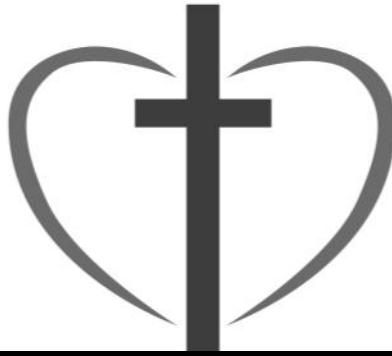


# Temple Baptist Church



*December 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



As we set aside time this month to remember the birth of our Savior—Jesus Christ—I invite you to take the time to include this Scripture reading as a part of your Christmas celebration. These words express “the glorious result of the coming of the Christ child to earth. He experienced the manger, the flight to Egypt, the daily suffering of hunger and homelessness, the rejection of the religious authorities, the disloyalty of the disciples, the unjust trial, the cruel death, and the tomb so that you would have what these words express. He came and endured all these things for you and me so that we would have forever what we never could have earned, deserved, or achieved on our own” (Tripp). Romans 8:31-39 says:

<sup>31</sup> What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup> Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup> Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. <sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or

danger, or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

<sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.



“Sit in front of your Christmas tree and read these words out loud to your loved ones so that you all will remember what the Christmas story is all about” (Tripp).

God, the Creator of the universe, loves us so much that He willingly gave His one and only Son to be the perfect sacrifice for the sin of all mankind. What greater love could there ever be?

As we gather together for time with our loved ones this holiday season, let us not forget that we know how to love because He first loved. We have hope for the future because He offers us hope of eternal life. We can enjoy the peace in this life because He offers us peace that goes beyond comprehension. We can sing out with joy because He is the Joy of the world. Don't forget the reason for the season!

# Senior Adult *Ministry*

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

The seasons of the year are associated with specific activities. One of the realities of growing older has to do with how quickly seasons change and the year passes.

We have come to the season when thoughts are of gift-giving. Christmas is the time we celebrate the gift of Christ coming into the world. God became flesh! Emmanuel, God with us! "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord" Luke 2:12.

Jesus was God's gift to the world. Romans 6:23b "...the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

We have become accustomed to giving and receiving gifts from one another, especially family, during this season. Some have corrupted the season, thinking only of themselves, turning generosity to greed.

Do not get lost in the consumerism, the commercialization of this time of the year. Keep your heart open to the joy of heaven. Reflect again on the song of angels announcing the birth of our Savior. Anticipate with the shepherds as they hasten to the babe lying in a manger. Join the wise men in bringing gifts.

Our church has annually set aside a Sunday during December for Gifts for Jesus. Think of adding the name of Jesus to the list of family members you are giving gifts this year. As you choose your gifts, carefully and lovingly, thoughtfully and joyfully, consider a gift for the one who gave His life that you might have eternal life.

I like to look around at specific needs that if filled would enhance the effectiveness of God's Word. It may be Missions, education, benevo-



Merry Christmas! I hope that your Thanksgiving was awesome, and that you had time to reflect on all that God has done for you and your family this year. As we get closer to the end of the school year, we know you will start having "End of the Year" programs and concerts. Please let one of the Youth Staff know, we would love to come and support you with all the hard work you have put in this semester.

Youth will be cancelled on Sunday December 16th. The Church will be going out Caroling that evening, and the Youth are encouraged to go and participate with the singing.

Wednesday night TSM will also be cancelled on December 26th, and will be cancelled on January the 2nd. We will start back on January 5th.

# PARTY

TSM will be having our Christmas Party on December the 19th. Boys if you could bring snacks, and Girls if you could bring drinks. If you are able, please bring a \$5 gift to the part as we will have a gift exchange. We will also be taking sometime to create Christmas Cards, so if you have any small creative stuff you would like decorate a card with please bring it.

---

lence. It may be a Church need whether budgeted or not. It may be a personal touch needed by someone within or without the family of God. It may be time or talent dedicated to service.

May yours be a very blessed Christmas!

## BMA of the Ozarks Mission Rally

Will Meet at  
Temple Baptist Church  
Tuesday, December 11, 2018  
Meal at 6:00 - Meeting at 7:00

*Soup and  
Sandwich  
Supper*



As Temple will be hosting this meeting, we will need to provide a meal. We plan to serve soups/chili and sandwiches. If you can help with this meal, sign the list on the clipboard on the Welcome Center Wall.



Awana Clubs encourage all our clubbers to memorize scripture. As verses are learned, the children receive Awana Bucks to spend at our yearly Christmas Store. Many of our children use these bucks to buy gifts for their parents, grandparents, siblings and friends. Please consider donating some small toys or books, and gifts suitable for moms and dads to this store. Bring your contributions to the breezeway between the sanctuary and the Education building.



The Awana Christmas Store begins on December 5 with the Cubbies (preschool) Group. December 12 for T & T (3rd-6th grade) and Sparks (K-2nd grade) will finish up on December 19.



The Annual Christmas Eve Service will be at 5:00 on December 24. Please invite all of your neighbors and friends to this community event. A special evening is planned for all who attend.

### *Church Christmas Traditions*

Everyone is encouraged to take part in two of our Christmas traditions here at Temple Baptist Church on Sunday, December 16, 2018.

☞ During the Sunday School Hour at 9:45 am we will all participate in "Birthday Gifts for Jesus" This is a special time for us to come together and give our "Gifts to Jesus." These could be a contribution to a special fund here at the church, or a charity you support. There will be several who give a gift of their talents, playing instruments or singing a song for Jesus. It could also be a gift to the church building, kitchen, nursery or wherever you might want to contribute. Many pledge a gift of their time toward a project or ministry. Give however God might lead you.

☞ All who would like to go Christmas Caroling will meet at the church at 5:00 pm for a night of caroling, ending the evening with hot chocolate at the Zaeskes.



Thanks very much Temple's Folks. I wish you know how much I appreciate you and thankful to God for you.

Thank you for allowing such a love and care to come out from you to me.

I love you all, I pray that you all stay blessed and enjoy your turkey and ham. Happy Thanksgiving Folks!

Big Hugs from Rose Ng

## Opportunities for Worship & Service

### SUNDAY

Sunday School . . . . . 9:45 AM  
 Worship Service . . . . . 10:45 AM  
 Children’s Church . . . . . 10:45 AM  
 Financial Peace University . . . . . 5:00PM  
 Student Life Groups . . . . . 6:00 PM  
 Evening Worship Service . . . . . 6:00 PM

### WEDNESDAY

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

### THURSDAY

Christian Seniors . . . . . NOON  
 (First Thursday of each month)



- December 1 Ladies Party @ Zaeske’s 11 am
- December 2 Business Meeting - PM Service
- December 5 Cubbies Christmas Store
- December 6 Christian Seniors - Noon
- December 8 Next Step Party @ Jones’ 4 pm  
 BASIC/ACTS Party @ Townzen’s  
 6:30 pm
- December 11 BMAO Mission Rally @ Temple
- December 12 T & T Christmas Store
- December 16 Birthday Gifts for Jesus - 9:45 am  
 Christmas Caroling - 5 pm
- December 19 Sparks Christmas Store
- December 24 Christmas Eve Service - 5:00 pm
- Dec 24-Jan 1 OFFICE CLOSED

**Return Service  
 Requested**

Nonprofit Org.  
 U.S. Postage  
 Paid  
 Rogers, AR  
 Permit No. 25