



# Jacksonville News

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

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## Only By His Grace

I am overwhelmed with God's blessing! As we finished out 2010 and came through the Christmas season, I was struck by the fact that we were doing things for the second time! We have now celebrated Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years twice as a church. The first year we were blazing trails. This year we could build on what we did last year! I had to make sure I didn't preach the same seasonal message twice! All of this means that God has been gracious in sustaining us as a church for almost a year and a half! I have grown, our family has grown, and our church has

grown!

I am blessed by the wonderful people God has added to our church. Those who have been with us for a while are moving from the "getting familiar" stage

to the "getting involved" stage! Often I am reminded that I am not sufficient in myself for the task God has called me to, but with God's help I can do all things! (Philippians 4:13)

To God Be the Glory!  
Pastor Matt Rowley



## God Saves Souls

In the first year of our ministry at TBC of Jax, we longed to see God save souls and bring people into His kingdom. We did not see any observable fruit from the Gospel. I know that God was working and believers were growing in their walk with God, and for that we were very thankful. I know that God was working in my own personal life and walk with Him, but I was burdened to see souls saved.

At our anniversary banquet in July, I challenged our people and committed myself to praying that God would glorify Himself by drawing souls to Himself. At our Wednesday evening prayer meeting, we made it a priority to pray for those we had contact with that had not yet turned in faith to Jesus Christ.

God heard and answered our prayers! Less than two months later Jen and I had the opportunity to lead a lady to salvation in Christ! A few weeks

ago, the first week of 2011, Jen and I

had the privilege to lead another lady to salvation in Christ! The Holy Spirit was clearly at work in their lives drawing both of them to himself! They both have a desire to grow and study God's Word. They are both faithfully attending our services. Friends and relatives had been praying for years for their salvation. Never stop praying for your loved one's salvation! God hears

and answers prayer! What a joy to reap spiritual fruit that will last for eternity! What a privilege to be in God's service!



*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*

## Church News

We were pleased to have the Jon Daulton family with us in October. Their family came and ministered to us in song. Jon challenged us in three sessions on the priority of biblical love in our relationships to others. We were greatly blessed individually, as a family, and as a church by their ministry!

The Lord has brought several new couples and individuals to our church in the last several



months! We are excited to see visitors come, but even more excited when they return! Please continue to pray that God will continue to bring visitors and bring them back again on a regular basis. Please pray that every individual who attends TBC will in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

## Our First Missionary Presentation

We were excited to have Stephen and Vickie King and their three children with us on Sunday, January 16th! In Sunday School, Stephen presented the church planting ministry that God has called them to in Gotha, Germany. In the morning service, Stephen challenged us with the authority behind the Great Commission in Matthew 28:18-20. Vickie is the oldest daughter of Bob and Susan Clark who are part of our church and a tremendous blessing to us in the ministry!



We are not ready to support missionaries until we are self-supporting ourselves, but the people or our church were able to give them a generous love offering! We are looking forward to the day when we can take on our own missionaries and participate to a greater extent in the commission God has given us!

## Thank You!

We are very grateful for the generosity and kindness many of you displayed toward our family this Christmas season. Thank you for your generous gifts to us! Jen and I are always challenged by the generosity we receive from others. I can honestly say that God far more than meets our needs! Our faith has been strengthened as we look back at all the rich blessings He has showered on us, some of them

through you. May He richly reward and bless your sacrifice in supporting us as we seek to serve Him!

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

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