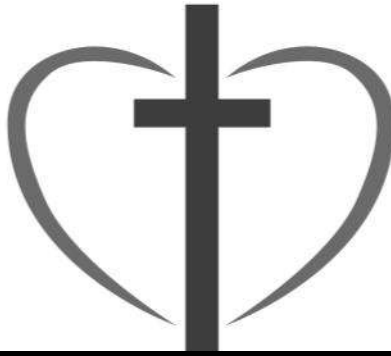


# Temple Baptist Church



**January/February 2018**

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Pastor of Senior Adults & Care Ministries



Over the past couple of months we have been learning how to answer questions that skeptics may ask about our faith in Jesus Christ. The Bible tells us to be “prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you” (1 Pet 3:15).

What is the *hope* that is in us? Paul wrote to the church at Corinth: “If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead...” (1 Cor 15:19). And since Christ has been raised from the dead, we too have been raised in order that we might walk in newness of life (Rom 6). If our hope is in Christ and Christ is our hope, we are new creations (2 Cor 5:17)—“created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them” (Eph 2:9).

***Hope changes everything!*** Unfortunately, there are countless thousands of people living today who *have NO hope!* Will we be the instrument that God will choose to use to offer them hope? God has created us in Christ Jesus to reconcile us

to Himself and give us the ministry of reconciliation (2 Cor 5:18). It is our responsibility to carry this message to those who have no hope!

Most of us feel ill-equipped, or unprepared, to share our faith with our friends, coworkers and family members. We want to help you overcome your fears by inviting you to participate in the “Share Your Faith” Workshop! This one-day workshop will be hosted here at our church on Sunday, **January 28th**. Professional trainers from the ***Evangelism Explosion International*** ministry

will be here all that day with one purpose and one goal—to give you a simple, memorable plan for sharing the gospel with your friends, family and coworkers.

The workshop will begin Sunday morning as an EE representative will be preaching during the morning worship service. Lunch will be provided in the Fellowship Hall for all participants who wish to attend. Then the training will start back at 1:30 PM and continue throughout the afternoon. The final session of the workshop will replace our evening service and conclude at 7:00 PM. Each participant will be receiving a packet of resources for the workshop. A nominal fee of \$15/person will cover this expense. Please let us know if you want to attend but are unable to cover the fee. There are scholarships available!



**Bryan Taylor, Pastor of Worship Arts**

## Happy New Year

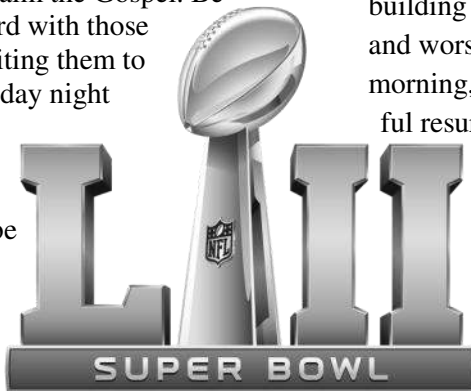
Happy New Year students! I pray that your holidays have been good and that you are ready for 2018. We ended 2017 at the end of James chapter 1. Verse 22 says "But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves." This year we need to be active in our faith, and living out the teachings of Jesus.

As we learned in 1 John chapter 2, the world wants to convince you that you are worthless, to shake your faith, make you believe that you are weak. We need to protect ourselves from the world, make sure that our desires are His desires and not the Worlds.

Being doers of the word also includes witnessing to others. Witnessing is spiritual warfare, and Satan will try to disrupt us. That is why we should always wear the Armor of God, so that we can boldly proclaim the Gospel. Be active in sharing the word with those who do not know it, inviting them to our Church and Wednesday night functions.

## Super Bowl Party

February 4<sup>th</sup> we will be having a Super Bowl Party. This is a great opportunity for you to start inviting friends that may not know Christ. We will have the Football Game, Jungle Pong, and other Games throughout the night. We are going to pot luck the food this year, so we will need some help with dishes. Youth will provide the Drinks. We will start around 5:15, and go till the end.



