



Temple
BAPTIST CHURCH

TIDINGS

A weekly newsletter for all active members of Temple Baptist Church

The Pastor's Perspective

Dr. Reggie Bridges

If you drove past the church last week, you probably thought we had transformed it into some type of “illumination station,” teeming with bright and glowing lights. And you would be somewhat right! Preschoolers and children poured down the halls and into classrooms. They participated in designing projects in Kaleidoscope Crafts as well as expressing their musical skills in Mirror Ball Music. They even indulged in gourmet food (i.e., cookies, crackers, etc.) at the Neon Snacks, and they were sent out on mission through the Glow-in-the-Dark Missions. (In other words, we sugared them up and sent them home to you!) I can honestly say Temple was a happening place!

We Southern Baptists refer to this event as Vacation Bible School and, for many of us, it is dear to our hearts. Our summer would not be complete without it! However, our affection for VBS is not determined by the themed posters, the music, the crafts, or the games. Rather, we love VBS because it provides us a wonderful venue to share the gospel of Christ with the children in our church and community. In particular, the week gave us a moment to present Jesus Christ as the Light of the world. He alone illuminates our lives and work.

Many of us can testify personally as to the impact this effort has had in our lives. We can relate how we were saved at VBS or perhaps how our children

and grandchildren were saved. And we still see those results! Already, we have been contacted by many parents who want us to speak to their children concerning salvation and baptism. I ask you to join me in praying for these opportunities. Specifically, ask these things: 1) That God would convict and confirm children in their salvation; 2) That He would give parents and church leadership the discernment and wisdom to help these children in their decisions; 3) That He would give these new believers courage to follow through in their decisions and be baptized; and, 4) That He would initiate a desire within these children to grow into His image. Through our prayers and instruction, we can see our children can experience the spark of salvation and discipleship!

As we turn our attention to the week ahead, continue to pray for our GO Teams as they go about mission work. I've heard from some of our college students who are spread out across the globe. Whether in Salt Lake City or Boston, they are confronting the darkness and proclaiming the same message we shared here in VBS: “Jesus is the Light of Salvation.” Pray that our Lord will show them fruit through their faithfulness. Also, ask Him to be with our PacRim team as they travel home from a season of ministry. God is working in so many powerful ways this summer! Let's celebrate our Savior and His ministry each day! See you Sunday!

From the Minister of Creative Arts & Discipleship

Zach Husser

We are excited to host our next **Discover Temple** class on **Sunday, July 12, at 9 a.m. in Room 216!** Discover Temple is designed for those who are considering joining our church, as well as those who have joined within the past year and want greater clarity about who we are and how to fully connect to the life of our church. In this class, we walk through our mission, our values, and what it means to move from simply attending to actively belonging and serving. We believe clarity leads to commitment, and this class helps provide that next step.

Since we offer Discover Temple only once per quarter, we want to be intentional about inviting the right people. If you know someone who may be a good fit for this class, I would love for you to send me his/her name. You can email me directly at zach@temple.life. You/They can register at events.temple.life, as well! Thanks for helping us shepherd well as we make sure that every new person has a clear pathway into deeper connection to our church!



2026 BEACH RETREAT

AUGUST 16 - 20 | GULF SHORES BEACH RETREAT

Meet people before you start classes in the Fall, create lasting memories and friendships, and connect with a local church in Ruston before beginning the school year!

LEARN MORE AT [BEACH.TEMPLECOLLEGE.LIFE](https://beach.templecollege.life)




Discover Temple

Sunday, July 12 | 9 A.M. | RM 216

Learn more about Temple Baptist Church, what we believe, and how you can take your next step here.

Register at events.temple.life

Growing in Christ | Connecting in Community | Engaging in Mission



the family of **Earl Alexander**,
brother of Charlie (Margaret) Alexander
and Dianne Williams.

*A thank you cards have been received
from...Ruston Elementary School*



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.

