Thomas Road Baptist Church - TRBC

Record Group 1: Members and Member Group Materials

Collection Overview:

Title: Members and Member Group Materials  
Creator: Thomas Road Baptist Church  
Dates: 1980 – Current  
Repository: Liberty University Archive  
Extent: 0.54 linear feet  
Abstract: This Record Group contains informational materials, mass mailings, brochures and promotionals, and newsletters.

Historical Note:

Thomas Road Baptist Church held their first service on June 17, 1956. The first service was held in Mountain View Elementary School. On June 21, 1956 a prayer meeting and organizational meeting was held where Dr. Jerry Falwell was formally made the pastor, the name Thomas Road Baptist Church was approved, a simple constitution and by-laws were approved and the first three trustees are elected. On June 24, 1956 the first church service was held in the Donald Duck Bottling Company building. In 1962 Thomas Road Baptist Church signed a contract with a construction company to build a new sanctuary. In 1969 building began on the octagon-shaped sanctuary based on a design by Thomas Jefferson. In 1973 the Securities and Exchange Commission sued the Church for fraud and deceit in connection with the bonds issued in 1971. The Church was cleared of all charges later that year. In 2002 Thomas Road Baptist Church became the first church to incorporate in Virginia since 1777. In 2006 the Church celebrated their 50th Anniversary and held their first service in the new sanctuary located on the North Campus of Liberty University.

Scope and Content Notes:

This Record Group is approximately 0.54 linear feet. It contains the materials relating to church members and groups including informational materials, mass mailings, brochures and promotionals, and newsletters.

Administrative Notes:

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Arrangement: Materials are arranged by subject.  
Processing Information: Collection was processed by Abigail Sattler.
Related Materials:

**Brief Description of the Collection:**

TRBC 1:1-4 Box 1: Members, Senior Groups, Adult Groups, and Children’s Group Materials

TRBC 1:5 Box 1: 50 Plus Ministry Materials

**Detailed Description of the Collection:**

**TRBC 1:1-4 Box 1:**

Sub-Group 1: Individual Member Materials

- **Series 1: General Materials**
  - Unit 1: Class Listings
  - Unit 2: Prayer Sheets
  - Unit 3: New Member Materials

- **Series 2: Member Mailings**
  - Unit 1: 1990 – 1999
  - Unit 2: 2000 – 2009

Sub-Group 2: Senior’s Groups

- **Series 1: Informational Materials**
  - Unit 1: Brochures and Programs

Sub-Group 3: Adult Groups

- **Series 1: General Materials**
  - Unit 1: Miscellaneous Class Brochures and Promotionals

- **Series 2: Singles Group**
  - Unit 1: General Materials
  - Unit 2: Festival Newsletter
  - Unit 3: Short Circuit Newsletter
    - Folder B: 1982
    - Folder C: 1983
  - Unit 4: Inside Epic Newsletter
  - Unit 5: Festival Newsletter
Unit 6: Singles Magazine
Series 3: Deaf and Hard of Hearing Class
   Unit 1: Signpost Newsletter
   Unit 2: Events
Series 4: Pastor’s Bible Class
   Unit 1: Member Mailings
Series 5: The Rebuilder’s Class
   Unit 1: Brochures and Promotionals
Sub-Group 4: Children’s Groups
   Series 1: Preschool Department
      Unit 1: Brochures and Promotionals
Sub-Group 5: 50 Plus Ministry
TRBC 1:5 Box 1:
   Series 1: General Materials
      Unit 1: Brochures and Promotionals
   Series 2: Newsletters
      Unit 1: Senior Saints Sentinel 1980’s
         Folder A: 1982
         Folder B: 1985
         Folder C: 1986
         Folder D: 1987
         Folder E: 1988
         Folder F: 1989
      Unit 2: Senior Saints Sentinel 1990’s
         Folder A: 1990
         Folder B: 1991
         Folder C: 1992
         Folder D: 1993
         Folder E: 1994
         Folder F: 1995
         Folder G: 1996
Folder H: 1997
Folder I: 1998
Folder J: 1999

Unit 3: Senior Saints Sentinel 2000’s
Unit 4: Panorama Newsletter 2000’s
  Folder B: 2004 – 2006
  Folder C: 2007 – 2009

Folder 5: Panorama Newsletter 2010’s
  Folder A: 2010 – 2012
  Folder B: 2013 – 2015