

# TEMPLETONES

TPC monthly newsletter—OCTOBER, 2021

Hello TPC Family!

As we move into Fall, we move into a time of busy schedules, family and school priorities and holiday preparations. I love the change in seasons. I feel like God moves in a special way during these changes. I think about how the Scripture points us to there being a time and a season for every matter under heaven. I know change can be difficult and unnerving at times, but I take comfort in that God shows us all these changes occur under His watch and care. I have certainly felt the watch and care of God during this new season of ministry at TPC. Our family is so humbled to be part of this community and your family. From the opportunities we've had to participate in community activities, to the time spent with you in your home and with your family, we cherish every moment. We are especially thankful and humbled by the support given to us as we have made our home here. During the installation service I was thinking as I was re-affirming my ordination vows; "God you must really have special plans for us here!" I believe He does. For all of us! Just know that we love you and are encouraged by you during this and every season of ministry. Blessings to you and I look forward to being the church with you!

Pastor Roger  
Soli Deo gloria



Starting this month, TPC will be hosting Prayer Meetings on the first Thursday of the month under the Tent (as weather permits). All are invited to join us for this time of devotion, prayer requests and praises, and lifting prayers to God. This new Thursday night meeting was suggested to members of the Session by James Wenzel and was approved at the September Session meeting.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help with this ministry, please reach out to James or the church office (805/434-1921).

**SEE YOU OCTOBER 7 @6pm**

\*See Installation Service article and pics inside\*



**Thank You!**

## CANDY DONATIONS

**We are preparing for another GREAT "Trick-or-Treat on Main Street"**

**Please drop off candy donations to Butler Hall by OCTOBER 24**

## CANDY, CANDY, CANDY!

**TPC will once again team up with Templeton Chamber of Commerce to participate in the annual "Trick-or-Treat on Main Street". Children's and Youth Ministry will host a few games and pass out candy to all the cute ghosts and goblins passing by. THANK YOU for supporting this community outreach event.**

## Samaritan's Purse Christmas Child Shoeboxes

It's Christmas Child Shoebox time again and we will have shoeboxes available starting October 17<sup>th</sup>.

Here are a few ways to participate:

- Pick up a Shoebox at Worship
- Pick up a Shoebox at the Church Office
- Call Kathy Westphal at 509-438-6525 or email [westphalslo@att.net](mailto:westphalslo@att.net) and she will deliver one to your house
- Build a box online using the following link:



<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/>

Shoeboxes need to be returned to the Church no later than November 14<sup>th</sup>!



The Deacon Board of Templeton Presbyterian Church, with your help, will again put together and distribute Thanksgiving Baskets to families in need from within our community.

**October and November are donation collection months.** Our plan is to collect financial contributions for turkeys and other food items during the coming weeks. Donations can be made by marking "Deacons" on your check or by choosing "Deacon Fund" in your online giving.

On **Friday, November 19**, we will be picking up turkeys and food from our suppliers and unloading items at the church. We will need help setting up tables in Butler Hall so that items can be organized for easy packing the next morning.

On **Saturday, November 20**, we will need volunteers to pack the boxes for distribution starting at 8:30am.

Please pray for this valuable community outreach.

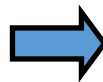
Contact Mick Lebens at (805)674-2902 if you have any questions.

## TPC Kids Promoted at September 19 Worship Service



← Preschoolers  
move up to  
TPC Kids

3rd graders  
receive  
Bibles presented by  
Diane Terrell  
(Children's Ministry  
Director) and Shad  
Miller (Children's  
Ministry Elder)





## PASTOR ROGER PATTON OFFICIALLY “INSTALLED” AS TPC LEAD PASTOR

*(excerpt from press release prepared by Cri Cri Solak-Eastin)*

Templeton Presbyterian Church installed the historic church’s new pastor, The Rev. Roger Patton, on Sunday, September 26, 2021. He comes to Templeton from Nolensville, TN, a suburb of Nashville, TN, with his wife Keris and their daughter Hannah, a student at Templeton High; they will initially make their home in the church manse on South Main Street, Templeton. Patton has a Master in Divinity from Memphis Theological Seminary and a Bachelor’s degree in Religion from Belmont University in Nashville.

One of Pastor Roger’s passions is to make the Bible alive and relevant to today’s generation. He begins his messages with humor, stories and engaging dialogue that some of the congregation have come to refer to as “Patton’s Parables.” As a current doctoral student at the Talbot School of Theology in Southern California, one of Patton’s requirements in preaching is to preach every message without notes, making for a lively conversational style of preaching.

Pastor Roger desires to make the church not simply a place to attend, but a community to belong to – aptly fitting Templeton Pres’ long-standing mission statement, “Connection in the Heart of Town.” His mission for ministry are the three “Bs” -- Belong, Believe and Become. His understanding of God’s invitation is “Don’t just come to church, BE the church.” One of the visions Patton cast for the committee that brought him to Templeton was to help make the church a beacon of light and hope for Templeton, the North County and to the ends of the earth.



*Pastor Roger with a few members of the Mission Presbytery Installation Commission*



*Former TPC pastor, Rev. Charlie Little, back in the pulpit to give the message.*

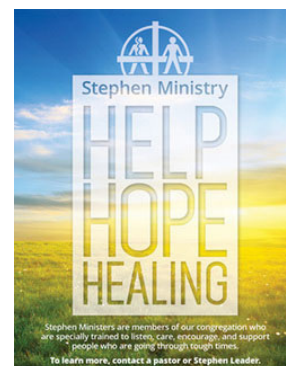


*Pastor Roger kneels as TPC congregation members surround him for “laying on of hands”.*



## STEPHEN MINISTRY TRAINING in JANUARY

Training for new Stephen Ministers for our Templeton Presbyterian Church community will begin this January. The 50 hours of training are given at our church and spread out over several weeks, provided by our own Stephen Leaders and Pastor Roger. Please contact Lois Ecklund, Susan Hayward, or Frank Bush to enroll in the training. A couple of church participants are waiting for you to join them for the training! Also, as always, if you, a family member, or a friend need the support of a Stephen Minister now, contact Lois Ecklund (805-461-1470 or 408-718-8613) to discuss having a confidential Christian-based support relationship with a Stephen Minister.





# Upcoming Events



## FALL SERIES

Middle School: Tues 7-8:30pm  
High School: Wed 7-8:45pm



## ECHO DONATION BASKET



This month ECHO has requested reusable water bottles – new or clean, used in good condition. You can drop them off at Worship in the ECHO Basket.

## WE ♥ OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS!

Many thanks to  
\*TEMPLETON DONUTS\*  
and \*FATTE'S PIZZA\*  
for providing great food  
and great support for  
our programs.  
Please support them, too!

