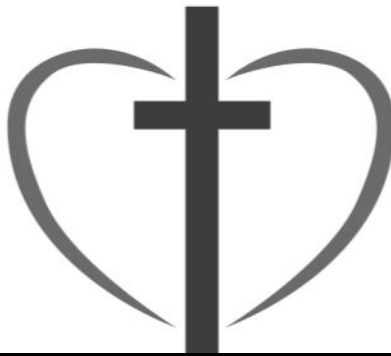


# Temple Baptist Church



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Are you one of those people who has to be around other people all the time? Or are you one of those people who would be okay if you were always alone? My guess is that you fall somewhere in between those two extremes, but most of us fall to one side or the other.

Whether you are a people-person or a loner, the simple fact is that God has created each and every one of us with an inherent need for others in our lives. God has created us in His image—in community with one another. Whether I get recharged by being around others or need to isolate myself to experience renewal, I need people in my life who will challenge my assumptions and preconceived notions. I need community! I need you, and you need me!

We're all familiar with the famous proverb, "As iron sharpens iron, so one friend sharpens another." Have you ever watched someone sharpen iron? Sparks fly!



The same is often true of one friend sharpening the other—if you are a real friend, sometimes sparks fly. God has called us to be friends who love enough to say hard things for the benefit of the other. Because of the love that I feel from these close friends, I am more willing to listen to them in these moments—I do not question their motivation because I know that they love me and want what is best for me. What a blessing to have a friend like this!

God has blessed me with friends like this over the years. Some of these were friends for a season and some have been friends for a lifetime, but each of them has had a profound impact on my life for good.

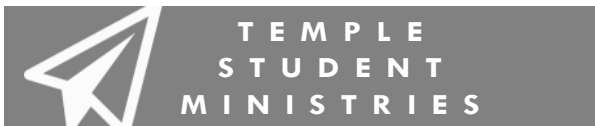
Who is impacting your life for good?

Whose life are you impacting for good?

The Bible has much to say about our need for others' input into our lives. Over and over in the New Testament, the Bible tells us how we are to interact with one another as followers of Christ. The majority of these commands are focused on getting along with one another, loving one another, or having an attitude of humility toward one another so that we put others' needs before our own. What would life look like with friends like these? What would our churches look like if each of us chose to live this way?



For more information on the One Another commands in Scripture, follow the link above!



Derrick Bremer, Student Ministry Intern

**Summer’s pace invites us to be still.** For our Students, the slower pace of summer and the lack of looming assignments and deadlines is an open arm to relaxing. We should embrace the attitude of the psalmist of Psalm 131 who at first is discontent or even in a spiritual low crying out, “O Lord, my heart is not lifted up.” The psalmist finds content reprieve in resting in the “hope of the Lord” having “calmed and quieted [their] soul.” Our summer ministries should cultivate a time to be still and to listen to the restful instructions of God.



**Summer is the time to build relationships.** Because of the increased availability of many, summer is a great time to make a new friend and relationships that unite us together. Individually, we should be open to accepting invitations we weren’t necessarily expecting, and interested in the lives of the person we don’t know.

I spent some time digging up four years worth of attendance records for our student ministries a couple of weeks ago. The volume of students coming through our ministry programs has decreased since 2015. But despite the overall loss of volume, we find that every school year illustrated a season of steady growth. Clearly, summer retention is our largest deficit. I believe it would be a mistake to look at this as an issue of re-engagement during the new school year or even as a matter of questioning where students are going in the summer. Rather, my question is what are our students needs during the summer months and how does what we’re doing contribute or not



Ron Fields, Pastor of Senior Adults and Care Ministries

What is the greatest invention in your lifetime? Asked that question back in the 60’s a lady responded, the washing machine!

Looking back over nearly eight decades, I am amazed at the ‘new’ things that have come to pass. From cars that started by hand cranking to push button starting, and now on the fringes, electric and driverless cars!

Many new things have made life easier, more productive and save time and energy. Some new things we complain that we could do without. We even reflect on and glory in how wonderful the old days were without so much new.

There are some things new that I deeply appreciate. Lamentations 3:22-23 “It is of the Lord’s mercies that we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.” I am glad His mercies are new every morning!

2 Corinthians 5:17 “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.” I am glad I am not the person I used to be!

Revelation 21:5 “And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new....” Although we may have our opinions on the greatest inventions, there is this that we can look forward to and anticipate with joy, the new things God has in store for us.

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contribute to meeting those needs.

This summer, I pray that as we evaluate and plan, we take time to relax and **get involved** in the Wednesday night ministries at our church from Summer Jam to the round room bible study.

# ENGAGING THE COMMUNITY



John O'Connor, Pastor of Community Engagement

Hello Church family! It's SUMMER TIME, which I find has less meaning now that I am an adult. Right now it just means that the walking distance from my office to my car is sweater. And being that I am a very white person, I am assured to be burnt, add a few freckles, and then peel to become even more white.

I have been praying and taking in a lot of suggestions over the past 3 months, and I am sure that God is leading me in a direction for the second Community Engagement. I call it "Spiritual Care Packages."

A care package is a parcel, or money, or item that you send to someone either because of an event (ex: "Help, I need money") or because of a season of life that they are going through (ex: those in military service). In college I loved getting a package from home. It helped me mentally to get through the semester, knowing that someone loved me and was thinking about me.

In that same sense, we need to be "loving on those" in our church, and those who are visiting. Some examples of **EVENTS** I was thinking about are: Becoming a New Member, Having a Baby, or Moving Away from Home. Some of the examples of **SEASONS** that I was thinking about: Serving as Missionaries, Being a Teenager in a lost world, Being a Single Parent, or just being Married.

I have about 20 different categories of seasons or events in mind for which we could send **Spiritual Care Packages**. If this sounds like something you want to help out with, please sign up



June 6	Christian Seniors to Hobbs Park Softball Game 8:00 PM RSP #2
June 13	Softball Games 6 & 7 PM RSP #4
June 14	TSM Hiking Trip
June 16	Father's Day
June 17	BMAO Mission Rally 6:00 PM Fellowship, Bella Vista
June 20	Softball Games 6 & 7 PM RSP #2
June 22	WMA of the Ozarks Year End Celebration - Fellowship MBC, Bella Vista 9:30 AM
June 23-27	VBS/Sports Camp 6:15-8:50 PM
June 30	5th Sunday Fellowship Evening Service Dismissed

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on the Information Wall, or email me at [john@templechurch.org](mailto:john@templechurch.org).

There are a lot of ways to help out with this, donations to the care packages (such as helping define what a care package looks like for these events or seasons of life), and we need people who can identify those who need a package.

1 Corinthians 12 reminds us: *"But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, <sup>25</sup> that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup> If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together."*

**Let's love on one another!**



**Opportunities for Worship & Service**

**SUNDAY**

- Sunday School . . . . . 9:45 AM
- Worship Service . . . . . 10:45 AM
- Children’s Church . . . . . 10:45 AM
- Student Life Groups . . . . . 6:00 PM
- Alpha Sigma Bible Study . . . . . 6:00 PM
- Evening Worship Service . . . . . 6:00 PM

**WEDNESDAY**

- TSM (Temple Student Ministry) . . . . . 6:00 PM
- Men’s Bible Study . . . . . 6:00 PM
- Adult Bible Study . . . . . 6:30 PM

**THURSDAY**

- Christian Seniors (1<sup>st</sup> Thursday) . . . . . NOON
- Alpha Theta Bible Study . . . . . 6:30 PM



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