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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

No doubt, summer has begun. You can especially note it around the church life as our calendar is filled with special camps, trips, and events. Whether it is one of our multiple children's camps or a patriotic program (which will be at Howard Auditorium on June 24) presented by our choir and orchestra, we have many ways for you to experience the summer with your church family. However, I encourage you to look at this season as an opportunity to be on mission with God. **With school out and vacation in, summer offers us unique moments to proclaim the gospel in our community and beyond.**

Already, we saw the return of our Mexico construction team who built a multipurpose building that can be used for job training, fellowship area, and a weekly worship service. It was very hot, but our team endured! Moreover, many of our college GenSend mission teams deployed this week in an effort to live missionally during the summer in areas such as Boston, Calgary, Miami, and New York. Our New Orleans GenSenders plan to head down in a couple of weeks. Additionally, our Pacific Rim team will leave on Monday to spend their summer sharing the gospel in a "closed" country. In June, we will send our high school students as well to Boston to work with various church plants including Valley Church (and the Ambrose family!). And from there, our mission sending efforts will only grow as Temple teams leave for Germany, Memphis, Montana, and Boston again! How awesome is that! I may share more about these opportunities in the weeks to come, but **I hope you see the many ways we are reaching the nation and the world for Christ.**

Let me remind you that even if you cannot travel out of town, you can be a part of these trips. In what way? Pray! Yes, I'm serious. **Your prayer support is vital to the work of the gospel. Through your petitions, you join with the short-term teams to impact each area.** Pray specifically for each team's safety and empowerment. Ask the Lord to provide sensitive hearts and lives. And don't just pray for our short-term teams but also lift up our long-term missionaries in those areas. Again, you can be a significant part of our mission to our nation (and indeed the world) through your prayers.

Of course, **next week allows us another moment to share the love of Christ right here in our community through Vacation Bible School.** I admit that my enduring affection for VBS is linked to the fact that it transports me back to my cookie-filled, Kool-Aid-soaked childhood days. Those were wonderful moments when I gathered with my friends to hear Bible stories, make crafts, play games, and sing songs. Today, the greatest aim of our VBS efforts is still to lead children to a stronger relationship with Jesus Christ. My hope is that those children who experience the Spirit's conviction will be saved and that those who have already expressed faith in Christ will grow in Him. Join me in praying for that to be a reality. Lift up our teachers and leaders as they minister; and encourage your children, your grandchildren, and your neighbor's children to be here!

What a great agenda the Lord has placed before us as a Temple family! From sharing the gospel "here" to sharing the gospel "there," you remain committed to the divine task. You recognize the need to expand our ministry foundation, and yet you realize how we must reach beyond our walls. What a privilege it is to serve with such a visionary faith family! You are loved!

# ***Executive Pastor***

## ***Jason Walsworth***

Summer has arrived and the Walsworth household is rejoicing! Jada just finished her 26<sup>th</sup> year of teaching; Jalyn just finished her third year in Marketing at Tech; and Jase just completed tenth grade at Ruston High. We are feeling blessed. In a few weeks Jada and I will celebrate our 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with a trip. Jase will go with our high school students to Boston for their mission trip. Jalyn will work this summer at the Rolling Hills Thrift Store where she has been the last two years and has loved it.

Our VBS begins Monday. After that I will be going to the Southern Baptist Convention in Dallas. It will be a busy summer but one we look forward to for so many reasons. We have so many exciting ministry plans and mission trips coming up. Most of our college students will arrive this week in their focus cities, so pray for them as they get settled in for a summer of ministry. Our renovation continues to move along, and I can't wait to see how it finishes over the last few months. Our new steeple should go up on Thursday if all goes well this week. Continue to pray for our staff and the many mission teams we have out this summer. I am so thankful to serve at a church where we don't just talk about ministry and missions, but it is a focus and priority to work to see the Great Commission become a reality. I want to encourage you to go with us on one of these trips in the future so you can see how God is working around the world. It is amazing to see that no matter where you go - South Asia, Boston, or Pacific Rim - the same God is there moving and working! In John 5:17 Jesus says, "My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I too am working." Thanks for all you do by praying, giving, and going!

