we endeavor to grow closer to Christ."
Mandi Funderburg

"My church family over the years has always been there for me in my time of need, offering support and encouragement. I can't imagine 'doing life' without them!" Bonnie Nolan

"Temple has been such a blessing to my family and me. It has been a place that has not only strengthened our relationship with the Lord but has strengthened our relationship with one another." Rob Owens

"I have to admit that there is a certain element of anticipation and joy each time that I head toward Temple Baptist Church. I look forward to entering the Sanctuary and feeling the presence of the Lord."
Bobby Andrews

"Temple Baptist Church is like home to me."
Brenda Brister

"Temple has been a place where I have experienced Christian community in a special way. Seeing multi-generational families worshipping together, small groups caring for one another in difficult and joyous times, and people included, regardless of their background, has been incredibly refreshing."
John King

And so many of you can echo these sentiments! As a matter of fact, I encourage you to email/text/write me with your thoughts about what Temple has meant to you. Let's celebrate God's faithfulness through His people . . . and let's commit to continuing His ministry and mission! See you Sunday!

Neighbors and Nations

Dr. John King

If I told you there was a town with almost three thousand people with no evangelical church, where would you think it was? South Asia? Europe? New England? No. I am talking about Chauvin, Louisiana.

Chauvin is a community right on the bayou about twenty minutes south of Houma. It is full of great folks, who love their families, their community, cajun food, and zyedeco music. This past weekend, our **South Louisiana GO Team** of ten people from Temple went down to Chauvin to help local ministry leaders host an outreach event and worship service. We had no idea what to expect, but we prayed and God brought the people and moved in their hearts. A different church from our association (Concord Union Baptist Association) are going down each month following a similar pattern. The overall goal is to see a church planted in the Chauvin area that can be a lighthouse for the gospel for generations to come. Join us in praying toward that end!

Please also be praying for our **Mexico GO Team (Construction)** who are headed to Acuna, Mexico, from April 16-21. They will be working with a local Baptist church to add educational space to their church building so they can host Bible studies and kids' ministry. Pray for protection as they travel and serve in the heat. Ask God to strengthen the church in Acuna and open doors for future ministry. And pray that God work in the hearts of local community so that they may see their "good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:16, CSB).



Tiny Trekkers

SUMMER CAMPS

AGES
9 Months -
Completed Kindergarten
(As of June 2026)

Brochures can be picked up
in the Journey Place,
with registration beginning April 1.

For more information, contact
Marsha Hammons at marsha@temple.life or 255-9606.

Congratulations to:

Zach and Julie Mays on the birth of their son,
Rhodes Allen. Proud brothers are Myles and David.

Kendall and Jalyn Crosby on the birth
of their daughter, **Clara Rose**.

Proud grandparents are Jason and Jada Walsworth.
Great-grandparents are Francis and Carole Carson.



LOST & FOUND

Lost & Found Table outside Main Office full of
Bibles, water bottles, coffee cups & mugs

APRIL 12-26
OUTSIDE OF THE MAIN OFFICE

Missing something?
Our Lost & Found Table is full of Bibles,
water bottles, coffee cups, and more!



**HIGH SCHOOL
SENIOR SEND
SERVICE**

SUNDAY, MAY 3 | 5 P.M. | THE GATHERING SPACE

Celebrating High School Seniors finishing one chapter to
open another as they venture out into the world.

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Welcome to the Family!



Craig, Dawn, Lance, &
Preston Whitman
(Letter, Statement)



Bella Ferguson
(College Midweek - Baptism)



Mason Gilliland
(College Midweek -
Baptism Only)



Danny Matute-Chaver
(College Midweek -
Baptism Only)



Henry Smith
(Baptism)



the family of **Lloyd "Buddy" Richards**,
grandfather of Courtney (Corey) Martin,
great-grandfather of Audrey-Kate
and Scarlett.

the family of **Art Knop**, grandfather of John (Leigh)
Nugent, great-grandfather of John Henry,
Jack Reece, Judah, and Jett.

the family of **DeWayne Mills**,
brother of Tammie (Gary) McCann.

the family of **Johnny Mills**,
brother of Tammie (Gary) McCann.

the family of **Butch Soto**, brother of Tony (Mary) Soto.

