



Jacksonville News

What's New with Truth Baptist Church in Jacksonville, FL

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Truth Baptist Church is Up and Running!

The Lord gave us a wonderful Grand Opening service on July 26, 2009! The Lord

brought 28 people for our Morning Worship. Many of them received a flyer on their door, or saw the ad in the Money Pages Magazine.

Many of the people that came I had no previous contact with!

In preparation for the Grand

Opening, we passed out around 6000 door hangers in our area.

We also ran a full page ad in a magazine that is mailed to 57,000 households in our area. Ultimately God is the one who answered your and our prayers to bring people!

Every time I see people walk through the door into any of our services I am completely amazed and grateful to God for build-

ing His church. We visited most of the people who came to the first service and gave them a loaf of bread with a "Thank you for visiting TBC" sticker. Twenty-two people returned the next Sunday! Six people who attended the first service have been regular attenders. God has given us a committed group of people from the community that have expressed their intention to faithfully attend Truth Baptist Church!

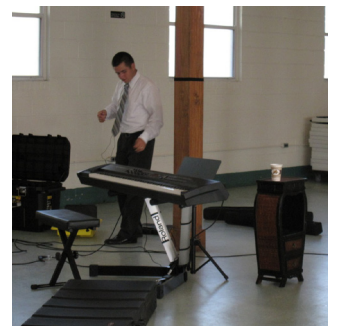
To God Be the Glory!

Pastor Matt Rowley



People Are Getting Involved!

It is exciting to see people get involved at TBC! Almost from the very start people have volunteered to help with greeting people, folding and passing out bulletins, keeping detailed attendance records, and even calling people who have missed a week! Others greet and talk with visitors before and after the services. Jen and Joanna are even getting help with the nursery! I also appreciate the good input and questions I receive during Sunday School and Wednesday evening bible study. I appreciate Will and several others who come early on Sunday morning to set up all the sound equipment and chairs. We are able to set up everything in about 20 minutes! Many people also pitch in on Sunday evening to help tear down.



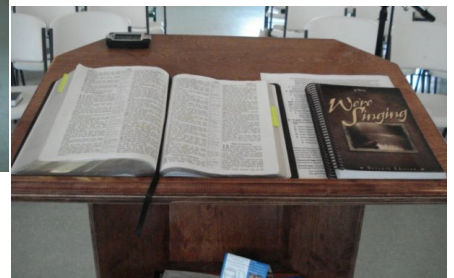
Moving Forward

This past Sunday was our 7th week! Time is flying by so fast. The first Sunday already seems faint in the past. I am so thankful for a man in training in the navy who found us through our web site! He is committed to serving the Lord.

Two weekends ago he drove home to Pensacola

and built us a new pulpit! It is so much better than the music stand we were using. He finds out November 13th whether or not he gets

stationed here in Jacksonville. Please pray that he will get stationed here. He is such a great blessing to the ministry. He also takes care of the sound and is pursuing a radio ad for us!



Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

John 14:6

Getting Adjusted

I love being a pastor! It has its challenges and is a lot of work, but cannot think of anything I would rather be doing! I definitely feel like I am in the rookie stage! I am not used to being called Pastor Rowley! That is my dad's name, but it is exciting and sobering to a shepherd of the Lord's flock.

I am slowly but surely getting adjusted to preaching /teaching 4 times per week! I'm hoping that I will get more efficient with my time as I get my routine organized. I enjoy making visits, working on the web site, and planning how to reach people, but my greatest joy comes from preaching the truth of God's Word to people.



Life from Jen's Viewpoint

Since our opening services I have begun to realize how many "hats" you have to wear while in the ministry. On Sunday mornings I do anything from cleaning the bathrooms, to setting up the nursery, to teaching Sunday School. I am so thankful for the opportunity to do these things for the Lord.

We just had our first ladies' meeting this past Tues. There were 7 of us all together, and I think we all left encouraged and excited about the Bible study we will be doing, as well as future meetings together.

We've also been able to start a moms and kids group called PlayPals. We meet biweekly for a fun time of fellowship together. On our last trip to the zoo there were 8 of us all



together. We're praying that this will be a great outreach to other moms.

Some other things I've been enjoying lately are gardening, "couponing," preparing music for Sun. services, and, of course, being a mommy to our sweet Brianne. :)

Please Pray that:

- God will give me wisdom to know how to best contact people who have visited. The Lord has brought us visitors every week, but not all have come back. The Lord is teaching me a lot about learning to trust Him. This past week I thought we would have about 18 people, but the Lord brought 30! (Our highest attendance)
- 3 men I am in contact with will be saved.
- The Lord will bring us new families who are solid in the faith.

- People will grow in the Lord.
- People will be faithful to all the services.
- Those who are deciding whether to join us or not will come if that is God's will.

- Visit our blogs to see the most recent news:
- Matt's Blog: www.blog.tbcofax.org
 - Jen's Blog: www.jensblog.tbcofax.org
 - [Twitter.com/tbcofax](https://twitter.com/tbcofax)

*"Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me."
John 14:1*

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