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Temple is currently looking for a **Supervisor of Buildings and Property** and is accepting resumes through the end of May. We are looking for an individual who will support and serve well with our ministerial staff, lead our custodial staff, and oversee all aspects of maintenance on our building and property. If you know someone who might be interested, please have them send a resume to Jackie Sharp at [jackie@temple.life](mailto:jackie@temple.life).

The following qualities are important to us in this position. We are looking for:

- Someone who will be a working supervisor alongside the maintenance/housekeeping team
- Someone with a heart for ministry to work alongside our staff and volunteers
- Someone with mechanical/maintenance knowledge, skills, and experience







the family of **Henry David Gay**,  
great-grandson of Don and Rachel Gay.

## TEMPLE'S CENTENNIAL DEVOTIONAL BOOK

Submit a devotional for Temple's Centennial Devotional Book!  
We invite you to share a short reflection and help prepare  
for our 2026 celebration.

Visit [devotionals.temple.life](https://devotionals.temple.life) for details, submissions, and scripture ideas.

*A thank you card has been received from...*

Choudrant Elementary PTO



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for Communities**

**July 7-11 | Temple Baptist Church**

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



**PACIFIC RIM**  
MISSION TEAM  
JUNE 2-13, 2025

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THIS  
TEAM AS THEY SERVE!**

*Congratulations to:*

Korben and Katie Lorette on the birth  
of their son, **Coleman Jax Lorette**.

Proud grandparents are Shane and Carmen Echols.



TEMPLE BAPTIST  
**MEN'S RETREAT**  
— AUGUST 14 - 16 —

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## Minister of Preschool and Children *Sally Hearn*

The halls will be buzzing with children next week for VBS. Thank you for all the supplies you have brought and for volunteering your time and energy for this important week! Children will be learning that God is in the big things and the small things. Our Bible stories for the week and our truths for the day will be: Jesus and the Children (God Sees Me), Jesus Calmed the Storm (God Cares about Me), The Women at the Well (God Loves Me), Jesus and Nicodemus (God Forgives Me), and Jesus Taught about Worry (God Keeps His Promises). Pray for our leaders as they share Jesus this week. Pray for the children's hearts to be receptive to the Gospel and for the children to grow deeper in their walk with the Lord. It's going to be a great week!

**WinShape Camp will be July 7-11.** We still have spots available for completed 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders. Registration is available at [winshape.temple.life](https://winshape.temple.life).



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## Week-at-a-Glance

### Sunday, June 1

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

### Monday, June 2-Friday, June 13 - Pacific Rim Mission Trip

### Monday, June 2-Friday, June 6 - Vacation Bible School

### Tuesday, June 3

- 12 p.m. - Jr. High Lunch with John (Youth Rm, FLC Gym)

### Wednesday, June 4

- 5:30 p.m. - College Bible Study (FLC Snack Area);  
 South Asia Advocacy Prayer Team (Rm 72)
- 5:45 p.m. - Men's Bible Study (Rm 264)
- 6 p.m. - Prayer Meeting | Bible Study (Chapel);  
 Women's Bible Study (Rm 275)
- 7 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (FLC)

### Thursday, June 5

- 12 p.m. - High School Lunch with John (Youth Rm, FLC Gym)
- 5 p.m. - Senior Adult Game Night (FLC Snack Area)

## RENOVATION SCHEDULE BEGINNING SUNDAY, MAY 25



### CHAPEL

- 8 A.M. - Blended with Live Preaching
- 9 A.M. - Blended with Simulcasted Preaching
- 10:30 A.M. - Contemporary with Simulcasted Preaching

### THE GATHERING SPACE

- 9 A.M. & 10:30 A.M. - Contemporary with Live Preaching

Learn more about these Worship Services at [sunday.temple.life](http://sunday.temple.life)



**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.