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A MINISTRY OF TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH

There's Hope in the Harvest



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MATTHEW 9:37-38

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"And of some have compassion, making a difference: and others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh."

JUDE 1:22-23

A WORD FROM THE Pastor



greatest opposition to Hope in the Harvest can be found by looking into a mirror. Self is the greatest enemy to the harvest. Paul understood that the adversaries he was speaking about were both external and internal. 1 Corinthians 16:9 speaks both of opposition and opportunity. The greater emphasis, however, is on opportunity. **Without hope the emphasis will always be on the opposition, but it is Hope that will always highlight the opportunity.**

Hudson Taylor, the great missionary to China, once said, "There are three stages to every great work of God; first it is impossible, then it is difficult, then it is done." Sadly, many churches today believe that the Great Commission is an impossible task, so they never walk through the door of opportunity although it is wide open. They have no Hope in the Harvest and so, sadly, it is left to rot in the field. There are others who see the opportunity, and have made an effort to reap the harvest, but they have experienced difficulties that has diminished their hope and discouraged them to leave the fields.

Sure, the Great Commission seems impossible. In the very least we would agree that the Great Commission is a difficult assignment. Yet there is Hope in the Harvest. Church, we must attempt the impossible, do that which is difficult if we wish to see the Lord's work done. Of all the adversaries that the Apostle Paul, Hudson Taylor, or you and I will face, Self is the greatest.

A great deal of the success that Nehemiah had while rebuilding the wall around Jerusalem was a result of the way the people approached the huge project. I'm sure there were many who saw the job as impossible or overwhelming, but despite this they chose to follow Nehemiah's lead and as a result they succeeded. Nehemiah said, "So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work." Nehemiah 4:6

When we all perform our assigned responsibilities with a willing heart, we will perform them well and stay on task until the work of God is complete. Don't allow words like impossible, affordability, or adversary to "infect" your attitude concerning the Great Commission. God is Able. There truly is Hope in the Harvest.

Each of us have a "field" of influence to work in daily. God has much "fruit" to be gathered for His glory. "Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing."

- Matthew 24:46

-Pastor Dwayne Hyatt



SCRIPTURE VERSE

“Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.”

Romans 15:13

THE PEOPLE'S *opinion*

The Women Speak

Angela

It is such a joy to see what the Lord is doing in our ladies' ministry. Your joyful, servant heart is such an encouragement. You are God's chosen vessel, and your labor is not in vain. Remember, you are deeply loved and appreciated.

Deanna

I want TBC to stay grounded in the fundamental values that allowed it to grow to where it is now and to thrive while staying true to those values.

Gretchen

To me it's the church family. "Welcome Home" because that's the way it feels. My church family is as real to me as my biological family. Laughing, crying, praying, rejoicing, praising, and raising strong families together for the future of the church.

Simone

We're so thankful to belong to a church that is truly a family and invests in the futures of our children!

Kayley

Our church means so much to my family, strengthening our faith, guiding our hearts, and surrounding us with love and encouragement.

Lizzy

Finding my home at Temple Baptist Church has been a blessing for me and my family.

Connie

It's awesome to have a place to worship and encourage one another with the truth of God's Word: Be faithful! Proverbs 3:5-6

Danielle

TBC offers all that our family needs.. and that is to hear good, sound doctrine straight from the Word of God and the opportunity to serve our Lord in the capacity He has gifted us to. Praise the Lord for this blessing!

Faith

Isaiah 26:3 "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee."

Lisa W

Our church is ALIVE, loving and growing, filled with the people I need in my life.

Kathy

Our vision at TBC reinforces family and the importance of my men being Godly leaders in their future homes.

Kristy

My heart swells watching our church grow and my family serve. Wonderful Handfuls of purpose!

Adrienne

It is such an honor to be teaching our children and grandchildren at Temple Baptist Church. What a blessing it brings to my life. Everything about our church brings joy and happiness to my soul. I am so thankful and so blessed!

Katie

I'm thankful for a church that loves truth, strengthens families, and faithfully points the next generation to Christ.

Jessica

After my kids' surgeries, TBC showed their heart for children by bringing them goody-baskets.

Kimberly

Our church is one of the most special places to me. It's the place my family looks forward to going to the most as we worship our Lord, surrounded by the sweetest church family.

