Brother Parker's heart about Huntsville, Alabama. After much prayer, Brother Parker and his family moved to Huntsville, Alabama in 2010 to establish Lighthouse Baptist Church- Huntsville. The Parkers are faithfully laboring for the Lord in the Madison county area.

As members of JBT, we have an obligation to God to live daily according to his testimony— focusing on others and not on ourselves. (Phil 2:4) A need for additional discipleship among the young people became undeniably evident. Pastor has a desire to see many young people saved, trained, and serving in the church. He knew that Sunday and Wednesday would not be enough to help give the young people enough time to gather the understanding they needed to develop a proper relationship with the Lord and His church. Pastor Patterson, with the help of Bro. Voski Patterson and Bro. Ed Loney, started a program, "Stepping Stones", on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, to train these young people and to help them grow in their relationship with the Lord.

Our Pastor has a vision that goes beyond these walls, this city, this county, and this state. Because Pastor truly believes that young adults are a vital part of God's plan, Jacksonville Baptist Temple started a college and Career Class. It is his hope that these young adults would allow God to grip their hearts and to evangelize their generation. Therefore, we are embarking upon another "faith building" project- a gymnasium. Pastor believes that this project would provide a springboard for developing the gifts and talents of our people and further burden their hearts to do a mighty work for the Lord. Please continue to pray for us as we are in the final stages of planning. We desire to break ground before the end of this year. We look forward to the next five years of JBT's history and God's manifestation in the life of our church.

Twenty years of service - and we all can testify that God is Gracious, God is Good, God is Faithful, and that God is Plenteous in Mercy and Truth. Jacksonville Baptist Temple is thankful that God keeps His promises and has given us a pastor that loves the Lord, this ministry, and his family. We know that without God's provision of a Godly pastor in our lives that we would be like sheep without a shepherd. We are thankful to our pastor, Dr. Ted Patterson, for his twenty years of training, serving, and giving of himself to this local church. Jacksonville Baptist Temple praises the Lord for the great things He hath done!

