

# TUESDAY TALON





## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Fundraising is an essential aspect for all private schools. The reason behind raising funds for a school is simple, it offsets the cost of tuition. Nationally, fundraising accounts for 10-20% of operating budgets and Tennessee Christian is no different. Throughout the year, Tennessee Christian

has two large fundraisers to bridge the gap between operating costs and tuition. The first during a school calendar year is the Annual Fund held in the fall and the second is our



Presidential Celebration held in the spring. Each fundraising event has specific goals to achieve. Both were successful this year.

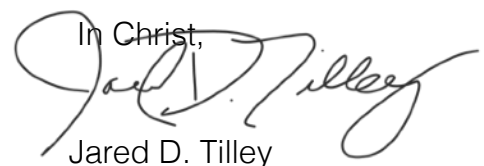


Last Thursday night, Tennessee Christian hosted our annual Presidential Celebration. The event was held at First Baptist Church. Community leaders, teachers, parents, and administrators

rallied together for a night of fun and support for our school. From the big ticket items during the live auction to the paddle raise, our community supported the school with joy and fervor.

A special thanks to Kristian Campbell and FTO for organizing the event. Their preparation for the event was thoughtful and diligent. The work behind the scenes was tremendous and led to a successful Presidential Celebration.



In Christ,  
  
Jared D. Tilley

## SPIRIT OF SERVICE AWARD



Several criteria are used in the recipient selection of this award. The person demonstrates, through his or her lifestyle, a commitment to the Lordship of Jesus Christ. The person has, over an extended period of time, displayed service to our community through participation on various community boards and committees and has participated in community service projects. They have made a positive contribution to the economic and social health of the community through involvement in the social, business, religious or educational segments of the community. The Board of Trustees of Tennessee Christian Preparatory School makes this annual selection.

Several months ago, in October, I invited a speaker to visit our chapel service. As I made an emotional introduction that day, I said to our students: Students, you will discover as you go through school and throughout life, you will find friends that make a lasting impression. Many friends will come and go and you will figure out that they are in your life for a season, or for a specific purpose. If you are really blessed, you will find a friend that becomes a

lifelong friend, one that no matter how many years go by, they stay the same. It can be months or even years before you see one another, and you immediately pick up right where you left off. Like you never missed a beat. Almost like you've talked every day since you've been apart.

My husband, Marty, some of know as Mr. Sluder, our students know him as Pop. Well, Pop made friends with a guy many, many years ago. They became best of friends. They rode motorcycles together, drove fast cars, spent lots of time together, worked at the Shake Shack, .they were inseparable. They were even friends after the other guy got married and had his first child, Amy. Through the years, they kept up with each other from afar and occasionally they would see each other out, since both remained in Cleveland. They lost touch while he was making his way as a businessman as a contractor and developer, but their friendship has spanned more than 50 years now. During the chapel service, I played a video for our 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students that explained this man's life, how he grew up, where he had been, how he had reached the lowest of lows when he lost everything. If you have never been in that place, it's difficult for you to grasp how that really feels, to feel completely hopeless and that the sun will not come up tomorrow. On a very low and lonely night, when he contemplated ending it all, God spoke to him in multiple ways that would astound you if I told you what happened. Since that time, he picked himself up with God's help and His grace, he rebuilt his business, and he founded U-Turn Institute to help others who needed to hear that it's okay to not be okay. Because he has given God all the glory and praise this time around, his business has exceeded his grandest dreams and he has given and given and given to this community, feeding families in Cleveland and Bradley County that otherwise wouldn't have a Thanksgiving meal, feeding law enforcement officers, hospital workers, firefighters, and given money to support missions trips. Most of what he



has done, no one in this community even knows. He silently and quietly does everything he can to help those who are hurting and suffering and probably has one of the most tender hearts I've ever known. Most of you know that I am not usually speechless, but I don't even have the words to tell you how honored I am to present the 2023 Spirit of Service Award to Mr. Lynn Jones. His daughter, Amy, and her husband, Blake are also here this evening.

Written by: Patricia Sluder

President, Board of Trustees  
and Acting Head of School



## PASTOR APPRECIATION DAY

Pastors play an important role in the spiritual development of our students. On Pastor Appreciation Day, we were honored to thank pastors for their dedication to nurturing the faith of our next generation.



In Matthew

19:14, Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the

kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Pastors of students take this call to heart and work tirelessly to ensure that children understand the gospel and grow in their

relationship with God. They provide a safe and loving environment to learn and explore faith, and they do so with enthusiasm and joy. We were so humbled to take time last Wednesday to worship with



our pastors and to show them our appreciation for their vital role in shaping the faith of your students.



## LOWER AND MIDDLE SCHOOL, APEX FUNDRAISER



The Apex fundraiser is an opportunity for our school to promote healthy lifestyles and raise money for our Tennessee Christian community. We love the amazing leadership and character-building portion of the Apex program as it focuses on developing student self-control and interpersonal skills that are vital for school and life success. With this year's Apex X-FACTOR theme, students and staff will be immersed in a two-week adventure where they will discover the mystery of the X-Factor and reveal the true leader that lives within them! These quick, engaging lessons tie in with our school's vision and mission, encourage students to create a positive environment, and inspire them to lead by example.