EXPERIENCING GROWTH



WATCHING OUR CHURCH AND FAMILIES GROW

Growth is one of the clearest signs of life. When something is healthy, it grows, stretches, and moves toward what God designed it to become. The same is true for the Lord's church and for the families that make up that church. Over the past months and years we have watched the Lord bless our congregation in many ways. New faces have come through the doors, friendships have formed, and hearts have been stirred to seek the Lord more deeply. Those things are always encouraging to see.

At the same time, growth is not just about numbers. Real growth happens when hearts turn toward God and when lives begin to be shaped by His word. That kind of growth often happens quietly, little by little, as people decide each day that they want to walk closer with the Lord than they did before.

Scripture places a great responsibility on the home as the place where faith is first planted and nurtured. In Deuteronomy 6:7 we are instructed to teach God's commandments diligently to our children. The passage says we should talk about them when we sit in the house, when we walk along the

way, when we lie down, and when we rise up. In other words, the teaching of God's word should be a natural part of everyday life.

Spiritual growth is not meant to happen only within the walls of a church building. It is meant to be woven into the normal rhythm of our homes and our families. When children see their parents pray, forgive one another, worship faithfully, and stay committed during difficult seasons, they learn lessons that go far beyond anything they hear in a sermon.

Strong churches are built from strong homes. When fathers and mothers make up their minds to guide their children toward the Lord, they are laying a spiritual foundation that can support generations to come. It may not always feel like big progress is being made, but those small daily moments matter more than we sometimes realize.



We are also seeing growth in our congregation as people step forward to serve. Some teach classes, some offer encouragement, some pray faithfully behind the scenes, and others simply show kindness and friendship to

those who need it. Every act of service, even the small ones, becomes a seed that God can use to strengthen His church.

Growth also requires patience. Anyone who has ever planted a garden or worked the land understands that a harvest does not show up the day after the seed is planted. Much the same, spiritual growth takes time, prayer, and steady faithfulness. There will be seasons when progress feels slow, but that does not mean God is not working. Often He is doing His best work beneath the surface where we cannot yet see it.

The purpose of this newsletter is simply to encourage all of us to keep growing. Let us continue teaching our children, loving the church, and serving the Lord with willing hearts. May our homes be filled with prayer, scripture, and godly example so the next generation will clearly see the goodness of God.

Let us also never underestimate the quiet influence of a faithful home. A child who grows up hearing the word of God, seeing repentance and humility practiced, and forgiveness freely given carries those lessons for a lifetime.

May the Lord continue to bless our efforts, strengthen our homes, and add to His church a people that are ready to obey Him.

And as we move forward together, may we walk humbly, serve faithfully, teach diligently, love deeply, watch patiently, and rejoice together always.

-Associate Pastor Alden Hollie

"And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up."

DEUTERONOMY 6:7

metrics/outreach REPORT



GRET'S METRICS

Praises, accountability, growth. Each number represents a soul. On this page you will be able to keep up with those numbers easily. Outreach, Sunday school, salvations, baptisms, all in one place, to encourage us, and to see the growth and the power of the gospel. Mark 16:15 commands to preach the gospel to every creature. Matthew 28:19 commands to go, teach, and baptize.

TBC OUTREACH

**SERVING OUR
COMMUNITY IN
SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA
- CARING FOR OTHERS,
JUST AS JESUS CARES
FOR US**

I begin this article concerning helping the poor and the needy by reminding ourselves that we have an obligation to take care of those who are less fortunate and in need. Having a church community outreach is not an option, it is a command of God! We'll let the Word of God speak for itself. **1 John 3:17 says: "But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?"** How can we have so much and not help those who have so little? **Proverbs 28:27 says: "He that giveth unto the poor shall not lack: But he that hideth his eyes shall have many a curse."** **Deuteronomy 15:11 says: "For the poor shall never cease out of the land: therefore I command thee, saying, Thou shalt open thine hand wide unto thy brother, to thy poor, and to thy needy, in thy land."** Reach out and help someone in need today! We are so blessed, and we serve an awesome God!

-By Tim Borrel



OUR FUTURE ISSUES WILL CONTAIN AND REVEAL TO US, OUR METHODS OF GROWTH AND ACCOUNTABILITY.

