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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

“Church is more than a place where we come once or twice a week to gather together; it is where community is formed,” wrote our former (1972-1977) Minister of Music, Harry Thompson. And Temple is certainly a place where community formed! We connect in relationship with one another, and we also grow in our walk with Christ. Now, to be sure, corporate gatherings are significant because they allow us to come together as a community—for study, sharing, and singing. In particular, congregational worship is essential for community formation.

Along with the likes of Noxie Taylor, J. E. Mitcham, Jodie Williams, Jeremy Asher, Chris Albritton, and Zach Husser, Thompson helped set the foundation of our Worship Ministry here at Temple. Reflecting upon our church’s one-hundred-year anniversary, he remarked:

I made fond memories at Temple. The unwavering support in all of our endeavors by the choirs, the ensembles, the congregation, and the brilliant keyboard accompanists, Margie Hearn and Barbara Washington, made it all possible. Through the years, God has led me to serve in some great churches, and Temple Baptist Church stands at the top of the short list. Friendships and memories were born in those brief years that are still recalled and celebrated today.

Memories that are still etched in my mind include the outdoor Singing Christmas Tree attended by a large audience each night. There was the youth choir trip to Ridgecrest, North Carolina, and the puppet ministry entertaining fellowships, and the symphony. We mustn’t forget the Joyful Sound Ladies ensemble leading in worship and for civic

groups or the TempleTech Choir overflowing the choir loft and inspiring us with their music. And the music of the adult and children’s choirs? Well, cherished memories that are too numerous to mention here.

As Paul wrote, I thank God for every thought of you!  
And I thank God for Temple Baptist and for allowing me to serve there.

Many of you can recount similar experiences of worship and fellowship. If so, stop and give thanks to the Lord for His faithfulness! But also seek Him afresh and anew as He gives you wonderful occasions to praise Him in the present! I often recognize that there are differences in approaches and practices today, yet I see the same powerful God working as He fills new wineskins.

**This coming Sunday, we will have another awesome time to come together for our morning worship services.** Past, present, and future will collide as we welcome back alums of our TempleTech Choir for a reunion. This intergenerational group of singers and instrumentalists will lead us at both 9 and 10:30 a.m. **(NOTE: There will be no worship service in The Gathering Space at 9 a.m.; instead, those worshippers will gather at 9 a.m. in the Sanctuary.)**

I’m excited about the morning as we exalt the Lord Jesus Christ and as we continue to witness His community formed among us. Together, we will “let the word of Christ dwell in us richly in all wisdom, teaching, and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in our hearts to the Lord” (Colossians 3:16). See you Sunday!

# MINISTER OF WORSHIP

Jeremy Asher

As Temple continues our centennial celebration in 2026, I am digging deeper into nostalgia. I have shared with some of you that I have a Temple audio archives project that I am working on. It involves about a dozen reel-to-reel audio tapes (think old school projector reels) that I bought in the 90's from a Temple youth rummage sale. My dad refurbished a reel-to-reel tape player which I have been using to convert the tapes to my computer. It has been so fascinating to hear the voice of Dr. Magee during the 1968 Easter service, music from the 1974 singing Christmas tree, and even a choir music festival from 1965. Were you involved in any of these programs? I'd sure love to share these recordings with you, or any who may be interested. This is an on-going project, but I hope to have all the tapes converted in the next few months. If you have any interest in helping, please let me know! It is somewhat of a time-consuming project, but I have found it very rewarding to unearth sounds and voices of Temple's history.

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**WinShape Camps™ for Communities**  
Monday, July 6 - Friday, July 10  
Temple Baptist Church

Come be a part of an incredible adventure as we combine sports recreation, arts, Bible study, and worship into one amazing week.  
Registration Opens Monday, March 2 at 9 a.m.!

Register at [winshape.temple.life](http://winshape.temple.life)



TEMPLE BAPTIST  
*Women's Retreat*

THURSDAY, MARCH 26 - SATURDAY, MARCH 28

The Temple Women's Retreat will be a powerful 3-day experience filled with opportunities to invest in your own faith journey, and build sisterhood with other women.

**REGISTER AT [EVENTS.TEMPLE.LIFE](http://EVENTS.TEMPLE.LIFE)**

*A thank you card has been received from...*  
Alicia Ball, Brandon Ball, and Family

## VBS NEEDS

Large cardboard boxes are being collected as we begin creating decor for VBS. If you or your workplace have boxes, please bring them to *The Journey Place*. If anyone has access to large cardboard sheets, those would be appreciated, as well. If you would like to help us with decorations, please let Sally or Sarah know.

