

# MOUTHPIECE

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## “We’ve got Spirit...!”

“We’ve got spirit! Yes, we do! We’ve got spirit! How ‘bout you!?” Do you remember hearing that cheer bounce back and forth from team to team during a high school sports game? Randy’s dad, Ron, used to say, “If you want to stay young, stay around young people. If you want to get old, try to keep up with them!” We felt the truth of that statement after finishing 6 services in 3 days at a youth retreat recently. What boundless energy and enthusiasm they had! Praise the Lord, two young men gave their lives to Christ, and others made decisions toward spiritual growth! We pray they use their “spirit” for the Lord!

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## Feb. Events

### 2 | Concert

Volusia County Baptist | Orange, FL

### 10-11 | Fish Fry & AM Concert

First Baptist of Port Salerno | Stuart, FL

### 12-13 | Striving Together Conf.

Volusia County Baptist | Orange, FL

### 18 | AM Services & PM Concert

Tri-County Baptist | Lady Lake, FL

### 20 | Concert

New Tribes Mission | Sanford, FL

### 25 | Concert & AM Service

Fort Cooper Baptist | Inverness, FL

### 25 | PM Concert

Friendship Baptist | Ocala, FL





## Be an Example

2024 has just begun, and yet, do you find yourself running low on energy? In 1 Timothy 4:12, Paul encourages Timothy to be “an example of the believers, in word, in conversation (conduct), in charity (love), in spirit, in faith, in purity.” What seems impossible in our own strength becomes possible through the working of God’s Spirit (the Greek word is “pneuma,” which means “breath”).

**“...of the believers...”**

## Side Notes

- We’d appreciate your prayers for wisdom and speed as we work on putting the finishing touches on two new recordings. May God use each album to uplift and encourage the listeners in their spiritual journey.
- Preparations for this year’s VBS, ElectriCity, are under way! Our team members have been prayerfully selected and we can’t wait to see how God works in the days ahead!

Thank you for partnering with us in spreading the gospel! We appreciate you!

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## Bumps in the Road



The week before Christmas, Malchijah and Cora’s truck refused to start. A buyer also came for their RV, so they were both “truckless” and “homeless”! After 3 weeks in the shop, their truck was finally repaired—just in time for them to drive to GA and pick up a new-to-them RV! Isn’t God good?!