MRS. GRETCHEN WILL CREATE BASELINES TO BUILD METRICS FOR CONTINUED GROWTH AT TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH IN AREAS OF:



- Church Attendance
- Sunday School Growth
- Children's Ministries
- Soulwinning/ Visitation
- Bus Ministry
- Community Outreach

TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH AND "THE GREAT COMMISSION OF GOD"

MATTHEW 28: 19-20 "GO YE THEREFORE, AND TEACH ALL NATIONS, BAPTIZING THEM IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY GHOST: TEACHING THEM TO OBSERVE ALL THINGS WHATSOEVER I HAVE COMMANDED YOU: AND, LO, I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS, EVEN UNTO THE END OF THE WORLD. AMEN."

THE MOST IMPORTANT SUBJECT, THE MOST IMPORTANT GIFT, AND THE MOST IMPORTANT TASK, AND THE MOST IMPORTANT PURPOSE WE HAVE, ALL WRAPPED UP INTO ONE PHRASE SPOKEN BY JESUS IS: "TO SEEK AND TO SAVE THAT WHICH IS LOST"

BUILDING TOMORROW'S CHURCH



PREPARING OUR YOUTH (THE FUTURE CHURCH) FOR JESUS' RETURN

"So goes the home, so goes the church". This statement has been said many times over the years, and I believe it still stands true today. But what happens years down the road when the "homes" we have now are being run by the children and teenagers we see in our church today? Will the church still look the same? It is vital to the church and, even more importantly than that, we have a command to ensure the young people coming up behind us are grounded in The Word of God and know the truth that lies within its pages.

Psalms 119:11 "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee". Understanding this is the first step to building our future church. When building a house, we all know the foundation must be done correctly if we are to ever

have a structure that will stand the test of time. Our goal as a church is to grow our teens in the Lord by helping them grow their knowledge in The Word of God. It is our sure foundation and the rock on which we stand.

As a result of hiding God's Word in our heart, we will begin to see fruit. My goal as the youth pastor is not only to encourage the teens to know God's Word but to also show them what it means to have a heart for service. We have plans to spend much time in outreach whether that be helping someone in need, scrubbing floors at the church, or just going into our surrounding area to give the gospel to a lost world. I believe if we are to raise up a generation of believers who are willing to let God use their lives we must begin now to instruct and teach them not only what it means to serve but also demonstrate how that is done; by doing the work but also having the testimony of our lives to back it up.

Our testimony is important to God. We live in a church age that believes in "come as you are and leave as you came". The concepts of separation and sanctification are not at the top of most pastor's sermon lists. Today's churches are not teaching young people and teens that once we are saved there is an outward change that takes place. Instead, they teach that God and church is just another good thing to add to the schedule to make them feel included and loved. While it is great to be loved by the Lord and have a great church family, our saved lives have come with expectations in which we should follow and obey as we are commanded.



It is my prayer that the children and teens that come through our youth program will understand that we are bought with a price, we are not our own, and we have a testimony to uphold. (1 Corinthians 6:20)

This cannot be accomplished by just one man such as our pastor or myself. The children and youth coming up after us are watching our every move and taking notes on everything that we do. We MUST be the Christians today that we want our future church to be tomorrow. If we fail to do so we will be putting our future church at risk. I've always heard the phrase "What we do in moderation our children will do in excess". This statement could not be truer.

With these thoughts in mind, I would ask you to join us in prayer for our future church and the younger generations coming up behind us. Our teenagers and children are living in a very difficult world and need men and women in their lives who will encourage them in the Lord.

-Youth Pastor James Austin

"Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity."

1 TIMOTHY 4:12



WORKING TOGETHER TO WIN THE LOST

It's all about the Harvest and the laborers in God's work.

Matthew 9:37-38 "Then saith He unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into His harvest."

Let's break this down a little bit and apply it to our lives of service at TBC.

