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from the Head

This past Saturday, October 18, the Tennessee Christian community had a memorable night. Our first alumni-student flag football game was held on campus. Numerous alumni returned to campus for the event. It was an exciting game with the alumni mounting a comeback that came just short. Being more than just a game, reconnecting with alumni and hearing about their college journey, family life, and careers was truly meaningful and joyous for me and our community. Congratulations to the students who won the first alumni-student flag football game! Go Hawks!

Following the alumni-student game, our community gathered in the courtyard for the Family Movie Night hosted by the Family Teacher Organization (FTO), with the addition of the Tennessee vs. Alabama game. As families enjoyed How to Train Your Dragon, it was the



community coming together that made the night enjoyable, given that Tennessee lost, yet again, in Tuscaloosa.

I want to thank FTO for all their hard work in organizing Tennessee Christian's annual Family Movie Night. I appreciate your dedication to building a positive culture and community on our campus. I also want to thank the alumni who returned for the event.

In Christ,

Jared D. Tilley

2ND GRADE PRESENTS

TINY ART SHOW

Each fall, our lower school halls come alive with color and creativity as second graders unveil their own Tiny Art Show display. The Tiny Art Show is a community art movement that transforms small, unexpected spaces into miniature galleries. It began with contemporary artist McKay Lenker Bayer, who once arranged her own tiny creations around her college campus to encourage others to pause, notice, and appreciate the beauty all around them.

Before designing their own exhibits, our second graders explored the Tiny Art Show Instagram, discovering examples of these delightful displays from across the country. Inspired by what they saw, students then created their very own miniature masterpieces—using sticky notes and a variety of art materials—to share a big message through small works of art.

-Chloe Hinchcliff



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24 @ 6PM

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25 @ 6PM

This Murder Was Staged



THIS MURDER WAS STAGED AUDIENCE FALLS ASLEEP



Local Theater Owner Doomed

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\$20 FOR ADULT
\$10 FOR STUDENT



FUTURE focus

This month, my class got to hear from Anthony Sopczak, who has lived a hundred different lives while working in the military. This was one of his biggest points while telling us about the military. He didn't want us to leave thinking that the military was only being on the front line; he showed us that there are so many other opportunities that the military has. For example, you can be a doctor in the military, or an engineer, or really anything that you have an interest in! Mr. Sopczak joined the army at 18 years old after he got calls from recruiters asking if he was interested. Even though he went the enlisted route, he recommends starting as an officer since there are several more benefits, including higher pay, and better ranking.

After serving in the military for 23 years with many different jobs, such as nuclear warfare specialist, plane flyer, and bodyguard, he retired but did not go far from a military career. He went to school that the military paid for to become a PA while in the military, and now works at a veteran medical care facility. He also shared that the military has really good benefits for you and your family. One of the best benefits is



that you can get paid every month after retirement until you die, and if you pass, your family still receives 60% of the retirement fund. Another benefit is that you get to travel the world for work. The military also supports students and allows many individuals the chance to go to college for free and with a salary. Hearing from Mr. Sopczak really opened my eyes to the positive side of the military.

-Isabelle McKeown



HAWK FUND



ATHLETICS



ACADEMICS



ARTS



SPIRITUAL LIFE

Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:6-7

The Annual Hawk Fund at Tennessee Christian ensures that every student receives the highest level of education built upon biblical truth. Your gift allows the Tennessee Christian mission to continue with excellence.

Participation in the Annual Hawk Fund demonstrates to organizations, foundations, and major donors that our community is actively engaged and supports the school's mission beyond tuition. High participation rates show that families believe in what we do. Our participation in the Hawk Fund is a key factor organizations, foundations, and donors consider when deciding to invest in our larger capital projects.

We invite you to consider making your annual gift in support of Tennessee Christian's mission. By clicking on the QR code, you will be taken to a short informational form where you can contribute to the Hawk Fund.

2025-2026





HAWK HIGHLIGHTS



This week at TCPS, our athletic programs wrapped up the fall season and began looking ahead to winter sports.

The Lady Hawks Volleyball team concluded their season at the SCAA Tournament as the 4th seed. In a closely contested match against Knoxville Apostolic, they fell 2-0 in sets, finishing with a 10-10 record - a strong improvement from last year. All players will return for their 2026 season, setting the stage for continued growth.

