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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

“Problem-solving helpers.” Each year, we at Temple Baptist Church have the opportunity to select such ministry assistants to serve as deacons. These men are individuals who are already stepping up to make a difference in the church and the community. We don’t elect deacons we hope will “deac;” we simply confirm the servants who are already serving! For almost thirteen years now, I have worked alongside with some of the most solid, selfless deacons I have ever encountered. They understand that initial responsibility of the deacon—to keep the fellowship of the church through service and ministry. For that, I am grateful!

This past week, you should have received an email with a list of men eligible for nomination. Let me offer a couple of disclaimers here. First, the list is our best attempt to identify the men who meet the criteria of age and church membership set forth in our bylaws. Inevitably, we fail to include someone or mistakenly add someone. If you see that happen, please reach out to us and let us know. It is quite the feat to keep our extensive database up to date, but we work hard toward an accurate representation. Second, we are by no means saying that everyone on the list is qualified to be a deacon. We have provided you with a list of men who will be twenty-one by January 2027 and who will have been a member here for at least three years. We ask for you to examine each one and determine if that man demonstrates faithfulness in his service to the Lord and the church.

I especially encourage you all to read Acts 6:1-7 and 1 Timothy 3:8-13 to assist you in this process. Also, I ask you to pray fervently this week for guidance and discernment as the Holy Spirit prompts our selections. Trust me, your

vote does actually account. I can testify personally as to how close the vote numbers are. Two years ago, we ended up with eleven men joining the Council because there was a tie for tenth place! Your participation matters!

Remember that you can cast your nomination any time before or on Sunday, September 27. Just drop your ballot in one of the boxes scattered around the church campus. But don’t wait until September 27! Go ahead and determine who you believe should be serving actively on our Deacons Council!

Luke reminded us about the powerful results of the first deacon election: “And the word of God kept on spreading; and the number of the disciples continued to increase greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were becoming obedient to the faith” (Acts 6:7 ESV). What an awesome statement! The choosing of deacons allowed the kingdom to continue its advancement. Let’s pray that God will use this month’s deacon nomination also to multiply ministry and expand the gospel’s impact.

And while I am excited about the addition of new deacon leadership, I am cognizant that we are losing a great ministry leader in Zach Husser. As Zach announced this past Sunday, God has called him and his family to a new ministry context in Huntington Beach, California. The news is indeed bittersweet. We give thanks to the Lord for His continued work in Zach’s life while we also sorrow over his leaving. We will have a formal time to celebrate and say goodbye to Zach, Marissa, Jonah, and Madelyn on Sunday, September 27, 2 p.m.-3:30 p.m., in Connections Corner. Mark your calendar and commit to joining us! See you Sunday!

MINISTER OF WORSHIP

Jeremy Asher

Hello, Temple family! As I write this article, I am attending, for the third time, the Getty's Sing! Worship conference in Nashville. I am singing in a choir of over 500 singers, with a congregation of nearly 6,000 worshipers from around the globe who are singing to the King of Kings – Jesus Christ!

It is my distinct honor and privilege to lead our choir and orchestra as we sing songs of our faith in Jesus. Moreover, our joy as a congregation is to express our gratitude and worship to King Jesus through singing together each Sunday. Pray for our ministry as we serve and lead worship together each week. Do you want to add your voice to our chorus? Join us! We have room for you! Rehearsals are Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in the choir room. I hope you'll worship with us!

Congratulations to:

Ty and Lauren Lolley on the birth of their son,
Russell Thomas Lolley. Proud grandparents are
Shannon and Memrie Lolley and Bobby and Jenny Ensminger.
Great-grandparents are Ron and Beth Riley.

Jacob and Rebecca Knight on the birth of their son,
Parker Bradley Knight.

*A thank you card has been received
from...The Whitman Family; United Way;
Dubach Elementary School; RJHS Faculty and Staff*

MOMS CONNECT

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 | 9:30 - 11:30 A.M.
THE JOURNEY PLACE MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM

A time of encouragement for moms one Monday a month.

