Thomas Road Baptist Church - TRBC

Record Group 5: Official Papers

Collection Overview:

Title: Official Papers
Creator: Thomas Road Baptist Church
Dates: 1970 – Current
Repository: Liberty University Archive
Extent: 0.1 linear feet
Abstract: This Record Group contains handbooks, policies, correspondence and organizational charts.

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 0.1 linear feet. It contains the official papers of Thomas Road Baptist Church and holds handbooks, policies, correspondence and organizational charts. Materials range from 1970 – Current.

Administrative Notes:
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Arrangement: Materials are arranged by subject.
Processing Information: Collection was processed by Abigail Sattler.
Brief Description of the Collection:
TRBC 5:1-2 Box 1: General Church Materials
TRBC 5:1-2 Box 2: Restricted General Church Materials and Correspondence

Detailed Description of the Collection:
TRBC 5:1-2 Box 1
Sub-Group 1: General Church Materials
   Series 1: Policy Documents
      Unit 1: Church Member’s Handbook
      Unit 2: Stewardship Statement and Directory of Services
      Unit 3: Miscellaneous Policies

TRBC 5:1-2 Box 2
   Unit 4: Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Policy: Supervisors Digest

Series 2: Organizational Materials
   Unit 1: Flowcharts and Organizational Trees

TRBC 5:1-2 Box 1
   Series 3: Church Surveys and Analyses
      Unit 1: Survey of Thomas Road Baptist Church: 2003

TRBC 5:1-2 Box 2
Sub-Group 2: Correspondence
   Series 1: Administrative Correspondence
      Unit 1: 1970 – 1979