

As the school began to grow, we started the Temple Titans. Adding sports was great for the students of Temple Baptist Academy. The Temple Titans basketball team won title of State Champions in 2009. They held the title of division champion from 2009-2011. The Temple Titans volleyball team held the title division champions from 2010-2011 and won second place in the state tournament both years. With growth and blessings, testing and trials will soon follow. Knowing that this testament is true, the Lord brought us a Youth Pastor in September 2000. Damion Lowe and his wife, Lori, not only worked with our teens, they both taught in Temple Baptist Academy. The Lord surely proved Himself good when He brought the Lowes to Arkansas. With a new fire and energy for service, we began to see an explosion of youth come to our church. Jacksonville Baptist Temple began to see a great need. Thus, a Wednesday night program was started so that these young people could have a greater opportunity to learn about Christ. God's goodness was witnessed through the lives of Rodney Dennis and his wife, Doralene. Bro. Dennis surrendered to preach at the 1997 COEBA National Gathering. After hearing a message on "Loading the Wagon", Bro Dennis "put himself in the wagon" and began preparing to fulfill the call of God for his life. In September 2003, Hot Springs became a mission field for Jacksonville Baptist Temple; Bro. Dennis and Mrs. Dennis went to Host Springs to start the New Testament Baptist Church. Because of God's goodness, New Testament Baptist Church celebrated ten years of ministering to the people of the 'Spa City" last September.

2004-2009 God's Faithfulness

"This I recall to my mind...great is thy faithfulness." - Lamentations 3: 21 - 23

During the first ten years of ministry, we learned of God's graciousness, God's goodness, and God's faithfulness. Jacksonville Baptist Temple has been taught that "The mission of the church is missions." Therefore, one of the heartbeats of Jacksonville Baptist Temple is missions. Since our inception, we have been involved in supporting missionaries to foreign fields. It has been the desire of our pastor that our church would adopt the continent of Africa as a field. Imagine the excitement when we were given the opportunity to stand behind and with a faithful steward, Linda Green. We saw God faithfully work out every detail regarding the sending of our first "home-grown" missionary to the field. Linda Green, Jacksonville Baptist Temple's first missionary is now serving in Soroti, Uganda! Great is God's faithfulness!

With the promise of God's faithfulness in mind and the understanding of the ministry of reconciliation, Jacksonville Baptist Temple was given another opportunity to be involved in the mission field. In 2007, Jacksonville Baptist Temple and Trinity Baptist Church worked together to plant Lighthouse Baptist church (formerly New Testament Baptist Church). Mr and Mrs. Burt Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Thomas, and their children were chosen to represent the Lord and JBT in the establishment of this new work. Immediately, we saw God's blessings upon the work. Many souls were saved and families united with this new church plant. The church is thriving and is now under the leadership of Br. Raymond Beckles. He and his wife, Tinyla, are a tremendous asset to the people of LBC and the Newport Community. We thank God for blessings we have witnessed and for the faithfulness He has demonstrated throughout the years in the Newport community.

2010-2014 God's Plenteous in Mercy

"But thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious, longsuffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth." – Psalm 86:15

Our God is gracious, He is good, He is faithful, and He is plenteous in mercy and truth. Jacksonville Baptist Temple has had the privilege of seeing God in these areas, yet God did not limit our efforts in church planting to the state of Arkansas. While serving in Lighthouse Baptist Church- Newport, God began tugging on

