

TUESDAY TALON



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Throughout my life, the dinner table has always had a more significant meaning than just a place to eat. Growing up as a young boy, my mother's table preparation for a meal was thoughtful and decorative. It was more than a meal; it was an event. I remember listening to the deep cadence of Tom Brokaw in the background as he provided essential conversation pieces through the nightly news. My great aunt Clara delicately and routinely prepared Sunday lunches with generous invitations as long as you attended church. During Sunday lunch, I could expect the heartfelt question, "Now Jared, how are you doing?" These three memories and many unmentioned are strong examples of connection with family and friends that revolve around a dinner table. Call me old fashioned, but eating together is tremendously vital to the well-being of a family and a community.

The people who know me best can support the idea that I have a propensity for the antiquated, past traditions, and just old stuff. A quick search online will find that I am not on social media because I prefer meaningful interaction that goes beyond a character limit or clicking a like. A shared meal provides the space and time for meaningful interaction. On Easter, I spent time reflecting on when Christ was most vulnerable, the last time he shared a meal with his disciples. During the gathering, Christ told them what would come through veiled and hard-to-understand comments and ideas. "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me" (John 14:1). The shared meal provided an opportunity for Christ to explain the next and biggest step, his death and resurrection, while also being the example of the great commission to his disciples.

I grew up sitting around a table listening to stories from my family and the most important people to me. The stories, debates, and conversations engrained a need for engagement. Considering the busy lives we all live, I pray that students today can hear stories, debates, and learn what questions to ask in a heartfelt and genuine manner like, "Now Jared, how are you doing?" and have the awareness to love each other while sitting around a table eating.

In Christ,

Jared D. Tilley

BRAD H. BENTON BUSINESS LEADERSHIP AWARD

In 2019, the Board of Trustees awarded the Brad H. Benton Business Leadership Award for the first time. This award was so named to honor our longtime Board president when he stepped down on March 1, 2019 after 16 years of service on the Board, with 12 of those as Board President. He has given, and continues to give, many years of service to Tennessee Christian Preparatory School. This award recognizes those who, like him, are committed to our school, and are solid business leaders who give back to our great community.



The recipient of this award is chosen by the Board of Trustees and the 2023 recipient is one of our own. In the early 80's, Freddie Bryson was in junior high school as a 13-year-old when he started helping his dad, Fred, at Capital Tire. He worked on school holidays and weekends and summers learning the business and when his dad retired in July 2006, Freddie was ready to take the business full time on his own after graduating with an Associate of Science degree in Business at Cleveland State. He has rescued me on more than one occasion with a flat tire and is well known throughout this community as a solid businessperson who doesn't have enough hours in the day to meet the demands of his customers. I am thrilled that his wife, Karen, his children, Lance and Jenna, along with her husband Keller, and his parents, Fred and Joan Bryson could join us this evening. I am honored to present the 2023 Brad H. Benton Business Leadership Award to Freddie Bryson of Capital Tire.

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MIDDLE SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

Come support our Lady Hawks Middle School Volleyball team this evening! Tennessee Christian will be honoring the accomplishments and dedication of our 8th grade ladies.



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Block 2: June 26-July 28; Payment will be billed on June 1, 2023

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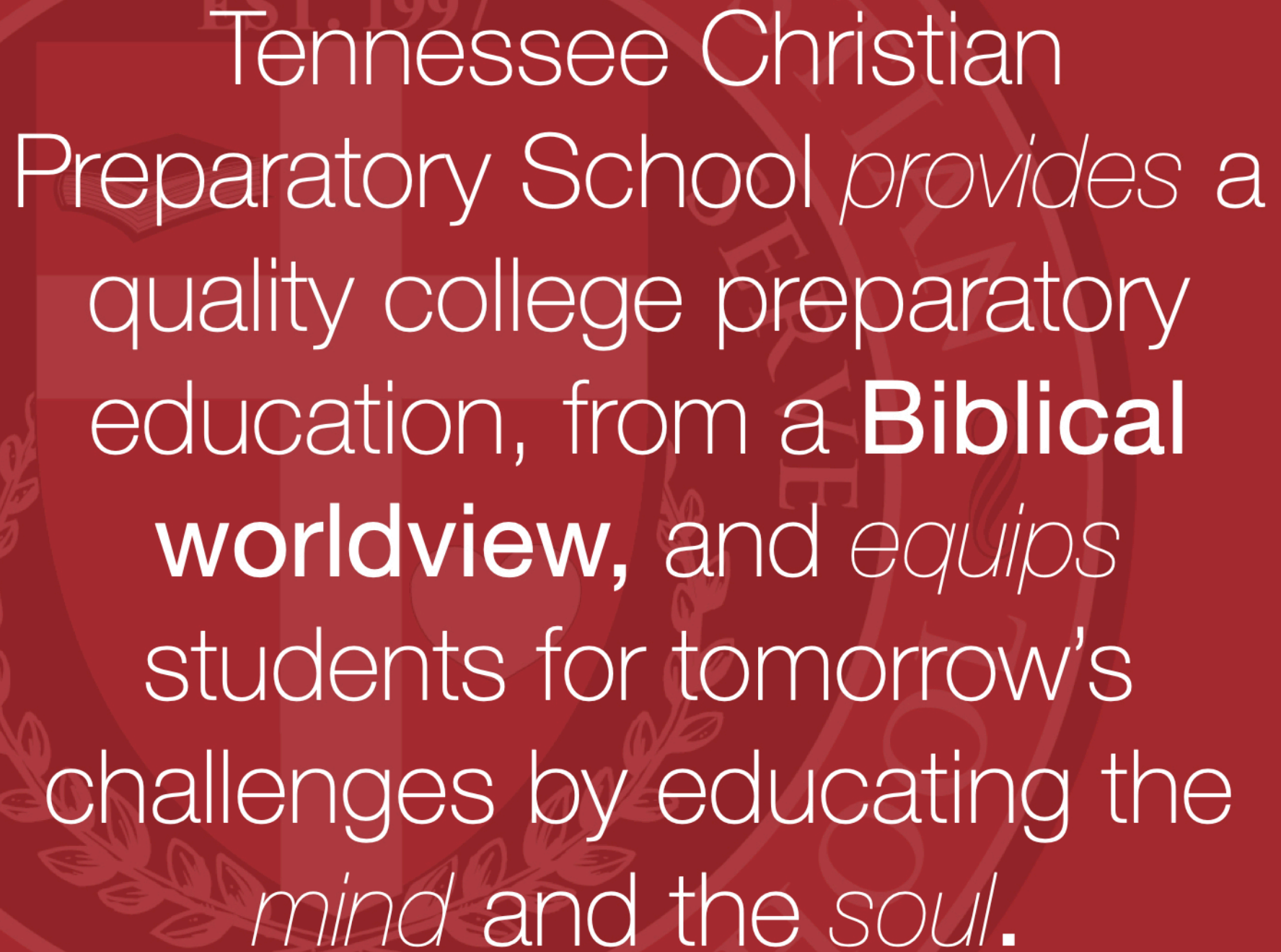
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