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TIDINGS

A weekly newsletter for all active members of Temple Baptist Church

The Pastor's Perspective

Dr. Reggie Bridges

This past Saturday represents a special day that often slips by unnoticed. It was our annual Armed Forces Day, a moment when the nation celebrates active service members. And of all seasons in our country's existence, this is one of those when we should give our attention—indeed, our prayers—to the military personnel standing guard for our liberty. Right now, our soldiers are spread across the globe, and they are carrying out incredible missions. I am convinced we have an obligation to intercede for them as they go about such tasks. Our military doesn't enter the political fray; it simply carries out the will of its leadership. How blessed we were to celebrate them not only on Armed Forces Day but also on every day we live in freedom.

Additionally, this coming weekend provides us a significant moment to pause and reflect upon sacrifice itself. Memorial Day began as a time when our nation stopped to remember those who died in the service of our nation, and it continues to offer that opportunity for us.

In many ways, the day has a somber tone. Too many lives have been lost because of humanity's selfish ambitions, and too many families have suffered loss due to wars. However, Memorial Day carries with it an inherent sense of encouragement and responsibility as well. We should be encouraged as we think of the heroic efforts of others who gave of their own lives for something greater than themselves. Indeed, they counted their own lives lost for the sake of freedom. And how we should embrace the responsibility of freedom we have inherited from their strife! Thanks to these men and

women, you and I can worship, testify, and live freely! I encourage you to do join with me this Monday especially as we honor those who paid the ultimate price for our liberty and as we recommit to the obligation freedom brings.

Of course, such a holiday always reminds me of the One who granted us spiritual freedom through His unique, ever-sufficient sacrifice.

Jesus Christ came to earth, lived a sinless life, taught with authority, performed astonishing miracles, died on the cross, and rose the third day! He volunteered for this life-giving mission because He too was committed to a greater purpose . . . providing salvation to those who truly believed upon Him. What a Savior! What a hero! What a warrior! I challenge you to worship Him this weekend because He has done something that no other man or woman could do—He paid for your sins! Exalt His name and declare to others the saving message of Christ.

I so appreciate you as my Temple family. You consistently give honor to whom honor is due while magnifying our Lord and His deeds. With that being said, you had better buckle up for the summer! Between children's camps, mission trips, and weekly worship opportunities, there will be so many moments to get involved.

You are a remarkable people! I believe that because I have seen it with my own eyes. And better yet, you are a loved people! No doubt, the Lord loves you, and your pastor and staff love you. Thank you for being my family and friends! Let's get about the business of the King this summer and make a difference.

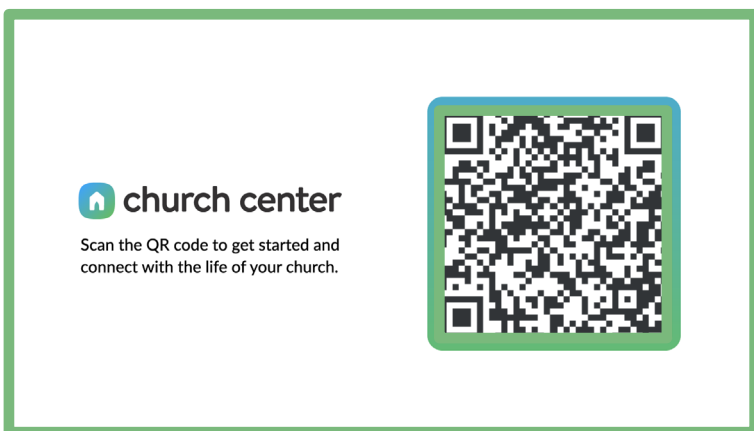
College Connection Casey Casady


You can feel it—summer has arrived. The temperatures are climbing, the days are stretching longer, and around Ruston, the traffic is finally beginning to thin out. The “great heat” of summer is here!

As we step into this new season, we are grateful for all God has done over the past year in our college ministry. From outreach tables on the campus of Louisiana Tech, to Beach Reach, to the incredible response of students serving around the globe through Summer Servants, God has been at work in powerful ways. We should take a moment to celebrate how He has moved in the lives of so many students. And yet, as the Apostle Paul reminds us, we do not stop—we “press on” toward the prize found in Christ Jesus. Summer is not a slowdown; it is an opportunity.


This summer, Louisiana Tech will host four freshman orientations and one transfer orientation. These events are strategic opportunities for connection. If you know a student who will be attending Tech this fall, we would love to reach out and welcome them into the Temple College community. You can help us make that connection. Simply email casey@temple.life with the student’s name, cell phone number, and, if possible, which orientation they plan to attend.

Our desire is to be a bridge for students—a place of connection, belonging, and service from the very beginning of their college journey. Together, let’s make this summer a season of intentional connection and meaningful service to our college community. Thank you for your continued partnership in Kingdom work.



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Empty water bottles (regular size)

Our Heartfelt Sympathy to: the family of **Billy Rich**, husband of Frances.
the family of **Dave Hylan**, husband of Karen.

Neighbors and Nations

Dr. John King

Every two to four years our career International Mission Board (IMB) missionaries come back to the United States for what is called, “stateside assignment.” Stateside assignment is a time for our missionaries to reconnect with family and friends, rest, renew spiritually and emotionally, take care of medical and administrative appointments, and prepare for their next term overseas. One challenge for missionaries going on stateside assignments is finding a place to stay. That is why our Temple Mission House is an incredible resource for both missionary care and for mobilizing the next generation of goers!

We have been blessed to have Will and Caroline R. and their family staying in our house the past months. Sadly, for us, we will say goodbye (at least for a while) to them at the end of July. If you have connected with them, make sure to find them and tell them how much you have enjoyed getting to know them and learn about their ministry to Central Asians in Europe. We are going to miss them dearly.

At the beginning of June, we will host another family (names omitted for security reasons), on stateside assignment. They will be staying in a house in Simsboro provided by the mother of one of our church members. What an incredible blessing and a great way to leverage your house for the sake the gospel among the nations! Kind of reminds me of Dr. Reggie’s sermon on the dishonest manager from Luke 16 this past week. This IMB couple came through our college ministry and now is serving among a Muslim people group in Asia along with their three little ones. They are looking for a vehicle to use during their 5-8 month time in Ruston, so if you or someone you know has a vehicle they could use, please let me know (johnk@temple.life) and I will follow up with you.

Are you looking to get involved in mission, but unsure of where to start? The Panama GO Team (First Step) could be just for you. We plan to take a small team of people (no international missions or travel experience required) to serve with an IMB team in Western Panama. I will be leading the team and would love for you to consider joining us. More information is available at mission.temple.life under the “Panama” link. You can also email me (johnk@temple.life) or call me at the Church Office (318-255-3745).



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Week-at-a-Glance

May 19-29 - Footsteps of Paul Trip

May 24-28 - Senior High School Mystery Trip

May 29-30 - Astros Baseball Trip

Sunday, May 24

- 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
- 3 p.m. - The Springs Church Picnic (Lincoln Parish Park - Pavilion L-6)

Monday, May 25

Church Offices Closed - Memorial Day

Wednesday, May 27

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



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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.