College Connection Casey Casady

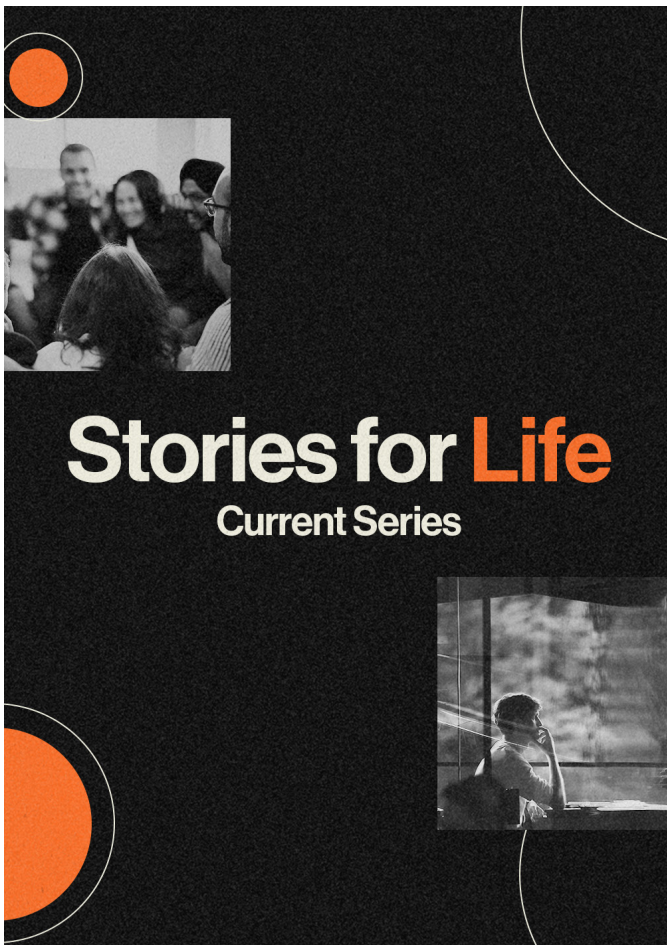
What a week at Resurrection Week! Over four days and nights, God opened doors for gospel conversations, meaningful prayer, and bold witness across our campus.

Students and leaders from Temple College joined with other college-focused Baptist churches in Ruston to engage students in the quad area with the hope of Jesus Christ. Throughout the week, conversations were started, prayers were offered, and the message of the death and resurrection of Jesus was clearly shared. It was a joy to see students stepping out in faith and churches working together in unity for the sake of the gospel.

Each night, the momentum carried over into worship services hosted by participating Baptist churches. These gatherings gave students the opportunity to worship, hear the Word preached, and celebrate what God was doing throughout the day. The week culminated for the students with a gathering and taking of the Lord's Supper. Over 600 college students gathered to participate and share in this celebration. The week was a powerful reminder that the resurrection is not only the foundation of our faith, but also the message we are called to proclaim.

We are grateful for every student, leader, volunteer, and church partner who helped make Resurrection Week possible. We especially want to thank the deacons of TBC for administering the elements of the Lord's Supper at the celebration Wednesday night service. We praise God for the seeds planted, the lives impacted, and the privilege of lifting high the name of Jesus on our campus.

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Week-at-a-Glance

April 12-26 - Lost and Found Table (Hallway by Church Office)

April 16-20 - Mexico GO Team (Construction) Mission Trip

Sunday, April 19

9 a.m. - Blended Worship (Sanctuary); livestream at live.temple.life;
Sunday School for all ages

10:30 a.m. - Contemporary Worship (Sanctuary); livestream at live.temple.life;
Sunday School for all ages

2 p.m. - Deacons Meeting (Chapel)

4 p.m. - Children's Bible Drill (JPMP)

5 p.m. - The Springs Worship (The Springs); Temple College Guys Event (FH)

5:30 p.m. - The Chapel (Chapel)

Tuesday, April 21

11:45 a.m. - Senior Adult Luncheon (FH)

6:30 p.m. - State Bible Drill (GS)

Wednesday, April 22

5 p.m. - Family Night Meal (FH; Cost: \$5/person, \$3/child under 8,
\$15 max/family; Menu: Dog Night)

5:30 p.m. - Women's Bible Study (Rm 270)

5:45 p.m. - Women's Bible Study (Rm 275); Children's M3 (JP);
Junior High Worship (Youth Rm); Men's Bible Study (Rm 264)

6 p.m. - Quarterly Business Meeting (FH); Men's Bible Study (Rm 261)

6:30 p.m. - Temple College Freshman Bible Study (Rm 216)

7 p.m. - High School Worship (Youth Rm);
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm)

8 p.m. - Temple College Midweek (Sanctuary)

Friday, April 24

5 p.m. - Children's Mother/Son Adventure (LLP - L3 Pavilion)



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.