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TENNESSEE CHRISTIAN
March 3, 2026

from the Head

It is easy to believe the world looks a lot like Cleveland, Tennessee. Familiar accents, familiar rhythms, and one of the most churched areas in the world. Our area teaches us many good things, community, hospitality, and deep roots, but it is not the whole story of God's creation. Travel invites us to step outside what is comfortable and familiar. It asks us to discover how vast, beautiful, and diverse that creation truly is.

God's world is physical and cultural. Mountains shape figures that seem fantastical. Cities move at speed we are not used to. Language, food, music, and traditions reflect histories very different from our own. To travel is not simply to see new vistas, it is to encounter new ways of living and understanding God's people. When students travel, they begin to see that the way we live is not the only way, that realization matters.

Travel builds empathy. When we have the opportunity to step into another culture, we are guests. We observe and listen more. We learn what daily life looks like for people who grew up with different opportunities and challenges. That experience reshapes how we think about struggles, family, and community. It reminds us that people across the world share the same hopes and fears as God's wonderful people.

Seeing life elsewhere also deepens our appreciation for home. When students return from traveling, they often notice things they once overlooked, the convenience of a car, the importance of clean water, and the freedoms our country has that we tend to take for granted. Travel does not diminish gratitude, it sharpens it. Likewise, it challenges us to consider how we can use what we have to serve others more thoughtfully and compassionately.

This week, nearly thirty Tennessee Christian community members will leave the United States for a week's trip to France, Switzerland, and Germany. We will see incredible sites, history older than anything in America, and taste unusual foods that might just become our favorites. We ask that our community be in prayer for safety.

In Christ,



Jared D. Tilley

International DAY

Few traditions at Tennessee Christian Preparatory School capture the heart of our community quite like International Day.

This special event is led by our 6th–12th graders and created for our Learning Cottage and Lower School students. It is a day where learning comes to life, where research becomes experience, and students become leaders.

Weeks before the big day, students gather for the highly anticipated International Day Draft. Grade-level teams come prepared with knowledge of various countries and compete in trivia rounds to “win” the country they will represent. From that moment on, ownership begins.

What follows is weeks of preparation. Researching culture and history, building displays, designing interactive booths, and learning to collaborate well. Students create something meaningful not just for a grade, but for younger students who will walk through their work.



International DAY

Each year, the senior class leads the creation of the Focus Country centerpiece. This year, that country was France.

Under Ms. H's creative direction, the hallway transformed into a Parisian street scene, complete with a bakery, hair salon, art studio, boutique owned by "Collete D.," and a breathtaking view of the Eiffel Tower. Inside the gym stood a magnificent Eiffel Tower replica alongside the Arc de Triomphe. The craftsmanship and teamwork were extraordinary.

International Day begins with prayer banners, as each group lifts up the praises and struggles of their country before the Lord. It reminds us that every nation matters and that we are called by Christ to love and appreciate people from every culture.

The day stretches students in new ways. The schedule shifts. The structure loosens. Students must exhibit self-control, flexibility, and leadership in a less traditional environment. They learn to adapt, to serve, and to grow.

International Day is about creativity.

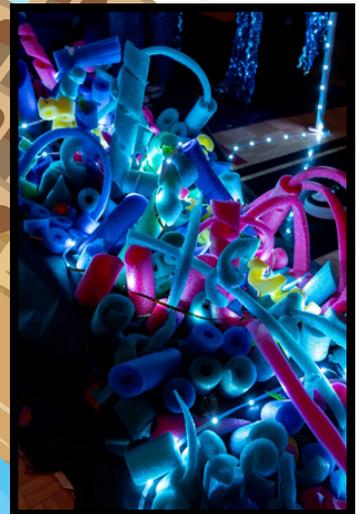
It is about collaboration.

It is about cultural appreciation.

It is about prayer.

And year after year, it remains one of the very best days at Tennessee Christian.

-Lindsay Sluder





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Martha Award

“Serve one another humbly in love.” – Galatians 5:13

Lincoln Ervin (PreK4)

Lincoln shows hospitality and dedication to our classroom every single day. He assists with helping other friends, taking out the trash, reminding me when our sand timer runs out and runs any cottage errands that may arise throughout the day. He offers up his assistance with a great attitude and a smile on his face. Bonus points for also being trustworthy.



Arukah Stone (Kindergarten)

Arukah routinely looks for ways to be a helper. She often chooses the job “Teacher’s Helper” in our class and serves selflessly. She looks for opportunities to help those in need without expecting anything in return. We are so proud of you, Arukah! -Ashley Dodson and Phyllis Hope



Millie Canfield (3rd Grade)

Millie has a wonderful heart for service. She is always willing to lend a hand to help or offer words of encouragement. She loves making sure everyone is okay and enjoys giving thoughtful gifts, sweet notes, and little handmade crafts to brighten someone’s day. -Abby Runion





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Nora DeBord (4th Grade)

Nora models service not only by the words she speaks, but also her actions. She is quick to offer an encouraging word to a classmate, showing love by affirmation. I see her daily helping someone without being asked, and I have never heard an unkind word from her. As one of her classmates said, she is always thinking of others before herself. This truly exemplifies what we are told to do in scripture, “Serve one another humbly in love.” Galatians 5:13. -Donna McKee



Emma Campbell (Middle School)

Like Martha, Emma is very hardworking in school, extra curricular activities, and life in general. She is also dedicated to her family, friends, and church. She shows great hospitality even when it is not the easy thing to do. She makes others feel welcome and loved through her kindness and love for Jesus. She is courageous like Martha in that she always stands up for what is right. Emma is a perfect recipient for the Martha service award and anyone that knows her will agree!

-Kelly Owens



Isabella Nichols (Upper School)

When I think of Martha, I think of quiet and consistent service. So when asked to think of who epitomizes this trait, I think of a student who is always working in the background. She shows up to help without being asked, without fanfare, and without any desire of thanks. I want to thank her now, therefore, I am nominating Isabella Nichols for the Martha Service Award. -April Sopczak

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