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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

Caps and gowns. The music of “Pomp and Circumstance.” Academic ceremony. Conferral of degrees. These familiar sights and sounds remind us that we are in a season of recognition and transition. Yes, we are in the midst of graduation activities. Whether the student has earned the rite of passage from kindergarten, high school, or the university setting, he or she celebrates a milestone and faces the next chapter. Such a moment often proves emotional for the parents and family as they witness the event. And trust me, I know. I’m not sure I can take many more “emotions” after the past couple of weeks! But how do we translate that energy into meaningful intercession for the students?

Let me offer a few practical ways in which we can pray for these graduates. First, as you lift up high school students going into college, ask the Lord to work in their lives during these formative years. I adopted a simple prayer that Robert Lewis fashioned some time ago:

1. Lord, help (Student’s Name) make good grades.
2. Lord, help (Student’s Name) make good friends.
3. Lord, help (Student’s Name) develop a robust, spiritual relationship with You during this time.

Certainly, you can amplify or expand this prayer as God leads you, but this gives you a basic outline to follow. I can’t tell you how many times I have prayed this over our Templites as they began their college journey.

For those entering the job market straight from high school or who have completed their undergraduate or graduate work in college, I pray something similar:

1. Lord, help (Student’s Name) do good work that will reflect You.
2. Lord, help (Student’s Name) build deep, healthy relationships.
3. Lord, help (Student’s Name) continue to seek You and grow into Your Son’s image.
4. Lord, help (Student’s Name) live in Your purpose and on Your mission.

Again, you can customize your own petition. You certainly don’t have to repeat words that I give you. This is just a model for you to consider as you ask God’s favor and empowerment upon the grads.

“Prayer is the work,” Oswald Chambers wrote. These graduates need us to stand in the gap and do the work; they need us to pray. So, this week, would you join with me as we intercede for these students? I hope you will! See you Sunday!

Minister of Preschool and Children

Sally Hearn

Vacation Bible School (VBS) is just a few weeks away! "Illumination Station" will shine a light on **Who Jesus Really Is**. Children will learn that Jesus is God's **Promised Son**, God's **Perfect Son**, God's **Powerful Son**, God's **Proven Son**, and God's **Plan** for Forgiveness. We still need people to serve in VBS. There is a place for you! Children and volunteers may register at vbs.temple.life.

We are thrilled to announce that **WinShape Camps** has given us more spots for campers this year! We have ten more spots available for Kindergarteners and fifteen more spots for 1-5 graders. Register online at winshape.temple.life. Limited scholarships are available.

This week was our last week of M3. I am so proud of our children and all they have accomplished through our Music, Missions, and More program. BIG "THANK YOU" to our leaders who have served so faithfully in M3 this past year. What a blessing you are to our children!

Summer Sontastics (our Wednesday Night Children's Activities) will begin on Wednesday, June 10, from 6-7 p.m. Our theme for the summer is "God's Colors." This series will use colors to help kids learn the message of the Gospel. Each week a different color will be used to draw kids attention to one specific Bible story that involves that color. Kids will learn that God made them, loves them, and can be their Savior. Parents of 1-5 graders, you should have received a magnet with our summer schedule and the colors for each week. If you did not, stop by The Journey Place Office and pick one up.

Tiny Trekker Summer Adventure Camp still has a few spots available. Contact Marsha Hammons, our WEEkday Director, for more information. (318-255-9506, marsha@temple.life)

Congratulations to:

Luke and Sutton Higginbotham on the birth of their son, **Sullivan Paul**.

Grandparents are Gary and Suzie Higginbotham.

Thomas and Samantha Pringle on the birth of their daughter, **Jamison Claire**.



the family of **Bruce Dale Carter Jr.**,
son of Bruce Dale Carter Sr.

the family of **Beverly Ray Thames**,
grandfather of Landon and Claire Thames.



Welcome to the Family!



Riley Mizell
(Baptism)
Midweek | Watchcare



Adelaide Creech
(Baptism)



Dan Clement
(Baptism)



Myles Bell
(Baptism)



Executive Pastor **Jason Walsworth**

On **SEND Sunday**, we got to celebrate over 50 college students who will serve the Lord this summer through GenSend in focus cities in North America, in partnership with IMB around the world, and as camp counselors and businesses through Work as Worship internships. Let's commit to be praying for them this summer and ask the Lord to use them in mighty ways as they take the Gospel near and far. We are so blessed to have a college ministry that disciples and sends the next generation of Christ followers out to fulfill the Great Commission.

We also recognized almost forty high school seniors on **SEND Sunday** and commissioned them into a new chapter of their faith and lives. Each year we have the privilege of awarding two scholarships to this group: the *Robert and Vivian Magee Scholarship* and the *Anna Claire Sisemore Memorial Scholarship*. Both of these families continue to be so generous in their support, and we were able to award five seniors this year with a scholarship. The Magee Scholarship recipients were Caroline James and Maddy Parkman. The Anna Claire Sisemore Memorial Scholarship recipients were Jake Hawkins, Mallory Waller, and Cole Spurlock. Congratulations to all of these students and their families! Let's also commit to praying for these students as they navigate the transition to college and away from home for many of them. We are proud to have a student ministry that is reaching and disciplining teenagers and helping prepare them for college life.

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Week-at-a-Glance

May 19-29 - Footsteps of Paul Trip

Sunday, May 17

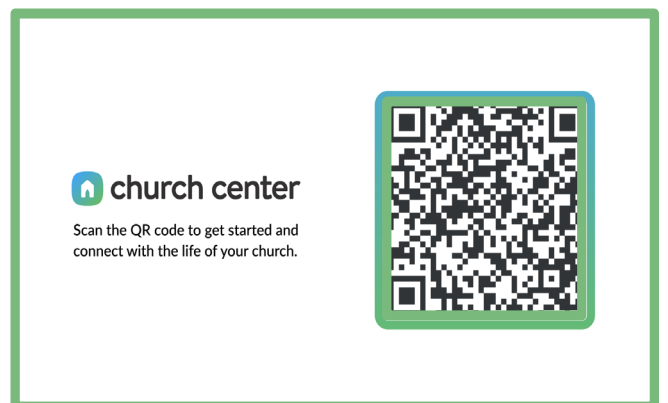
- 9 a.m. - Blended Worship (Sanctuary); livestream at live.temple.life;
Contemporary Worship (GS); Life Groups for all ages
- 10:30 a.m. - Contemporary Worship (Sanctuary); livestream at live.temple.life;
Life Groups for all ages
- 2 p.m. - Deacons Meeting (Chapel)
- 4 p.m. - Church-Wide Picnic (Lincoln Parish Park, Pavilion L-6)
- 5 p.m. - The Springs Worship (The Springs)

Monday, May 18

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

Wednesday, May 20

- 5 p.m. - Family Night Meal (FH; Cost: \$5/person, \$3/child under 8,
\$15 max/family; Menu: Spaghetti & Meatballs)
- 5:30 p.m. - Women's Bible Study (Rm 270)
- 5:45 p.m. - Women's Bible Study (Rm 275); Junior High Worship (Youth Rm);
Men's Bible Study (Rm 264)
- 6 p.m. - Prayer Meeting/Bible Study (FH); Men's Bible Study (Rm 261)
- 7 p.m. - High School Worship (Youth Rm);
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.