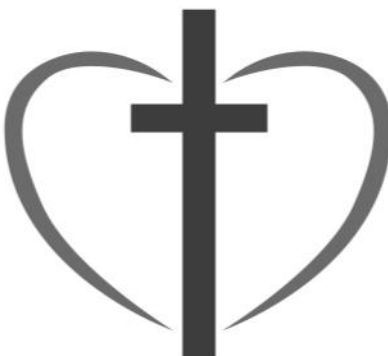


Temple Baptist Church



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Last December, our pastoral staff challenged everyone to consider replacing the pews in the sanctuary with “Pew Stacker” chairs from Bertolini Sanctuary Seating. It is no secret that the padding in our existing pews has seen better days! Rather than making a formal recommendation to the church to purchase these chairs, we decided to let you “vote with your checkbooks” instead.

In the past seven months, nearly \$10,000 has been donated to the “Chair Fund” that was set up last year. That represents about $\frac{2}{3}$ of the needed funds to purchase enough chairs to fill our auditorium.

I want to thank everyone who has donated toward this cause and challenge you to “vote with your checkbooks” once again if you believe that this is needed for our church. If we have enough pledges for the remaining amount needed, we may consider this issue in our annual business meeting.

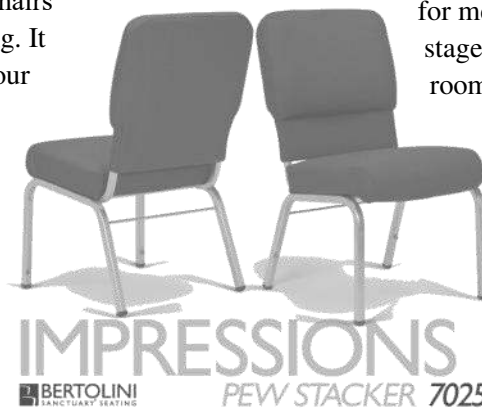
I know that this decision goes way beyond the issue of comfortable seating in our sanctuary—the church pews represent a flood of memories

from your past experiences with God in this place. The desire of your pastors is to be sensitive to your concerns; while at the same time, posturing our church for growth in the future!

Currently, our sanctuary space is a dedicated worship space—meaning that it can only be used for meetings where the focus is on the stage and cannot be reconfigured. The room consists of about 2,500 ft² of space that is only being used a few hours every week. If we decide to exchange our existing pews for these “Pew Stacker” chairs, this space will be able to be used for many purposes, such as seminars, or events for children and youth. There are many marked advantages for moving toward this type of sanctuary seating.

We believe that the purchase of “Pew Stacker” chairs will not only be more comfortable but will also update the look of our auditorium. At some point in the future, we will also need to consider renovating other aspects of the auditorium (i.e. carpet, paint, stage, etc.), but those issues are not prerequisite to the decision to replace the current seating that is on its last legs.

Please prayerfully consider purchasing a chair for each member of your family—and maybe for a visiting family as well!



IMPRESSIONS
BERTOLINI SANCTUARY SEATING
PEW STACKER 7025



From all of us in the Youth Group, thank you so much for your prayers and donations to help support us in this effort. We spent 6 days in the Waxahachie/Midlothian area helping The Bridge Church, pastored by church planter Matt Prather. The first day in Waxahachie, we passed out Flyers to all the neighborhoods we would be in. Then we spent the next 3 days putting on a VBS in these neighborhoods, and at night we would do something fun together or with the Bridge Church. We met a little resistance during the week, but mostly it was an amazing experience. We were able to play with the kids, interact with the parents and family, and then worship with them on Sunday morning. What I think the key take away from this experience is that to reach people who don't know Christ, you have to go them. They are in our neighborhoods, in our schools, at our work, and possibly in our friend groups.

VBS was right around the corner from our mission trip, went from VBS in Texas straight into VBS here at Temple. Everyone did such a great job. I am always impressed and encourage by how our youth get involved; serve by leading groups, helping with the games, crafts, dances, and with our skit.

Last, we will have an End of the Summer Pool Party at Nathan and Anna Betts house on August 11th. The party will be from 5:00-10:15 (the van will leave from the church at 4:45). We want to encourage all the boys to bring a snack and the girls to bring drinks to share. Have a great rest of the summer!



Senior Adult Ministry

Ron Fields, Pastor of Senior Adults
and Care Ministries

Over the years family and church were my primary focus. There were many interests and softball surfaced. Then about the time I stepped aside as pastor a couple of men invited me to go fishing.

I learned some basics. I can now tell the difference between a blue gill and a catfish! Friends have invited me to go and are very patient as I have been learning how to clean the catch, preparing them for freezer and cooking.

It's a far cry from the day a retired pastor picked me up and took me fishing with him back in the late 70's. Then he caught several and at the end of day dropped me off at home with a huge container of fish and told me they were mine!

What does a non-fisherman do with a large catch? I took a butcher knife from the kitchen and began. After countless unsuccessful tries to get a little bit of meat, I finally took all I had to my garden and used them as fertilizer!

That ended my fishing until El and Steve took me out, let me watch how they did it, and patiently showed me how to clean a fish.

By the way, did I tell you about the one that got away? Sitting in the boat, two lines in the water, one in hand and one lying at my feet, a whopper took the bait! My reaction time was so slow that I only watched as the entire hook, line, rod, and reel slid out of the boat and into the lake! I know that was the biggest fish in the lake!

Jesus chose twelve to become fishers of men. He spent time with them, teaching, demonstrating, mentoring. The result was that after His ascension into heaven, these followers turned Jerusalem upside down for God! Thousands became believers.

Who knows but that the person you pour your life into will become the catalyst of redemption and renewal for this needy world.



Our Awana ministry will once again host a community outreach at Westside Elementary on Thursday, August 9 from 5:00-6:30 pm. We will be having hot dogs, chips, water, snow cones, and bounce houses for the families coming to meet the teachers. We plan to feed around 500 people. We really need your help in donating items for this outreach. Items needed are hot dogs, hot dog buns, individual bags of chips, condiments, cases of water, snow cone syrup, and small Styrofoam cups for snow cones. Please have items to the church no later than Wednesday evening, August 8. Again, thank you for your help!



Awana fall semester is scheduled to begin August 22 with pizza beginning at 5:30 pm. Everyone invite all the kids you know, ages 3-6th grade to come to this exciting program!



**SCHOOL SUPPLIES
REQUESTED FOR DONATION:**

- Crayons
- Glue Sticks
- Composition Notebooks
- Wide-ruled loose leaf notebook paper
- #2 Pencils
- Dry-erase Markers
- Kleenex
- Germ X

All donated items may be left on the lower shelves of the Welcome Center or in the bins in the Gathering Room!