Christmas is over and Easter soon approaches. We celebrate the sacrifice of our Savior, His resurrection and His eternal reign everyday, but on Easter weekend we set aside a special time of emphasis to focus upon these things.



I am excited this year that in addition to our Sunday morning Easter celebration service, we will be adding a Good Friday evening service. That evening, we will be spending time at the foot of the cross together. We will be focusing on the cross alone that night—not His resurrection. I will be building a cross live on stage and we will sing and worship Christ for His sacrifice. On Sunday morning, we will celebrate together the wonderful resurrection of our Lord and Savior.

If you love to sing or if you play an instrument, I want to personally invite you to join us in leading our times of worship Easter weekend. We will begin our practices in preparation for these services on January 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 PM. I also want each choir member to know that practice CD's will be available for them to use to help learn the music. I plan for these to be available on January 21<sup>st</sup>.

Please pray about how God can use you as a part of our worship leadership team.

# Senior Adult *Ministry*

**Ron Fields, Pastor of Senior Adults  
and Care Ministries**

Something incredible has happened! For over 23 years I have been using a certain bank in Rogers. During that time I have recognized employees as I entered the lobby or used the drive through.

I have been noticing that the employees are getting younger. I believe I was recently served by an eighth grader! Along with the younger look there is an accompanying skepticism about who I am!

When making a deposit and getting cash back I am accustomed to showing my ID. Now, I have been asked for my ID when only making a deposit! And, it seems like they take a long time studying it. Recently I was even asked if the information on my drivers license was up to date!

They don't know who I am! And they are suspicious when I show proof of who I am! Is it the scruffy work clothes I may be wearing? Is it my reliable but scruffy looking pickup truck?

Let me be very plain just in case there are any bank employees who read this. There are 1,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 stars in the sky! There are 7,588,661,333 people on this planet (except for the increase between the writing and the reading of this newsletter). And the God I know and serve is familiar with each one!

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**K N O W S.**

# January

- Jan 9 **Mission Rally**—Westville, OK
- Jan 13 Awana Carnival
- Jan 21 ACTIVATE Meeting - Afternoon  
**The Lord's Supper** - Evening Service
- Jan 27 OBE Executive Committee
- Jan 28 **Evangelism Explosion**  
Share Your Faith Workshop

# February

- Feb 1 Christian Seniors - Noon
- Feb 4 **TSM—Super Bowl Party**
- Feb 5 & 8 Ladies' Bible Studies Begin
- Feb 9 **Mission Rally**—Garfield, AR
- Feb 11 **BMAA Missionary**  
Bryan Risner & Family
- Feb 21 Awana Snack Store
- Feb 25 Quarterly Business Meeting

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God knows me! He knows every hair on my head! He knows my faults, He knows my needs! God knows and loves me! And, God loves you! He knows you better than you know yourself and loves you so much that He sent His only begotten Son to die for your sins (and mine).

He came as a babe in Bethlehem. He gave His life on Calvary. He rose from the grave. For me and for you.

Never forget that God knows you and that He loves you. Never take His love for granted. Turn your life over to Him and serve Him all your days.



# Opportunities for Worship & Service

## SUNDAY

- Sunday School . . . . . 9:45 AM
- Worship Service . . . . . 10:45 AM
- Children’s Church. . . . . 10:45 AM
- Kidz Choir . . . . . 6:00 PM
- Student Life Groups . . . . . 6:00 PM
- Evening Worship Service . . . . . 6:00 PM

## WEDNESDAY

- Awana . . . . . 6:00PM
- TSM (Temple Student Ministry). . . 6:00PM
- Wednesday Bible Study . . . . . 6:30 PM
- Alpha Bible Study . . . . . 8:30 PM

## THURSDAY

- Christian Seniors - (Feb 1) . . . . . NOON



# Share Your Faith WORKSHOP

Overcome your fear! Follow God’s leading!  
Engage people spiritually! Share your faith!

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