TCPS also hosted its first annual Alumni Coed Flag Football

Game. Over 20 alumni returned to compete against the current Hawks, with the younger team winning 38-31. More than the score, the evening was about reconnecting, catching up, and celebrating the extended TCPS athletic family.

Looking ahead, our winter sports season is just around the corner. Our lower and upper school Cheer, 4th/5th grade boys basketball team, middle school boys basketball team, and high school boys varsity team are preparing for competition, which begins in early November. Meanwhile, our bowling club, continuing from last year, will hold its next practice on October 29.

At TCPS, athletics continues to provide opportunities for growth, teamwork, and community -on the court, on the field, and beyond.



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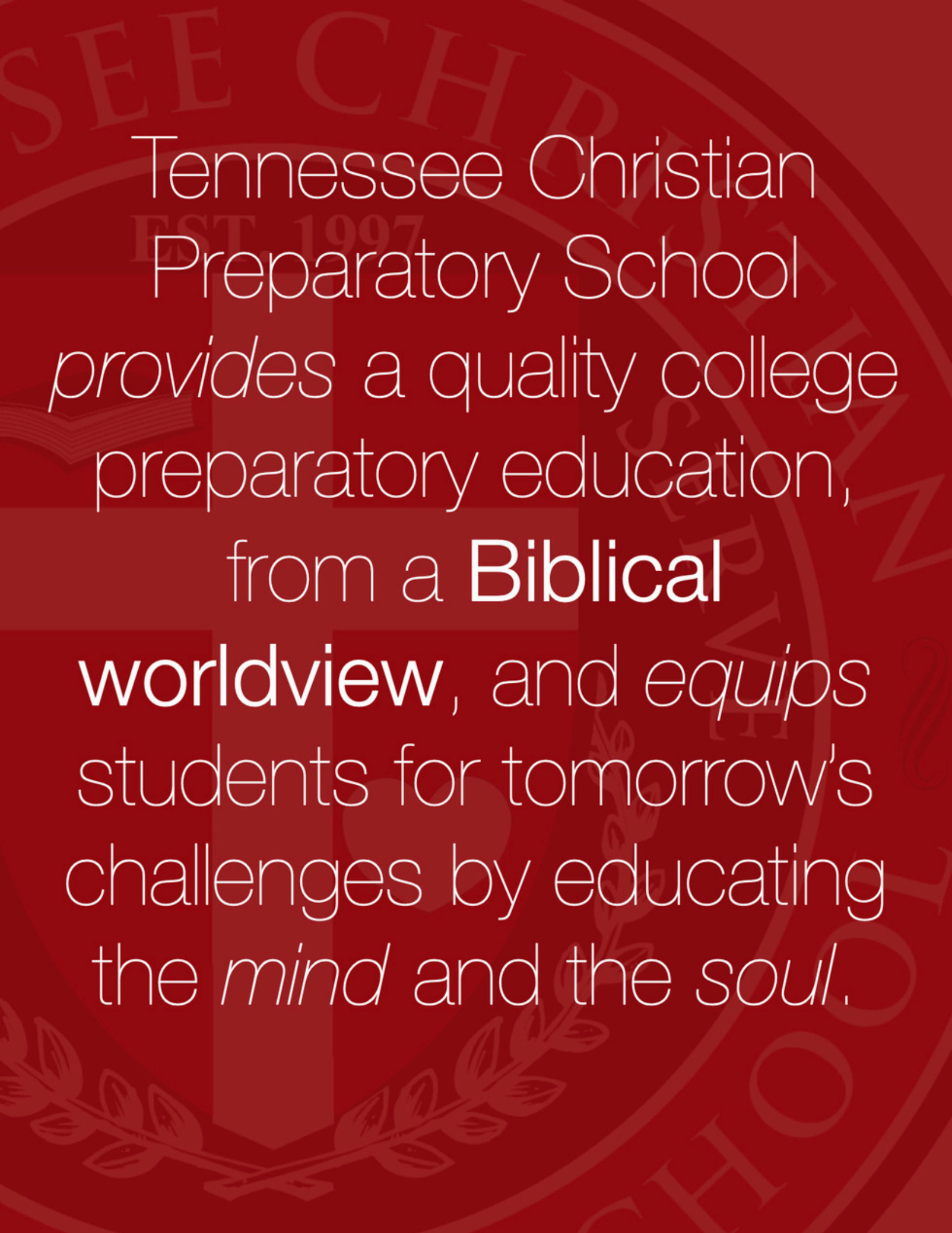


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