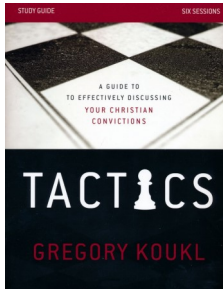


# DISCIPLESHIP Opportunities

SUNDAYS @ 6pm

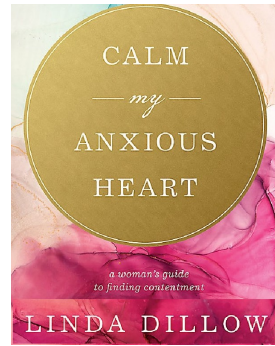


## TACTICS

Get in the driver's seat in discussions about faith.  
Help people think about Jesus!

## CALM MY ANXIOUS HEART

Discover what the Bible says about contentment.  
Encouragement and help for overcoming anxiety and negative thoughts.



**KIDZ PRAISE Kids in K-5th**

Designed to begin children on a life long journey of worshipping Jesus!

## Deacons of the week:

- 12/5-11 Norm Williamson 282-1611  
John Hawley 353-9682 or 674-0274
- 12/12-18 Glen Fleming 358-4050 or 679-4749  
Edward Powell 576-7645
- 12/19-25 Dean Coleman 690-3610  
Charles Harlan 355-4125 or 676-0912
- 12/26-1/1 Sonny Cherry 679-5140  
Mark McHugh 351-2672 or 676-3376

**OFFICE HOURS**  
Mon.—Thur. 8:30—5:00  
Friday 8:30—12:00  
Closed 12—1 for lunch

3208 S. Van Buren Amarillo, TX 79109  
806-372-2306

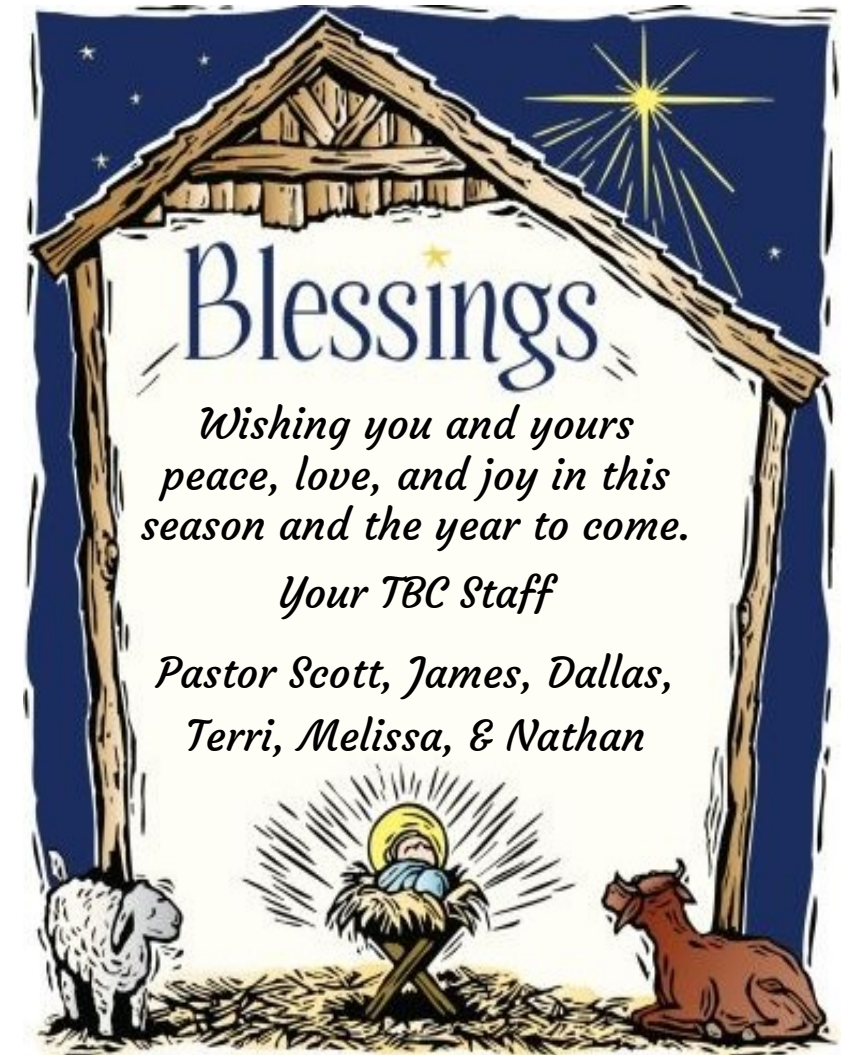
**TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH**

Pastor	Scott Higginbotham
Music Minister	James Griffin
Youth Minister	Dallas Eaves
Office Admin	Terri Powell
Nursery Coord.	Melissa Parks
Custodian	Nathan Parks



# The Evangel

December Issue 2021





Ever get the feeling you've been here before?

