Collection Overview:

**Title:** Publications  
**Creator:** Thomas Road Baptist Church  
**Dates:** 1967 – Current  
**Repository:** Liberty University Archive  
**Extent:** 1.02 linear feet  
**Abstract:** This Record Group contains newsletters, tracts, church bulletins, and journals.

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 1.02 linear feet. It contains the publications of Thomas Road Baptist Church and has contains newsletters, tracts, church bulletins, and journals.

Administrative Notes:

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**Preferred Citation:** [folder name, number]; [series name, number]; [sub-group name, number]; Publications, Record Group 4; Thomas Road Baptist Church; Liberty University Archive, Lynchburg VA.  
**Arrangement:** Materials are arranged by subject.  
**Processing Information:** Collection was processed by Abigail Sattler.  
**Last Updated:** This Finding Aid was last updated on October 26, 2012.  
**Related Materials:**
**Brief Description of the Collection:**
TRBC 4:1 Box 1: General Publications
TRBC 4:1 Box 2: Restricted Materials from the General Publications
TRBC 4:2 Box 1: Periodicals
TRBC 4:3-4 Box 1: Church Bulletins, Books and Booklets

**Detailed Description of the Collection:**

**TRBC 4:1 Box 1**

Sub-Group 1: General Publications

Series 1: Tracts
   - Unit 1: Tracts Folder 1
   - Unit 2: Tracts Folder 2
   - Unit 3: Tracts Folder 3

Series 2: Mass Mailings
   - Unit 1: Undated
   - Unit 2: 1980 – 1989
   - Unit 3: 1990 – 1999
   - Unit 4: 2010 – 2019

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Series 3: Sermons and Speeches
   - Unit 1: Drafts of Sermons and Speeches

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Series 4: Press Releases
   - Unit 1: 1970 – 1979

Series 5: Sunday Sermon Notes
   - Unit 1: 2011

Series 6: Sunday Night Lesson Notes
   - Unit 1: Undated
   - Unit 2: 2011
   - Unit 3: 2012
Series 1: TRBC Today
  Unit 1: 1995 – 1999
Series 2: TRBC Monthly
  Unit 1: 2000 – 2001
Series 3: Above and Beyond Newsletter
  Unit 1: Folder 1
Series 4: TRBC Quarterly
  Unit 1: 1990 – 1994
Series 5: Connections Newsletter
  Unit 1: 2004
  Unit 2: 2005
  Unit 3: 2006
  Unit 4: 2007
Series 6: Liberty Journal
  Unit 1: Volume 1 (1981) (*Oversize* TRBC-4 Folder 1A)
  Unit 2: Volume 2 (1983) (*Oversize* TRBC-4 Folder 1B)
Series 7: Word of Life Newsletter
  Unit 1: Volume 1 (1967)
  Unit 2: Volume 8 (1969)
  Unit 3: Volume 9 (1970)
  Unit 4: Volume 10 (1971) (*Oversize* TRBC-4 Folder 2A)
  Unit 5: Volume 11 (1972) (*Oversize* TRBC-4 Folder 2B)
Series 8: TRBC Update Newsletter
  Unit 1: 1984
Series 9: In and Around TRBC Newsletter
  Unit 1: 1991
  Unit 2: 1992
Series 10: Faith Aflame
  Unit 1: 1975 – 1977 (*Oversize* TRBC-4 Folder 3A)
Unit 2: 1978 (*Oversize* TRBC-4 Folder 3B)
Unit 3: 1979 (*Oversize* TRBC-4 Folder 4A)
Unit 4: 1980 (*Oversize* TRBC-4 Folder 4B)

Series 11: America’s Weekly Bible Class
  Unit 1: 1980’s

Series 12: Prime Time Series
  Unit 1: Undated

Series 13: Main Events Newsletter
  Unit 1: 2009
  Unit 2: 2010
  Unit 3: 2011
  Unit 4: 2012
  Unit 5: 2013
  Unit 6: 2014

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Sub-Group 3: Church Bulletins
  Series 1: 1990’s
    Unit 1: 1996 Bulletins (*Oversize* TRBC-4 Folder 5A and 5B)
    Unit 2: 1997 Bulletins (*Oversize* TRBC-4 Folder 6A)
    Unit 3: 1998 Bulletins (*Oversize* TRBC-4 Folder 6B)
    Unit 4: 1999 Bulletins
  Series 2: 2000’s
    Unit 1: 2006 Bulletins
    Unit 2: 2007 Bulletins
    Unit 3: 2008 Bulletins
    Unit 4: 2009 Bulletins

Sub-Group 4: Books and Booklets
  Series 1: Devotional Booklets
    Unit 1: My Time Daily Devotions: January – March 2013
    Unit 2: My Time Daily Devotions: October – December 2013
    Unit 3: My Time & Family Time: January – March 2014
Unit 4: My Time & Family Time: April – June 2014
Unit 5: My Time & Family Time: July – September 2014
Series 2: Books
Unit 1: When it Hurts Too Much to Cry