



# Jacksonville News

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

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## Getting in the Swing of Things

Truth Baptist Church is now four months old! It is hard to believe how fast the time flies. The Lord is working in our hearts as we attempt to start a new church for His glory.

After four months by God's grace, I am beginning to feel like I am finally getting into the swing of things. I am getting more efficient with my sermon preparation time and more comfortable with preaching. The first of November we began a new sermon series entitled "Preparing For Christ's Return" from Paul's epistles to the Thes-

salonians. I am confident that I am the greatest beneficiary of the sermons, but I have received reports from others that they also are receiving a blessing.



On Sunday Evenings we have been studying "The Fruit of the Spirit" from Galatians 5:22-23. This study has been a spiritual challenge to me.

To God Be the Glory!  
Pastor Matt Rowley

## New Families!

God is bringing us new families! Since our last letter, a young Navy couple has begun faithfully attending. They have already been a great blessing to us and to the church by hosting a ladies meeting and contributing to special music! A family with 4 children ranging in age from 4-19 has also been attending for several Sundays. Please pray that the Lord will give them wisdom about committing to attend TBC. We are excited about having another seasoned Christian couple join us! A middle aged couple is moving to the area from Indianapolis. George was hired by FDIC here in town to close banks around the country. His wife Jean and their belongings arrived in town December 7th. A young mother new to the area has also been attending on Sunday mornings with her three children. Brianne and Noah enjoy the new friends! We are so thankful for God's wonderful gift of people!

At times things seem like they are going slowly, but looking back I know that God is working everything in His own timing!



## Military Transfer

Our third week, the Lord brought us a Navy man training here in Jacksonville. Since that time we were praying that he would get orders here. The Lord had other plans. On November 13th at his winging we found out that he and his family are being transferred to Washington State. We will miss them, but know that God always does what is best. Please pray that the Lord will give them wisdom and strength for the cross country move. We are praying that the Lord will fill the gap that he leaves.



*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*

## Radio Ad / Outreach

The last week of October and the first week of November we ran an advertising campaign on our local talk radio station WOKV. The Lord blessed us with a \$3000 love gift from Truth Baptist Church in CT and Nathan's audio skill. Both were essential for running the advertisement! After much prayer the campaign aired for two weeks, but we did not receive a single visitor from the effort. We believed it was the Lord's will. The results are in His hands. We are thankful that at least the word about our church went out.

We continue to pass out door hangers every week. We are also running a Google Adwords campaign. Our prayer is that God will do what will bring the most glory to His name. Please pray that God will bring people to our church who will be saved and grow with us!



## Life from Jen's Viewpoint

I am so thankful for the many wonderful ladies God has brought to our church. They are all such a great blessing to me! I love how they all chip in and do their "part" to help our church. Lisa is our secretary. She keeps us in order by taking attendance and making sure we have bulletins, tracts, and other materials available for others. She also takes it upon herself to call others she is concerned for and pray for them. Beverly and Susan are our greeters. They have taken the initiative to make sure they greet everyone who walks through our doors. What a great ministry! Laura has been a wonderful addition to our church as well. She helps with the music occasionally, watches the kids in the nursery, and even hosted the last ladies' meeting in her home. She is a little

"Martha Stewart." And, of course, what would I do without Joanna. She is my "right-hand gal." She always provides the food and drinks on Sunday mornings, organizes the nursery schedule, prepares crafts for the ladies' meetings, and the list goes on. . . There are other ladies as well that are such a help and willing to make meals for those who are sick, help a new lady move in, and just be faithful. We are truly becoming like a family, which is such a joy to me. :)



## Thank You!

Your prayers and financial support are a great blessing and encouragement to us in this endeavor! As we celebrated Thanksgiving we were reminded how greatly blessed we are! The Lord has provided for our every need over and above what we could ask or think!

We are confident that there is nothing in the world we would rather be doing than planting Truth Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Florida! We are so thankful for the sweet and faithful people God has brought to our church!

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

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