

Blake Taylor Developments, Inc. Sets the Bar High

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It is a rare thing in this day and age where people show their appreciation for the hard work of others. Getting a call from Mike Smith, renewed my faith in the idea that a good deed never goes unnoticed. Mike and his wife Kori recently commissioned Blake Taylor Developments, Inc. to build their home, in the Grove Pointe subdivision off Hwy 41. Being so impressed with the entire process and product, Mike wanted everyone in Valdosta to know about his experience with Blake Taylor.

I was invited by Mike to tour their newly completed home. I was able to see the beautiful details, architectural concepts and designs brought to this home. "Blake has wonderfully fresh ideas and is able to build for the modern lifestyle," Mike said. "He presented us with beautiful open floor plans and free flowing designs. He is very in touch with what people are looking for in today's modern house."

"Blake pays immaculate attention to detail," Mike said. "He took extra time to make sure every single inch of the house flowed and complimented each other. He really tries to put a personal stamp on each house to make them individual."

Mike talked about the entire process of the house from start to finish. There was no stone left unturned during the process of building their home. Blake made sure that Mike and his wife were informed on decisions and the timeline they had to make them. "Blake was always one step ahead," Mike told me. "Not one single day of work was missed while they were building my house. That was great for me, because we had taken out a construction loan. Even his sub contractors were great. They were professional and courteous to me and my wife during the whole process. He did a great job managing his entire crew making sure our house was finished on time. Actually, our home was done ahead of schedule which made us even more pleased."



“He helped us to understand where we could save money or even where we could spend it more wisely,” Mike said. “From everything I have seen of Blake Taylor, he has an innate ability to create homes for today’s lifestyle. Some of the amenities I noticed were custom cabinetry, sitting rooms in the master bedroom, beautiful tile designs in the master bathroom, corner blocks to accent crown molding, built in wine cabinets, doorway arches and granite countertops, all while staying within a modest budget.

Walking through three different examples of Blake Taylor homes, each had an individual design and concept which appeals to the everyday family. I enjoyed the cozy and clean expression of color and lines created by Blake Taylor Developments. Each of the houses possessed a warm and inviting feel, while displaying a wonderful elegance. I think one thing that really sets Blake apart is because he doesn’t sacrifice detail for profit,” Mike said. “Sometimes when you change a floor plan, the cost goes up drastically. Blake was really good about letting us put some of our own personality into our home.”



Mike and his wife appreciate the craftsmanship and quality of the home they purchased from Blake. “He knows that every home he builds has his name on it today and for years to come. It’s not enough to build a home that looks good today,” Mike said.

“There has to be some longevity after the sale is done. This home holds my family now, but could potentially hold 4 of more families over the years. People aren’t just looking for straight square footage anymore when shopping for a home. They are looking at things such as style, layout, details and amenities. This is what Blake gave us and we were grateful for it. I’m actually looking forward to having Blake build us another home at some point.”

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I was able to meet with Blake and learn what makes him so successful. “I graduated from Southern Georgia University with a degree in Construction Management and a minor in Business,” Blake told me. “I started building straight out of college, and in the last 2 years have built more than 20 homes.” With role models such as his father, Prentice Taylor and brother, Dixon Taylor, it was only a matter of time that Blake would venture on to creating Blake Taylor Developments, Inc.

These are now household names in the construction world as the Taylor family has created a reputation built on clean, solid and hard working foundations. “While I was in high school, I worked on construction sites in all different trades, basically learning from the ground up,” Blake said. “It was a natural transition for me to go into building homes.”



I spent a good bit of time with Blake during this interview. I was able to meet his new wife Laci, and see the home Blake built in Walden Woods, where they live. There were features uncommon to the typical house seen, showing Blake's fantastic attention to detail. In the house were modern and stylish amenities that home buyers and owners are looking for when trying to find the right fit. "Being a young builder has advantages in this day and age," Blake said. "It allows me to build a modern house with some of the newer features that attract young families. I'm not opposed to trying new materials and new designs based on the customer's own personal ideas. If I know something absolutely won't work, I will find them a better solution, getting as close as I can to the original idea."



One of the most important things I learned during the course of the interview was the importance of family to Blake. He understands what a growing family needs and how he can best help them towards creating the home of their dreams. With these values in place early in life, Blake has created his own path in the construction world.

When building a home, everyone wants to feel like they got the best end of the deal. They want to feel as though they got the best possible product for the price paid. The financial aspect of building a home and the stress endured by both contractor and customer can be enough to rattle even the most experienced of home builders. There is no such thing as a perfect process when creating a masterpiece. It is the dedication of Valdosta's "Creators of Dreams" that gives us one of the most gratifying purchases of our lives.

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It all started when we had an offer on our home; the only problem was "where to live?" We drove around for weeks on end looking for the perfect reason to move.

We looked at a home Blake Taylor was building in Grove Pointe subdivision. It had all of the little extras that caught our eye – things that other builders hadn't thought of ... trim and moldings that went above and beyond the average, built-ins that showed extra care, Brazilian cherry hardwood flooring, black cherry cabinets, porcelain tile, a floor plan that showed attention to details, and only the best appliances. Blake has a true eye for detail and it shows.

We have lived here for over a month now, and are very pleased with our decision. Blake has exceeded our expectations and brings to the home market a new and fresh perspective.

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