REGISTER FOR CHILDCARE AT [EVENTS.TEMPLE.LIFE](https://events.temple.life)

DEACON NOMINATION

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Charlotte Mabry Women on Mission

Monday, September 14 | 5:30 p.m.
Hostess: Jan Murphy (116 Yellow Pine Dr, Ruston)

Mary Martha WMU

Monday, September 14 | 6-8 p.m. | Connections Corner
Speaker: Thy Hong, Summer Missions in Cincinnati
Hostess: Tara Turner
Mission Project: Items for Prison ministry



the family of **June Hebert**,
grandmother of Corky (Jed) Walpole,
great-grandmother of Judah and Benji.

the family of **Helen Payton**.

the family of **Jim Haynes**, brother of Polly (Seth) Humble.

the family of **Cleo Frank**, brother of Isreal Frank.

SENIOR ADULT LUNCHEON

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 | 11:45 A.M.
FELLOWSHIP HALL

Senior Adults (50+), join us for lunch, followed by a program.

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Heartfelt FRIENDS GATHERING

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 | 6 P.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL

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Welcome to the Family!



Allen & Carolyn Wiggins
(Letter)



**SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 12**
5 P.M.
FELLOWSHIP HALL

MEN OF EVERY AGE AND SONS ARE WELCOME.
COME FOR SOME ENCOURAGEMENT AND FELLOWSHIP!

HELP US WITH A HEAD COUNT BY REGISTERING AT [EVENTS.TEMPLE.LIFE](https://events.temple.life)



Youth Ministry

John Nugent

Get to Know Gen Z

The Good News: While many people are discouraged or even fear what is happening in younger generations, the research encourages us in many ways. Barna research shows us that Christianity is growing in teenagers. Gen Z teenagers are less stressed and more optimistic than Millennial young adults. They are reading their Bibles more and attending church more.

● Christian ● Other faith ● No faith



Faith Profile of Teens in the U.S. (Ages 13-17)



Faith Profile of Young Adults in the U.S. (Ages 18-22)



n=1,015 U.S. teens ages 13 to 17, July 21–August 24, 2021;
n=1,010 U.S. young adults ages 18 to 22, July 21–August 24, 2021.

The Bad News: While teenagers are claiming Christianity more, reading their Bibles more, and attending church more, they are doing so on a shallow level. Barna research showed that while almost 60% of teenagers attended a church youth group in the past three months, only 18% showed signs of active faith across multiple dimensions of Christian life. They're curious, not committed.

Join us in continuing to pray that teenagers will see the Truth of God's Word and see the abundant life that is only possible through wholeheartedly following Jesus Christ. Pray they experience God and see the joy, peace, and belonging they can have in relationship with Him as they come to church and engage with other Christians.



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Week-at-a-Glance

September 6-13 - Georgia Barnette Week of Prayer

September 6-13 - Louisiana Baptist Fall Food Round Up

Sunday, September 13

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 Worship Service (The Gathering Space at Temple)
 5:30 p.m. - The Chapel (Connections Corner | Chapel)

Monday, September 14

9:30 a.m. - Moms Connect (JPMR)
 6 p.m. - Mary Martha WMU (Connections Corner); Charlette Mabry WMU
 (Jan Murphy's Home)

Tuesday, September 15

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

Wednesday, September 16

5 p.m. - Family Night Meal (FH; Cost: \$5/person, \$3/child under 8, \$15 max/family;
 Menu: Breakfast for Supper)
 5:30 p.m. - Women's Bible Study (Rm 281)
 5:45 p.m. - Men's Bible Study (Rm 264); Women's Bible Study (Rm 275);
 Children's M3 (JP); Junior High Worship (Youth Rm); Germany HS GO Team
 Meeting (Rm 82)
 6 p.m. - Prayer Meeting/Bible Study (FH); Co-Ed Bible Study (FLC Glass Cassroom)
 7 p.m. - High School Worship (Youth Rm); Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm)
 8 p.m. - Temple College Midweek (Sanctuary)

Friday, September 18

Family Life Center Snack Area Closed



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.