



*Temple*  
BAPTIST CHURCH

# TIDINGS

A weekly newsletter for all active members of Temple Baptist Church

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## *The Pastor's Perspective*

Dr. Reggie Bridges

This coming Sunday, Christians around the world will celebrate the foundational truth of our faith—our Savior lives! **Jesus left the privileges of heaven, came to earth, lived a sinless life, taught with authority, healed the sick, cast out demons, and ultimately died a sacrificial death.** His story is one of unbelievable selflessness and significance. Yet, Jesus' ministry would be incomplete (and perhaps lost to history) if it had not been for the resurrection. **Indeed, Christ's triumph over the grave punctuated His work with power and life. It validated everything He had said and done as it demonstrated His absolute Lordship over everything.**

**Today, we experience forgiveness and eternal life through the resurrection.** You might say the reality of the living Christ has made all the difference in our lives! Chuck Swindoll captures the import of the resurrection when he writes:

“The benefits [of the resurrection] are innumerable

To list a few:

Our illnesses don't seem nearly so final;

Our fears fade and lose their grip;

Our grief over those who have gone on is diminished;

Our desire to press on in spite of the obstacles is rejuvenated;

Our identity as Christians is strengthened as we stand in the lengthening shadows of saints down through the centuries, who have always answered back in antiphonal voice: ‘He is risen, indeed!’”

**Every aspect of our lives is informed and empowered by the resurrection.** Whether we face a challenge or trial, we can stand in our Lord's unlimited strength.

But this reality isn't for our own experience! We want all to encounter the resurrection power in their lives. That is why we give and go like we do. Through the Lord's provision and your generous spirit, we exceeded our Annie Armstrong Easter Offering goal by contributing over \$90,000 to make Christ known here in North America. Praise to Him! What good news of salvation we get to advance!

Again, Easter Sunday allows us to focus on this central tenet of our proclamation. We will declare our triumphant message together: Jesus is alive! I pray you are filled with anticipation as we gather to worship Him as a faith family, and I hope you are sharing that excitement with everyone you see. Let's encourage as many as we can to join us in exalting the Victorious King! He deserves nothing less! He is risen, indeed! Hallelujah, He is alive! See you on Resurrection Sunday!

# MINISTER OF YOUNG ADULTS

Andrew Thompson

As we enter this Easter season, I've found myself reflecting on my first year serving on staff at Temple. It has truly been a joy to be part of such an incredible team, and I am deeply grateful for this church. In this year at Temple, I have seen the Lord move in incredible ways and have established friendships with so many new people. I'm excited for all that God has in store as I continue to serve here.

This time last year, we were preparing for Easter at the TAC, and I'm still in awe of what a special and memorable Sunday that was. While that experience was unique, I'm just as excited to celebrate Easter together on our campus this year. It is always so meaningful to gather as a church family to remember the resurrection and to rejoice in victory alongside one another. Easter should always serve as a reminder to us of the hope we have in Him and the new life He offers to all who believe.

This week I am looking forward to celebrating with you and am praying that this Easter will be a powerful and joyful time for our church. Would you join me?

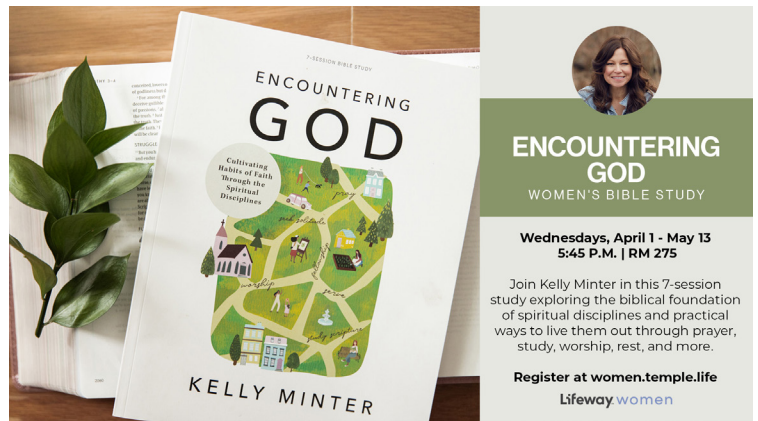
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Annie Armstrong  
Easter  
Offering

Total Collected:  
**\$90,729.00**

Church Goal:  
**\$87,000.00**



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GOD  
Cultivating Habits of Faith Through the Spiritual Disciplines  
KELLY MINTER

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GOD  
WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays, April 1 - May 13  
5:45 P.M. | RM 275

Join Kelly Minter in this 7-session study exploring the biblical foundation of spiritual disciplines and practical ways to live them out through prayer, study, worship, rest, and more.

Register at [women.temple.life](https://www.women.temple.life)  
Lifewaywomen



**MOMS  
CONNECT**

MONDAY, APRIL 13 | 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://www.events.temple.life)



**SENIOR ADULT  
LUNCHEON**

TUESDAY, APRIL 21 | 11:45 A.M.  
FELLOWSHIP HALL

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

LEARN MORE AT [EVENTS.TEMPLE.LIFE](https://www.events.temple.life)

## We Need Your Help!

Sunday will be a special day as we celebrate our Risen Savior. We know we will have lots of friends in Preschool. Volunteers are needed in First Steps (Babies-Kindergarten) for the 9 a.m. Service. If you are available to serve this Sunday, contact Sally ([sally@temple.life](mailto:sally@temple.life)) or Sarah ([sarah@temple.life](mailto:sarah@temple.life)).



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## From the Minister of Contemporary Worship Zach Husser

With Easter right around the corner, many of us are thinking about whom we can invite to worship that Sunday. And we absolutely should. Easter is one of the clearest opportunities all year to invite someone to hear the hope of the gospel. But I also want to encourage you to think beyond the worship service and consider inviting someone to your Sunday School class. While worship allows people to hear the truth, Sunday School gives them a tangible path into real community. In a culture where content is everywhere but connection is rare, that kind of space matters more than ever. Lifeway research shows that 47% of people attend a Sunday School class because of a personal invitation!

If you are a leader, prepare now with the expectation that new people may walk into your class on Easter Sunday. Pray for them. Plan with them in mind. Create space for conversation and connection. And as you teach, boldly proclaim the hope of the gospel! Easter is not just a day to fill seats. It is an opportunity to help someone take a real step toward belonging and growing in Christ.

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## Week-at-a-Glance

### Sunday, April 5 (Easter Sunday)

- 9 a.m. - Blended Worship | Baptism (Sanctuary); livestream at [live.temple.life](http://live.temple.life);  
Sunday School for all ages
- 10:30 a.m. - Contemporary Worship (Sanctuary); livestream at [live.temple.life](http://live.temple.life);  
Sunday School for all ages
- 5 p.m. - The Springs Worship (The Springs)

### Wednesday, April 8

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

### Thursday, April 9

- 12 p.m. - Myrtle King Lunch Bunch (FH)

### April 10-12 - South LA GO Mission Trip

### Saturday, April 11

- 7:30 a.m. - Disaster Relief Training (FH)



**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.