Sure, there can be that sense of déjà vu that kicks in once you pass a certain location that tells you, "I've been here before," but that's not what I'm talking about. I'm talking about the sense of life pattern that we all get from time to time. The last digit may have moved on the calendar year, but there's a sense of treadmill progress – my feet have moved, but I haven't. Maybe you feel it this year; we were all so anxious for 2020 to get lost, all so amped for 2021 to be so much better... then maybe it wasn't. Easter. Thanksgiving. Christmas. Birthdays.

We went somewhere... only we didn't. Ever get the feeling we've been here before?

The Israelites felt that way. There's a cycle in Judges of oops, rinse, repeat. No progress to speak of. Israel's history is littered with a cycle of blessing, exile, and return. Same old stories, even into the intertestamental period. New kings, same old stories: idols, idolatry, and suddenly some other foreign power is calling the shots.

The last book in your English arrangement of the Old Testament is the prophet Malachi. The last book in the Hebrew arrangement of the Old Testament is Chronicles (both First and Second... no need to split them here). Chronicles begins the story of the kings of Israel with a genealogy and ends with a sobering reminder that Israel is still Israel, just as people are still people: God wants a Temple built in Jerusalem, and the sentiment comes not from a Jewish prophet, but the Persian King Cyrus.

God wants a Temple, in Jerusalem. Yeah, we've been here before.

So, when you turn the page to the New Testament, you find the first Gospel is Matthew. And guess what... Matthew begins with a genealogy. Like Chronicles did. You'd be forgiven to make assumptions about Matthew's story. It's possible the early readers thought the same things. "Here we go again." "Same story, different year." "Been around this block before." "Wow... I have the strangest feeling of déjà vu."

Things change quickly in Matthew's Gospel. The Christ. A Son of the King. A Son of Abraham. A new Moses.

The more things stay the same... wait, that's not how the saying goes. Jesus brings new and upsets the proverbial applecart. This Christmas, how might Jesus do something new in you?

Pastor Scott

**Year-end giving must be received, post-marked, or time stamped (online) by December 31st in order to include in 2021 giving for tax purposes.**

### **STEWARDSHIP**

**Weekly Budget needed: \$7,778**

**Weekly Budget Received:**

11/7	11/14	11/21	11/28
10,809.60	7,644.96	7,693.20	2,389.20
Ben —	45	—	127.53

November Budgeted 33,704  
November Tithes & Offerings 28,440.26  
Benevolence Balance 162.37

### **FINANCE STATEMENT SUMMARY**

#### **November 2021**

	<b><u>November</u></b>	<b><u>YTD</u></b>
<b>Income</b> (Receipts)	28,536.96	329,172.11
<b>Expenses</b> (Disbursements)	-30,067.15	-348,253.42
<b>Net</b> (Variance)	<b>-1,530.19</b>	<b>-19,081.31</b>



Barbara Solomon in the loss of her sister, Betty Knowles, and her brother, Tom Cox, within 3 days of each other in October.  
Sharon Newman in the loss of her brother, Alan Newman.

Rick & Sue Summar, Carol Simpson, and family in the loss of Sue's sister, Esther Daniel.

Eddie & Debbie Murphy in the loss of Debbie's aunt, Betty Yankie.

Stacy Murphy and Stephanie Jackson in the loss of a cousin on her mom's side, Randy Mullins.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT**

	11/7	11/14	11/21	11/28
Enrolled	231	232	232	232
Attended	131	110	132	100
Visitors	8	11	10	5
New Members	1	0	0	0



### **Christmas Together**

Presented by the Temple Baptist Choir  
Sunday, December 12 @ 6pm.

### **Thank You Temple Baptist Church**

Thank you for all the prayers and support for Kendra and I during her illness. Please continue to pray for us as she will have surgery in January to remove the tumor from her kidney. Please pray that they can save her kidney.

Bro. James



I am so thankful for Temple's desire to show the love of God to AC students. It has been great to see our partnership with you grow over the past weeks and I am looking forward to partnering further in the future.

God Bless,  
Austin McCurry, ACBSM Director