## *Missions Market 2026!*

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CONCORD UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION WMU/WOM



SATURDAY, MARCH 21 | 8 A.M. - 2 P.M.

TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL, RUSTON, LA

Shop handcrafted items, baked goods, and more at Missions Market 2026, supporting local missions through the Concord Union Baptist Association WMU/WOM.

**LEARN MORE AT [EVENTS.TEMPLE.LIFE](http://EVENTS.TEMPLE.LIFE)**



*RA Congress*

FRIDAY, MARCH 20 - SATURDAY, MARCH 21  
TALL TIMBERS - ALEXANDRIA, LA

A two-day event for boys in grades 1-6 to connect with each other, and the joy of Jesus, through outdoor activities.

Registration Deadline  
of Wednesday, March 4

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Welcome to the Family!



Brittany Porter  
(Baptism)



the family of **Diane McDonald**,  
grandmother of Mary Kyle (Johnny) Maxwell,  
great-grandmother of  
John Emmette Maxwell IV.

the family of **Ruby Rainbolt**.  
the family of **Don Tippit**, husband of Pat.

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FOR SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 9 A.M. – 2 P.M.  
AT TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH IN RUSTON.

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*Congratulations to:*

Kenneth (Jr.) and Kathy Slocum on the birth of their  
granddaughter, **Joanna Melane Slocum**.

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## MINISTER OF YOUNG ADULTS Andrew Thompson

Hello Temple Family,

I hope you've been enjoying the lack of ice as much as I have these past couple of weeks! With spring just around the corner, many of our summer GO (Global Outreach) teams are beginning to meet to pray, plan, and prepare for what we hope will be a fruitful summer of ministry.

I'm especially honored to be leading our GO Team to Boston this June. We'll be partnering with Valley Church and the Ambrose family to assist with outreach efforts and help lead kids camps, all with the goal of connecting young families to Valley Church. It's exciting to see how God is working through church planting efforts, and it's a privilege to be part of a church that is so committed to supporting church planters faithfully and practically.

Would you join me in praying for Valley Church and the work taking place in Massachusetts? Pray that the Lord would guide and strengthen their ministry. And please pray for our GO Team as we prepare! Pray that God would unify us, equip us, and prepare hearts for the work we will do in June.

Thank you for being a church that goes, prays, and partners so well for the sake of the gospel.

**TEMPLETECH CHOIR  
REUNION**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22  
BOTH 9 & 10:30 A.M.  
SANCTUARY**

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## Week-at-a-Glance

**January 24-February 28 - Upward Games (FLC)**  
**February 26-28 - Mens Retreat**

### Sunday, February 22

- 9 a.m. - Combined Blended/Contemporary Worship | Baptisms (Sanctuary); livestream at [live.temple.life](http://live.temple.life); Sunday School for all ages
- 10:30 a.m. - Contemporary Worship | Baptisms (Sanctuary); livestream at [live.temple.life](http://live.temple.life); Sunday School for all ages
- 11:30 a.m. - Youth Senior Parent Meeting (Youth Rm); Beach Reach Training Meeting (Rm 216); TempleTech Choir Reunion Luncheon (FH)
- 2 p.m. - Deacons Meeting (Chapel)
- 4 p.m. - Bible Drill (JPMR)
- 4:45 p.m. - God's Glory Among the Nations (Rm 216)
- 5:30 p.m. - The Chapel (Chapel)
- 5 p.m. - The Springs Worship (The Springs)

### Wednesday, February 25

- 5 p.m. - Family Night Meal (FH; Cost: \$5/person, \$3/child under 8, \$15 max/family; Menu: Chicken Fried Steak); South Louisiana GO Team Interest Meeting (Rm 82)
- 5:30 p.m. - Women's Bible Study (Rm 270)
- 5:45 p.m. - Men's Bible Study (Rm 264); Women's Bible Study - When You Pray (Rm 275); Children's M3 (JP); Junior High Worship (Youth Rm)
- 6 p.m. - Prayer Meeting/Bible Study (FH); Coed Bible Study - Judges (FLC Glass Classroom)
- 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 Brinner (FH)

**SOUTH LOUISIANA**  
 GO TEAM  
 INTEREST MEETING

**Wednesday, February 25 | 5 P.M. | RM 82**

Come learn about our trip planned for Friday, April 10 - Sunday, April 12.

**Learn more at [missions.temple.life](http://missions.temple.life)**

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**MEN'S RETREAT**  
 — FEBRUARY 26 - 28 —

**Broadcast Hours:** Sundays: 9 a.m. Channel 11 (KAQY); 9 and 10:30 a.m. livestream ([live.temple.life](http://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.