Jesus was speaking to His disciples, and anytime he is speaking to them, He is speaking to us. He says: There are many souls out there that need to be saved and that number has grown immensely since that time. There has never been as many people on this planet as there are today. We are knocking on the door of 9 billion on the earth with 350 million of those being right here in the USA. We must remember what Jesus said in **Matthew 7:13-14** "Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is

the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it." In actuality, there are more people going to hell than there are going to heaven. All the more reason for us to be witnesses and soulwinners for Christ. **Mark 16:15** says "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

Jesus said: "There are multitudes of



people who need to be saved but only a few who are willing to go out and give the gospel." We are praying and depending on God to send laborers to work with us to reach our community with the gospel. As we live in this very moment, God is continuously sending us help with new members being willing, and present members stepping up. But we need more:

It takes all of us working together to get the job done. We need to provoke one another and urge one another in loving and caring for the lost. **Hebrews 10:24-25** says: "And

let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." Also we must diligently seek the power of the Holy Ghost in finding compassion and tears for the lost, loving and caring leads to tears, tears lead to winning the lost, and being vibrant soul-winners for Christ creates wisdom. **Jude 1:22** says: "And of some have compassion, making a difference:" **Psalms 126:5-6** says: "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

If we just CARE, God will give us the increase. Somebody say AMAN! **Proverbs 11:30** says: "The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise." Let's all be wise! Let's all band together and be that church that sends laborers into the harvest. We are so blessed, and we serve an awesome God!

-Editor Tim Borrel
Director, Soul Winning



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PSALM 126:5-6

The Harvester's Purpose & Vision

By: Tim Borrel

So, myself and Mrs. Danielle Barrentine, through casual and untitled correspondence, were led into a conversation about what could be done to bring news, knowledge and edification to the Body of Christ. After discussing a few ideas based on our own gifts and talents, we came to the conclusion that God might be nudging us to do something within our God given abilities. We began to share with one another some of the things we have done over the years that fell into this category. When we combined my passion for writing and Danielle's gift of design and creativity, we figured, why not write a newsletter, and just maybe, God might be able to use it for good.

Why in this busy life we asked one another, would we want to go through all the time and trouble to design and write a newsletter? There are all kinds of reasons one might want to take on such an adventure: For instance; it could be because we don't have anything else to do, I can assure you, that's not the case. It could be for reason of wanting to draw attention to ourselves, nope, that's not it. Or maybe it could be that we are looking at it as a lucrative financial investment for the future; not a chance.

We prayed about it for several days and had another conversation. We both concluded, we need to give this a shot. So, why are we taking this journey? We both share the same vision: #1 – We want to honor and glorify our Lord. #2 – We want to write things that will bring joy to the soul and put smiles on people's faces. #3 – We want to inform and educate others about all God has commanded us to do. #4 – We want to write about the things of God that will help Christians in their pursuit of knowing the perfect will of God for their life. #5 – Most importantly, we want to share the gospel through writing and get it into the hands and hearts of as many lost people as we can.

We are beginning simply with a few articles, and information concerning Temple Baptist Church, along with a few things on the light side, with our vision of accomplishing the five goals named. Please pray for us as we pursue this endeavor. We are so blessed, and we serve an awesome God!



Common phrases that originated from the Bible:

"Bite the dust" Psalms 72:9
"A thorn in the flesh" 2 Cor 12:7
"A drop in the bucket" Isa 40:15
"A little bird told me" Eccl 10:20
"A heavy heart" Proverbs 25:20
"A man after my own heart"
1 Sam 13:14
"What goes around, comes around" Gal 6:7
"All things work together for good" Rom 8:28
"At my wits end" Psalms 107:27



WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED

The Plan of Salvation

- 1 - Admit that you are a sinner in need of a Savior.
- 2 - Repent, and be willing to turn from your sin.
- 3 - Believe in the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
- 4 - Ask Jesus to come into your life and be your Savior.

"For God so loved the world!"



Bible Trivia!

- 1 - Who wrote the book of Lamentations?
- 2 - What river dried up for Kings to pass through?
- 3 - Hebrew name for the first 5 books of the Bible?
- 4 - First named high priest of Israel?
- 5 - Who rebuilt the walls of Jerusalem?
- 6 - Which book speaks of the suffering servant?
- 7 - Which word in the Bible means pause or reflect?
- 8 - Which Bible character's name means laughter?
- 9 - Who saw the vision of four creatures on wheels?
- 10 - Which king got to live fifteen more years?



CHURCH INFORMATION

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Sunday School @ 9:45 AM
Sunday Worship Service @ 11:00 AM
Wednesday Midweek Service @ 6:30 PM