During the fundraiser, students have friends and family members pledge donations for each lap completed during a Fun Run on April 14th. The funds raised will go towards supporting Tennessee Christian campus improvements. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of our students and the success of our school through the Apex fundraiser.

### Here's how you can help:

1. Log onto the [MyApexEvent.com](http://MyApexEvent.com) website using your student's unique access codes. Codes went home Monday.
2. Simply click the "Enter Pledge" button on your student's donation page to make a dollar pledge per lap or any flat donation amount.
3. Invite family and friends to donate online using the "Share Wizard" feature. Send a link via SMS text, email, and social media.
4. On April 14th, encourage your student to do their best at our Apex Fun Run event. It's going to be a ton of fun!

Thanks for supporting our Tennessee Christian Community!



# Enrollment Open!



## *summer care* SUMMER 2023

**Block 1:** May 30-June 23; Payment will be billed on May 1, 2023

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

**Cost:** \$600 per block, or \$1100 for both blocks.

All payments will be billed through FACTS.

**Daily Time:** 7:30 am - 4:30 pm

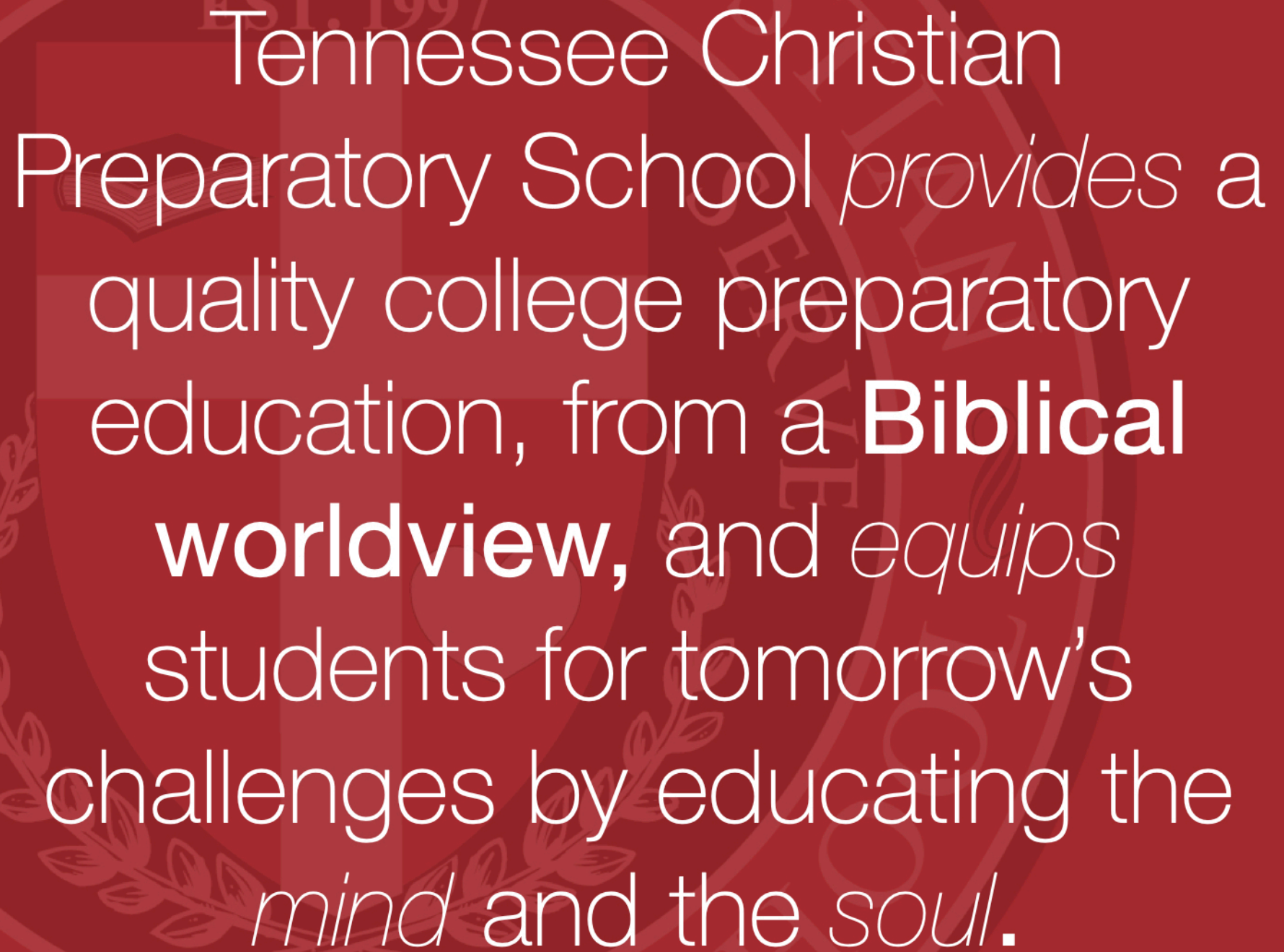
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