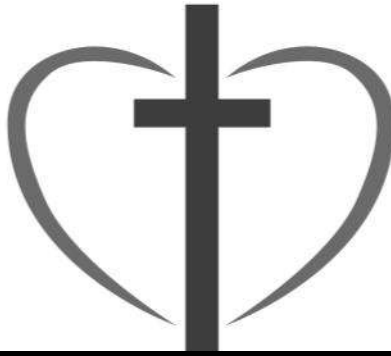


Temple Baptist Church



April / May 2018

Wade Allen

Lead Pastor

Bryan Taylor

Pastor of Worship Arts

John O'Connor

Pastor of Student Ministries

Ron Fields

Pastor of Senior Adults & Care Ministries



Change is never easy; change is seldom fun. But as they say, "The only constant in life is change." Sydney J. Harris, a former journalist for the Chicago Sun-Times, once said, "Our dilemma is that we hate change and love it at the same time; what we really want is for things to remain the same but get better." Unfortunately, it is not possible to stop things from changing!

I believe that if we step back and focus in on the bigger picture, we will see the all-powerful hand of God at work in a series of complex circumstances to bring about His will for our church.

TRANSITION IN OUR STUDENT MINISTRY

Because of changes in his secular work responsibilities, Bro. John O'Connor will be stepping out of the position of Pastor of Student Ministries into the role of an Associate Pastor. This position will

be unpaid and his job description has not yet been finalized.

It is always our goal to enable people to serve according to their passions, gifts and



talents; thus, Pastor John's duties will likely be in the areas of teaching, media and technology.

TRANSITION IN OUR WORSHIP MINISTRY

After much prayer and reflection, Bro. Bryan Taylor has decided that he will be stepping down from his role as the Pastor of Worship Arts. When Bryan came here 18 months ago, he shared with us his desire to reach out into the Elkins community with the Truth of God's Word. Once they are living there, they hope to start an outreach Bible study group in their home and they want this to be an extension of the ministry of Temple Baptist. We don't look forward to losing Bryan's worship leadership, but I am excited about the opportunity our church will have to reach the people of Elkins with the truth of God's Word through this family!

GOD'S PERFECT TIMING

After speaking with the staff and the personnel committee, we believe that God has brought these two events together at the same time to demonstrate his power and control over all things. We believe that God is leading each of these men according to His perfect timing! For the past two years, it has been God's will for us to have two men serving bi-vocationally in the student pastor and worship pastor roles. However, now we believe that it is His timing to hire a full time pastor to fill these two vacancies. Please pray for us as we work out the details of this position and seek the man that God would have for us!



Bryan Taylor, Pastor of Worship Arts

The youth will be going on a mission trip this summer to "The Bridge Church" in Waxahachie Texas. We helped Church Planter Matt Prather last year to pass out pamphlets to the surrounding neighborhoods last year. This year we will be going back to help drive his VBS. We will be leaving out on Tuesday June 12th, and will be back on Sunday the 17th. To help support this effort we are having our Chef's Auction Sunday evening on May 8th. All dishes, savory or sweet, are welcome to be donated to our auction. We will also be having a silent auction, for any services or things that are not food dishes.

On Sunday evening, May 20th, we will have a Senior Roast for Kaylynn Ketcher. She is our lone senior this year, and I am super impressed how well she has fought off senioritis. I encourage all who are able to come and support Kaylynn in the next part of her journey with a funny story, a card, or just some good advice for her future.

For those who may not have heard, my secular job will be going through some dramatic changes in the next few months, which will require more of my time. Selfishly I do not want to step away from this ministry but I know this is the right path.

Thank you church members for your incredible support of the youth and it's mission. Thank you Parents, we have great students because we have great parents who are engaged in their students' lives and have raised wonderful young adults. Thank you to Caleb and Kayleigh Dye, and Brad Zaeske and Carly Allen for running our game time and herding cats. Thank you to Sam Reddin, Nathan and Anna Betts for the support they gave to

It truly has been an honor worshipping with this church family over the last 18 months, and we look forward to worshipping with you in the future, just in a different capacity. We have finally moved out to Elkins and began a process of making it our home. It has set in how far of a drive it is every week (about 1 hour) to drive from Elkins to Rogers. Add to the distance we travel the fact that we feel a compassion for the community we live in and the ministry we are praying towards in the future and we have come to the conclusion that I will need to step down as worship leader at Temple at some point.

We do not want to leave the body completely though. We have been longing for some close relationships with other believers and now that we have become a part of the family at Temple we don't want to leave. We will continue to worship with you often and will continue to pray about how Temple can be a part of any future ministry to Elkins that we may pursue in the future. We so appreciate the love you have shown our family and we pray that only grows stronger. We will see you Sunday.

me, my family, and to our students. Last, thank you to our students. I am unable to fully express the depth of pride and love that I have for you guys. You are not afraid of work, you greet new comers with open arms and Christ like love, and you worship passionately unashamed of what others might think. Thank you for letting me be a part of it, and I thank our God for using me, even if it was for a short time.

Senior Adult *Ministry*

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

Everybody needs a testimony. In my pre-teen years our family started going to church. Actually, when I was eight I attended a community Sunday School. Then a Baptist preacher began holding services in a community building and our family attended. My mother was baptized but my father never made a profession of faith until many years later.

One day a traveling singing teacher showed up for a short stay. Families in the young church and other families in the area hosted the teacher with meals and a place to sleep. Each night we gathered at the community building and the singing teacher taught us how to sing shaped notes.

The teacher carried song books and taught many songs from those books which he also sold. By the end of the two weeks everyone was able to sight read those shape notes and sing pretty good. Our church got a reputation for good singing and was called upon to sing at functions around the area, including funerals.

That church was organized in the community building and soon began a building on donated land about three miles up the road. My grandfather, though never a believer, owned a sawmill and provided much of the lumber for Ohlman Missionary Baptist Church.

The pastor worked during the week in St. Louis, about 145 miles away. Several of the men of the church did the same. They car pooled to St. Louis on Sunday afternoon, stayed at boarding houses and worked during the week and returned on Friday evening.

APRIL - MAY 2018

April 19	Ladies Bible Study- 9:00 am Meet at Neighbor's Mill
April 29	5th Sunday Fellowship Evening Service Dismissed
May 5	OBE Church Meeting - 9 am <i>Mother's Day</i>
May 13	
May 15	ABS Thailand Mission Trip begins Mission Rally - Prairie Oaks
May 16	Awana Closing Ceremony Senior Roast - 6:00 pm
May 20	
May 23	Awana Skate Night & Cubbies/ Puggles Fun Night
May 28	Office Closed -Memorial Day
May 30	Awana Leaders Review

SHARE

YOUR
STORY

I knew from those pre-teen years that I needed to be saved, to have a personal relationship with Jesus. Pride kept me from commitment. Years later, as a 19 year old, home on furlough from the Air Force, I attended a Saturday night service with my family, came under conviction of my need for a Savior, and before the night was over asked God to save my soul and for Jesus to be my Savior.

Going forward during the invitation the next morning, I acknowledged that I had trusted in Christ. Following the dismissal prayer the church traveled a few miles to Bee Fork, found a large enough pool of water, and I, along with my sister Carolyn, was baptized. And everyone sang from the books bought from the singing school teacher.

Opportunities for Worship & Service

SUNDAY

Sunday School 9:45 AM
 Worship Service 10:45 AM
 Children’s Church 10:45 AM
 Kidz Choir/Preschool Priase 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 - (May 3) NOON



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 School***

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