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## Another YEAR in the Books

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### Celebrating Eight Years at Temple

This month marks my eighth anniversary here at Temple as your Lead Pastor. I want to thank you for the privilege and opportunity to serve our Lord in this role. God has richly blessed me to be able to serve in this place; and Lord willing, I will continue to serve as one of your pastors for many, many years to come. This is my prayer!

I want you to know that I love you and I love that God has entrusted a part of your spiritual care and nourishment to me as your pastor. I do not take this responsibility lightly! I pray for you and your walk with Him, and I hope that you pray the same for me!

### The Joy and Burden of Sermon Preparation

As a pastor/preacher, you seldom know how the congregation will respond to a message or sermon series. You hope that your messages will be applicable and relevant to the lives of those listening. You carefully exegete the passage so that your messages will accurately convey the meaning of Scripture. And you pray that those listening will truly listen to the words of the message and allow them to impact their lives for the glory of God.

One of the greatest responsibilities that I have as your primary teaching pastor is to seek and discern the will of God for the scope of the weekly messages. As you probably know, we try to make our plans far enough in advance to be able to provide coordinating resources for each sermon series (i.e. *Recharge* books, community group studies, etc.). Just this past week, Pastor David and I met to discuss the plans for this fall through the end of the year.

This process of planning always starts with prayer—asking God to show me what we need to hear as a body of believers. Included in this process is consideration of holidays and other annual events; as well as the focus of the studies we have recently gone through. Our goal is to provide you with a well-rounded program of study that will help you to grow and mature in your Christian walk.

Please remember to pray for us and for this process! It is essential that we are seeking the Lord's will in this for He is the only One who knows what we will need to hear from His Word in three to six months.

### Current Series Receives Mixed Reviews

Sometime around the first of the year—as we were planning for the summer teaching theme—I felt led to focus our studies on relationships. As we continued to walk through that planning



# The GIFT of Hospitality

**Ron Fields**

Pastor of Senior Adults and Care Ministries

Guests. Welcome and unwelcome.

Our home has always been open to guests. This week we entertained three sets of guests to our home. First, friends from Idaho were in town for a couple of days. They had set up a fifth wheel for housekeeping then we went out to eat with them and later entertained them in our home for a few hours. It was a very enjoyable time. They even came to church with us.

The second was Wil from Eldorado, AR. Wil was in town checking out the possibilities of joining the Rogers Fire Department. His parents and his grandparents are friends of many years. He watched the Cardinals game, stayed overnight, then went on his way the next day. We loved catching up on the news of all his family.

The third was an unwanted guest. Walking up to our door, I immediately spied a large blacksnake on our front porch. We know this is not supposed to be a dangerous snake, but honestly, snakes are scary. Eventually we tossed the snake out into the woods and dismissed the event: UNTIL the next morning when another blacksnake was seen in our back yard.

Snakes remind me of the serpent that's mentioned in Genesis 3. And I am always reminded to be on guard and watchful of the deceptions of Satan.



# SOAR 2022—This Month

**David McEuen**

Pastor of Family and Worship

On Tuesday, June 28th, Temple Student Ministry will be headed to Dallas, TX to join with hundreds of students across the BMA of America at SOAR Conference 2022. This year's theme is



“CALLED” and is designed to remind students and leaders alike that every believer is called by God and has a purpose to fulfill in His Kingdom (Ephesians 2:10).

1 Peter 2:21 says, “For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps.”

Ephesians 2:10 says, “For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them” (emphasis added).

The Bible makes it clear that every believer is called to serve God, but too often we buy into the lie that we can either serve God later in life or that someone else will do it for us. Unfortunately, this lie is especially prevalent among students. There can be many reasons for this way of thinking, but the truth is that God wants His people—students included—to serve him where they are right now regardless of age or status. We are All Called to serve.

Would you join me in praying for our students as we head to SOAR 2022 later this

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# What FRUIT Do You Have?

**John O'Connor**

Pastor of Community Engagement

Spring is in full force now, with plants blooming and pollen raging war on people's sinuses. One of the best parts of the end of Spring and beginning of Summer is Watermelon and Peach season. Our household loves those two fruits very much and can easily kill a few watermelons a week if we are not careful. Norah (our 10 year old) is affectionately called the Peach Bandit.

There is something so satisfying about good fruit, and it is equally devastating when that fruit is not good. The same can be said about us, the kind of fruit we are producing creates our community. What kind of community are we building? Are we proud of the community we have?

"But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his son, purifies us from all sin." (1 John 1:7)

If we want to strengthen our Christ-centered community, it starts with our personal fellowship with God. We need to first "walk in the light". We need to be daily in the Word and daily praying to God. Through this obedience, we begin to be increase and solidify our Christ-centered like-mindedness, a community of believers, collectively producing good fruit. But again, it all begins with our personal fellowship with Christ. This summer, I encourage you to work on your personal fellowship with God, a daily walk in the Word and in prayer.

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month? Would you pray that God would not only reveal His specific calling to each student but also give them the courage and boldness to be obedient to His calling? God has big plans for these students and I'm excited to see what God will do.

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process, God impressed upon me the need to focus our study on the wisdom from the Proverbs. I have never preached an entire series from the Book of Proverbs before. And I knew that it would be challenging because of its format.

I also knew that it had the potential of being extremely practical! The wisdom contained in that little book about how to live your life is profound! What I did not know was how much these topics would stir you guys up! I have been pleasantly surprised by the number of comments that I've heard in response to or about this series.

Some of the comments were along the lines of "Preacher, you need to stop meddling" (said jokingly... I hope 😊). While other comments have been more along the lines of "Thank you for that one... it stepped on my toes, but I needed it." It is a tremendous blessing to me to know that this sermon series is proving to be both applicable and relevant in your lives today.

If you have missed out on some of these messages and would like to catch up, there are a few different ways for you to do so. All of them are available on our website in the sermon archives or through our podcast. To subscribe to our podcast, just go to your favorite podcasting service and search for "Temple Baptist Church of Rogers, Arkansas." And don't forget that videos of our Sunday worship services are available on our Facebook Page.





SUNDAY THROUGH THURSDAY EVENINGS, JULY 10-14

**UPCOMING EVENTS** *Mark Your Calendars*



- June 2**      **Christian Seniors**  
12:00 PM
- June 19**    **Father's Day**
- June 28-30** **SOAR**  
Dallas, Texas
- July 10-14** **Vacation Bible School**
- July 24**     **Wedding Shower for**  
**Hannah Martin & Eli Fulfer**

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