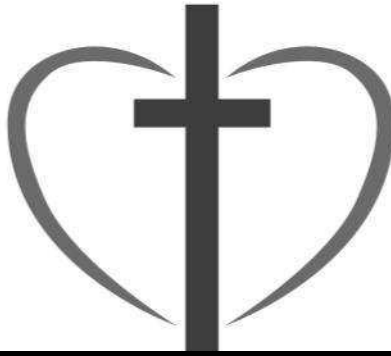


Temple Baptist Church



April / May 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



Change is never easy; change is seldom fun. But as they say, "The only constant in life is change." Sydney J. Harris, a former journalist for the Chicago Sun-Times, once said, "Our dilemma is that we hate change and love it at the same time; what we really want is for things to remain the same but get better." Unfortunately, it is not possible to stop things from changing!

I believe that if we step back and focus in on the bigger picture, we will see the all-powerful hand of God at work in a series of complex circumstances to bring about His will for our church.

TRANSITION IN OUR STUDENT MINISTRY

Because of changes in his secular work responsibilities, Bro. John O'Connor will be stepping out of the position of Pastor of Student Ministries into the role of an Associate Pastor. This position will

be unpaid and his job description has not yet been finalized.

It is always our goal to enable people to serve according to their passions, gifts and



talents; thus, Pastor John's duties will likely be in the areas of teaching, media and technology.

TRANSITION IN OUR WORSHIP MINISTRY

After much prayer and reflection, Bro. Bryan Taylor has decided that he will be stepping down from his role as the Pastor of Worship Arts. When Bryan came here 18 months ago, he shared with us his desire to reach out into the Elkins community with the Truth of God's Word. Once they are living there, they hope to start an outreach Bible study group in their home and they want this to be an extension of the ministry of Temple Baptist. We don't look forward to losing Bryan's worship leadership, but I am excited about the opportunity our church will have to reach the people of Elkins with the truth of God's Word through this family!

GOD'S PERFECT TIMING

After speaking with the staff and the personnel committee, we believe that God has brought these two events together at the same time to demonstrate his power and control over all things. We believe that God is leading each of these men according to His perfect timing! For the past two years, it has been God's will for us to have two men serving bi-vocationally in the student pastor and worship pastor roles. However, now we believe that it is His timing to hire a full time pastor to fill these two vacancies. Please pray for us as we work out the details of this position and seek the man that God would have for us!