Register at winshape.temple.life



AMERICA 250

ANNUAL 29TH CELEBRATION

Love Lincoln FREEDOM FEST

Celebrating 250 years of faith and freedom
Friday, July 3 | 7:30 PM | Temple Baptist Church Sanctuary

Welcome to the Family!



Judah Nugent
(Baptism)



Emerson Henry
(Baptism)



Congratulations to:

Ben and Diana Humphries on the birth of their grandson, **Jedidiah (Jed) Futrell.**

Ann Windsor on the birth of her great-grandson, **Thomas Mann Windsor.**



MINISTER OF YOUNG ADULTS
Andrew Thompson

Hello Temple Family! I hope you are having a great summer so far and finding ways to stay cool in the heat!

As many of you know, this is a busy season for missions at Temple. We have sent college students on summer mission assignments, youth students on mission trips, and several short-term GO Teams to support our mission partners around the world. It is always encouraging to see so many of our people actively engaged in sharing the gospel and serving others.

One of the teams preparing to leave is our Boston GO Team. I have the privilege of leading a group of young adults as we partner with the Ambrose family and Valley Church. While we are there, we will help host a Vacation Bible School designed to reach young families in the neighborhoods surrounding the church.

We are praying that this VBS will be a meaningful outreach opportunity and a doorway for families to connect with Valley Church. The church is already serving as a unique gospel witness in a part of the country where evangelical churches are virtually non-existent. For many of the children who attend, this may be their first time ever stepping into a church building or hearing the good news of Jesus Christ.

Would you join me in praying for our team as we prepare and serve? Pray that God will work powerfully through every conversation, every lesson, every game, and every relationship that is built. Pray also for Valley Church: that God would continue to bless their ministry and use Jacob, his family, and the entire church to reach many more people with the gospel. Thank you for being a church that faithfully prays, sends, and supports missions!

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Week-at-a-Glance

June 3-14 - Pacific Rim GO Team Mission Trip

June 16-18 - Tiny Trekker Summer Camp (JP)

June 13-19 - High School Mission Trip (Miami)

June 20-26 - Boston GO Team Mission Trip

Sunday, June 14

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 | Baptism (Sanctuary); livestream at live.temple.life; Life Groups for all ages

3 p.m. - The Springs Worship Service (The Springs)

Monday, June 15

6:30 p.m. - College Evangelism Study (Rm 216)

Tuesday, June 16

9:30 a.m. - Senior Adult Ladies Bible Study (Rm 216)

Wednesday, June 17

5 p.m. - Family Night Meal (FH; Cost: \$5/person, \$3/child under 8, \$15 max/family; Menu: A Taste of Mexico); College Summer Bible Study (Rm 216)

5:30 p.m. - Women's Bible Study (Rm 270)

5:45 p.m. - Men's Bible Study (Rm 264); Women's Bible Study (Rm 275); Junior High Worship (Youth Rm)

6 p.m. - Prayer Meeting/Bible Study (FH); Children's Summer Sontastics (JP); Coed Bible Study (FLC Glass Classroom)

7 p.m. - High School Worship (Youth Rm); Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm)

Friday, June 19

Church Offices Closed for Juneteenth

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.

A purple and white poster for Ladies Bible Study. It says "SENIOR ADULT LADIES BIBLE STUDY" at the top, "TUESDAYS, BEGINNING JUNE 9 | 9:30 A.M. | RM 216" in the middle, and "Study guides and books will be available for \$25 as a bundle." at the bottom. There is a drawing of a woman's face on the right side.

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A colorful poster for Juneteenth. It features a large white circle with a black outline of a person's head and neck. The text inside the circle says "JUNETEENTH SATURDAY, JUNE 20 3 - 5:30 P.M. AT THOMAS ASSEMBLY CENTER JOIN US IN CELEBRATING THE EMANCIPATION OF THOSE WHO HAD BEEN ENSLAVED IN THE UNITED STATES. FIND OUT MORE AT EVENTS.TEMPLE.LIFE". The background is a collage of red, yellow, and green shapes.

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