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A weekly newsletter for all active members of Temple Baptist Church

The Pastor's Perspective

Dr. Reggie Bridges

Sometimes, you just need a song for the journey—lyrics that encourage you along the way. Perhaps you meditate upon its words as you play it over and over in your head, or you hum it incessantly. Similarly, Israel was sustained by the anthems found in its ancient hymnbook, the Psalms. The text of the worship manual informed and influenced the covenant people as they went about their daily lives. Take Psalm 37 as an example. Under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, King David composed a chorus that provided advice to those who went about their work.

“Do not fret because of evildoers nor be envious of the workers of iniquity,” David asserts (Psalm 37:1 NKJV). In other words, **get over it!** We all have some things to get over in life. Whether in relationships or workplaces, we must unpack difficult moments and lay them to the side. Don’t let others—especially evildoers—trouble you. Not all people share your values or priorities. Realize that truth, and don’t allow such people to upset you. What’s more? Do not be impressed or depressed by their worldly success. Their prosperity may seem to be incongruent to God’s fairness, but I assure you that the Lord is attentive to their wicked ways (Psalm 37:1,7-8). Our worry over it will not change the circumstance; rather, it will cause harm. So, **“get over it!”**

Instead, **get God in it!** In our daily work, Christ ought to be our priority: “Trust in the LORD; and do good; Dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness. Delight yourself also in the LORD, and He shall give you the desires of your heart” (Psalm 37:3-4 NKJV). Every vocation is a calling; thus, our faith in God is evidenced in our tasks.

Whatever we find ourselves doing, we trust Him. And we testify of Him! “He shall bring forth your righteousness as the light,” David sings. We will shine for the Lord! So, **get God in it!**

That aim leads us to this final instruction. **Get perspective about it!** Our job is not about money. Don’t get me wrong. We should be grateful that God provides resources for our livelihoods. Thank Him always for the financial blessings! However, salaries can’t be the goal of our days. After all, “a little that a righteous man has is better than the riches of many wicked” (Psalm 37:16 NKJV). Our work perspective is greater than selfish intents. The job is more than an experience of *meism*. Our outlook is more eternal. We are working for the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords. The stewardship of our funds reflects this attitude: “The wicked borrows and does not repay, but the righteous shows mercy and gives” (Psalm 37:21 NKJV). You see, work is really about our eternal approach. So, **get perspective about it!**

Psalm 37 is a great tune to hum as you work, isn’t it? Well, sure it is! So, pick it up and read (or sing!) it throughout the activities of the day today. And, oh yeah, don’t miss my favorite stanza: “I have been young, and now am old; Yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, nor His descendants begging for bread. He is ever merciful and lends; and His descendants are blessed” (Psalm 37:25-26 NKJV). Our Lord is faithful! Declare it repeatedly in your work—which is your true worship! See you Sunday as we hear another “Song for the Journey”!

From the Minister of Creative Arts & Discipleship

Zach Husser

On Saturday, August 8, Temple will have the privilege of hosting the **ReGroup Conference**, and I would love to encourage you to attend. Whether you serve as a Life Group leader, ministry volunteer, or simply have a heart to help people grow in their faith, this conference is designed to encourage and equip you for the ministry God has already

ReGROUP
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given you. We're excited that Dr. Reggie will be serving as the keynote speaker and will also be leading one of the breakout sessions! Throughout the day, you will have the opportunity to choose from a variety of breakout sessions covering practical topics that can strengthen and encourage your ministry.

The registration fee is \$15, and you can register at LouisianaBaptists.org/regroup26. You can also view the full list of breakout sessions there to find the ones that are most relevant to you. My hope is that many of our Temple family will take advantage of this opportunity to grow, be encouraged, and return better equipped to make disciples in our church and community. I hope to see you there!



Congratulations to:

Tedd and Lauren Hull on the birth of their grandson, **Nathan Walker Montgomery**. Proud great-grandparents are Francis and Carole Carson.



Welcome to the Family!



Brady & Morgan Kumler
(Letter)
(Also Pictured: Cassidy & Jace)



Lori Thorne
(Statement)



Matthew Thorne
(Statement)



MINISTER OF YOUNG ADULTS

Andrew Thompson

Hello Temple Family! I hope you are having a wonderful summer!

The last time I wrote to you, I asked you to pray for our Young Adult GO Team as we traveled to Boston to partner with our mission partner, Jacob Ambrose, and Valley Church. We have since returned, and I want to thank you for your prayers. The Lord answered them in so many encouraging ways!

Our team had an incredible week serving the Tewksbury community by helping Valley Church host a Vacation Bible School (VBS) for children from the surrounding neighborhoods. Each evening, around twenty children came to hear about Jesus, worship together, and enjoy a fun night of activities. One of the most exciting parts of the week was that more than half the children who attended had no previous connection to Valley Church.

The impact of the week didn't end with VBS. The following Sunday, Valley Church hosted a block party and invited all of the children and their families to attend. As a result, four new families came to meet members of the church and learn more about Valley Church's ministry!

Thank you for faithfully praying, giving, and sending. Your support makes ministry like this possible. Please continue to pray for Valley Church, that these new relationships would continue to grow and that many people in the Tewksbury community would come to know Christ through the faithful witness of Jacob, his family, and the church.



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Week-at-a-Glance

July 12-20 - Calgary GO Team Mission Trip
July 21-23 - Tiny Trekkers Summer Camp (JP)
July 25-31 - Montana GO Team Mission Trip

Sunday, July 19

9 a.m. - Blended Worship | Baptism (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
 2 p.m. - Deacons Meeting (Chapel)
 3 p.m. - The Springs Worship Service (The Springs)

Monday, July 20

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

Tuesday, July 21

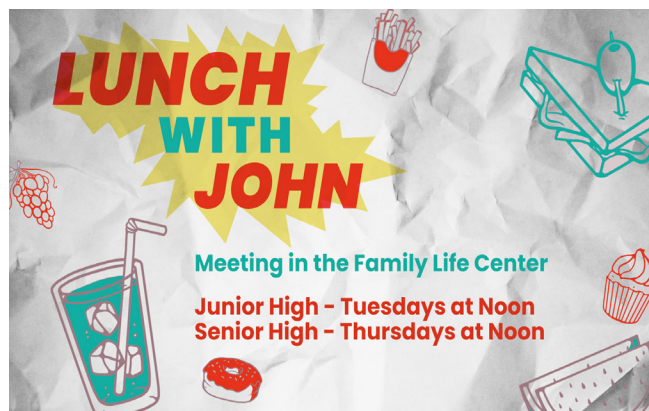
9:30 a.m. - Senior Adult Ladies Bible Study (Rm 216)
 12 p.m. - Jr. High Lunch with John (Youth Rm)

Wednesday, July 22

5 p.m. - Family Night Meal (FH; Cost: \$5/person, \$3/child under 8, \$15 max/family; Menu: Shrimp and Sausage Pasta); College Summer Bible Study (Rm 216); Monroe GO Team Interest Meeting (Rm 82)
 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. - Quarterly Business Meeting (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)

Thursday, July 23

12 p.m. - High School Lunch with John (Youth Rm)



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.