

TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH

PASTOR MICHAEL A. REID, SR.

JANUARY 15, 2023

HYMN 449	“To God Be the Glory”
WELCOME	
SONG	“Let It Be Said of Us”
PRAYER	
HYMN 15	“Brethren We Have Met To Worship”
HYMN 464	“I Will Praise Him!”
HYMN 40	“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”
OFFERING	
SCRIPTURE READING	James 4:13-17
HYMN 70	“Holy, Holy, Holy”
MESSAGE	“The Lord’s Will”

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY, TBC!

Today we celebrate 63 years since Temple Baptist Church began on the third Sunday of January, 1960! TBC has experienced its share of changes over the years, from the transfer of pastoral leadership several times (most recently to Pastor Reid in 1994), to a location change from Chatham Heights to White Oak in 2007, to the completion of the Family Life Center in 2020. Our church is blessed to have many long-time, faithful members. Over the years, new folks have come to join the church family and to serve, others have relocated, and some have gone home to be with the Lord. We’ve had the privilege of supporting and sending missionaries around the world.

We are so grateful for how the Lord has used Temple Baptist Church over the years, and how He continues to use us for His glory. The faces at Temple are certainly different than they were in 1960, but we thank God for our unchanging purpose—teaching and preaching Jesus Christ! We look forward to 63 more years in His service at Temple!

No church anniversary is complete without a chili supper, and ours will begin this evening at 6pm! We are asking each family to bring their favorite pot of chili and either a side/salad or dessert. Supper will be followed by a brief service in the auditorium.

UPDATES & EVENTS

TODAY

TEMPLE’S 63rd ANNIVERSARY - CHILI SUPPER @ 6pm

EVENING SERVICE: Colossians 1:17-18 – “The Prevailing Church”

SUN, JAN 22

NATIONAL SANCTITY OF LIFE DAY

We will collect a special offering for Choices Women’s Center in Fredericksburg. Choices is a Christ-centered organization that provides pro-life alternatives to women who are pregnant, to fathers, and to those struggling with a past abortion.

OPEN GYM DODGEBALL

For Adults & Teens 9th Grade & Up

TUES, JAN 31

TBC LADIES FELLOWSHIP – 6:30-8pm

This fellowship in room 113 is open to all ladies! We will have a potluck of soups, salads, and sweets. Lorraine McLemore will be our speaker. Please sign up in the church lobby! Questions? Contact Michelle McBride or the church office.

SAT, FEB 4

GROW VISITATION OUTREACH

SUN, FEB 19

SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADER’S MEETING

LOST & FOUND

Recently it’s become more *lost* than *found*! Can you help us out with this? If you’ve lost your glasses, Bible, sweater, etc., or left a food serving dish at a recent event, please claim it before it’s too late! Lost & Found is located on the kitchen side of the old gym.

KEEPING OUR *first love*

Have you ever lost interest in something that you used to love? Whatever it was, when you saw or experienced it for the first time, it struck you as amazing, wonderful, maybe even unbelievable! But as time passed, it became ordinary. Maybe it even began to seem like a drudgery or a nuisance! It could be a hobby that ran its course, a favorite restaurant that you ate at one too many times, or a song that you listened to until it was worn out! Maybe something more serious comes to mind, like a marriage that seems to have lost its “spark.” Or maybe you think of the incredible moment when you met your first child, fresh out of the womb. But fast-forward a few years and it’s hard overcoming the (cont. on right column)

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Keith & Lisa

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

15	Bonita
16	Paul George Sidney
17	Jason
18	Carlee JR
20	Annie May
21	Christy

daily “grind” long enough to recall how grateful you are for the little one.

These types of experiences are nothing new. In fact, the Bible records many examples! Think of how God freed the Israelites after 400 years of bondage to Egypt (Exodus 14). It was a miraculous delivery, and they sang praises to God: “The LORD is my strength and song...he is my God...and I will exalt him.” (Ex. 15:2) By the very next chapter, the Israelites had completely changed their tune: “Would to God [If only] we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt...when we did eat bread to the full.” (Ex. 16:3) God would answer their cry by raining down manna (“like wafers made with honey,” Ex. 16:31) from heaven, but predictably, the people even became sick of God’s heavenly bread (Numbers 11)! We humans have a bad habit of forgetting our blessings, taking God’s provision for granted, and becoming “immune” to the best things in our lives. Proverbs 27:7 summarizes this unfortunate trend in human nature: “The full soul loatheth an honeycomb...”

Many of us have heard the Gospel message so many times that we’re in danger of letting it lose its wonder in our hearts. Think of how amazing it is that Christ would die for us. He had never done anything wrong. He hadn’t even committed one sin...not even in His mind (Hebrews 4:15). But because He knew that we had no other way to be saved, He took horrific punishment that He didn’t deserve. He had more than enough power to save Himself from the cross, but instead He would hold still as they drove nails through His hands. He would stay there, hanging in shame before a crowd of people who mocked Him. And He didn’t just try to ignore them, He loved them and asked God to forgive them (Luke 23:34). The physical pain was more than words can describe, but no doubt the worst part was God’s abandonment (Matthew 27:46). When He took our sin on Himself, Jesus was forsaken by God. That’s the punishment we deserve, to be cut off from the only Source of life and good that exists. But we don’t have to take that punishment because Christ took it for us (2 Corinthians 5:21)!

It’s important for us to remember the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and to keep our love for Him alive! In Revelation 2:4, John wrote to the church at Ephesus, “...I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.” How do you keep a fire alive? You work at it—you feed the fire! You fan it, you are careful not to let rain extinguish it or anything smother it. In the same way, we can keep love and zeal alive in our earthly relationships by investing energy into those relationships, according to God’s instructions (Ephesians 5-6). Above all, let’s be careful not to lose our excitement about Jesus Christ and His gift to us. Let’s remember what He did, on purpose, thanking Him and taking every opportunity to share that amazing message with others!

