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from the Head

The Lord has done great things for us, and we
are filled with joy.

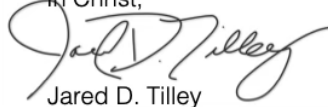
Psalm 126:3

Throughout the school year, numerous events bring joy to the students of Tennessee Christian. From the Trike-a-thon to International Day, each occasion sparks excitement and happiness. Yet few events inspire more anticipation and enthusiasm than the Middle School Bonfire.

Last Friday, the middle school students celebrated one of Tennessee Christian's cherished traditions: the annual middle school bonfire. For the past twenty years, Ms. Angie Kesley and her family have generously prepared their property for this special night of fun and festivities. Upon arrival, students are welcomed by wide open spaces, perfect for games like football or tag. Everyone gathers around the bonfire to roast hotdogs, savor homemade chili, and craft the ultimate s'mores.

The Middle School Bonfire has become a highlight for the students each year, thanks to the warmth and hospitality of Ms. Kesley and her family. 2024 marks the final year the bonfire will take place on the Kesley farm, but the tradition that started two decades ago will continue to encourage excitement for middle school students for years to come!



In Christ,

Jared D. Tilley

KINDERGARTEN, 1ST & 2ND GRADE'S VISIT TO THE PUMPKIN PATCH



The Kindergarten, First, and Second grade students enjoyed a nice fall day at Guthrie's Pumpkin Farm. We started our visit with a lesson on growing crops, pollination and the importance of bees, and the life cycle of a pumpkin. We then got to pet some farm animals and observe their interactions. A bee train ride was enjoyed by many as we got a short tour of the farm. Students, parents, and teachers then boarded the wagon for a trip to the pumpkin patch to select the perfect pumpkin to take home. Lots of giggles and sharing discoveries abounded. Students then dove into the corn pit, sandbox, slides, tricycles, jump pad, and all the other fun activities Guthrie's has to offer. It was a fantastic day to say goodbye to October and to welcome in some beautiful fall weather.



TELLUS SCIENCE MUSEUM

Students in Mrs. McKee's and Mrs. VanDyke's classes took off for a field trip to Tellus Science Museum in Cartersville, Georgia, on November 1, 2024. Our first stop was the Bentley Planetarium with a state of the art planetarium projector. Students, teachers, and parents were in awe of the beauty of God's handiwork as we leaned back in our seats to gaze at our own Milky Way Galaxy and beyond. It reminded me of Psalm 40:26: "Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens. Who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one and calls forth each of them by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing."

Afterwards, we journeyed to a lab experience to learn about the movement of the Earth and Moon around the Sun, the moon phases, and a hands-on activity to discover the density of the planets. Our guide then took us to see a moon rock and space shuttles in the Science in Motion gallery. What a wonderful day of learning outside the classroom!



October's Fruit of the Spirit PEACE



William Workman (Learning Cottage, K4)

"William radiates peace and calm throughout the classroom. He never has an unkind word and is always willing to help with a happy heart."

-Megan Naquin



Rosie Canfield (Kindergarten)

"Rosie is a kind and considerate student who demonstrates a calmness that is contagious. She is a wonderful example to her classmates of how to be peaceful in the classroom!"

-Ashley Dodson & Phyllis Hope



Bryson Smith (2nd)

"Bryson is always such a peaceful presence in our classroom. He is kind, respectful, and courteous to his classmates. His attitude each day is constant and his positive behavior is so admirable. I am so proud of Bryson and his ability to stay peaceful in different circumstances."

-Rebecca Hake

Lincoln Osborne (5th)

“As much as Lincoln enjoys socializing with his friends, he is quick to follow teacher directions and be on task. I have seen Lincoln allow the Holy Spirit to work in his heart, giving him peace in the midst of difficult emotions and situations. Lincoln heeds wisdom given by adults and often chooses to make wise decisions, thus creating a peaceful path for himself and those around him. I pray that Lincoln continues to allow the Holy Spirit to work actively in his heart to create peace in him and around him”.

-Sarah Van Dyke



Aubrie Epperson (MS)

“Aubrie shows peace in the classroom by respecting her teacher and others. She is focused and helps others when they need help. She creates a peaceful atmosphere for learning at TCPS.”

-Kelly Owens



Dean Goff (US)

“Dean is my nomination for this Fruit of the Spirit as his calm, relaxed demeanor helps him get along with everyone. This peaceful attitude helps Dean have favor before his teachers and fellow students.”

-Ivelisse Acosta-Sierra



FIRE SAFETY

On a rainy Friday, Firefighters Craig and Randy visited Tennessee Christian to teach fire safety to kindergarten through third grade. They shared tips on having a fire escape plan, including having a safe place to meet family members upon an emergency and checking smoke alarms.

The highlight was their firetruck demonstration, where students got an up-close look at the equipment used in rescues, but the best part was when Firemen Randy shut the awning of the firetruck compartment and big puddles of rain came falling down! Rain or shine, the visit was an exciting and valuable experience in fire safety for our young students!





FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND

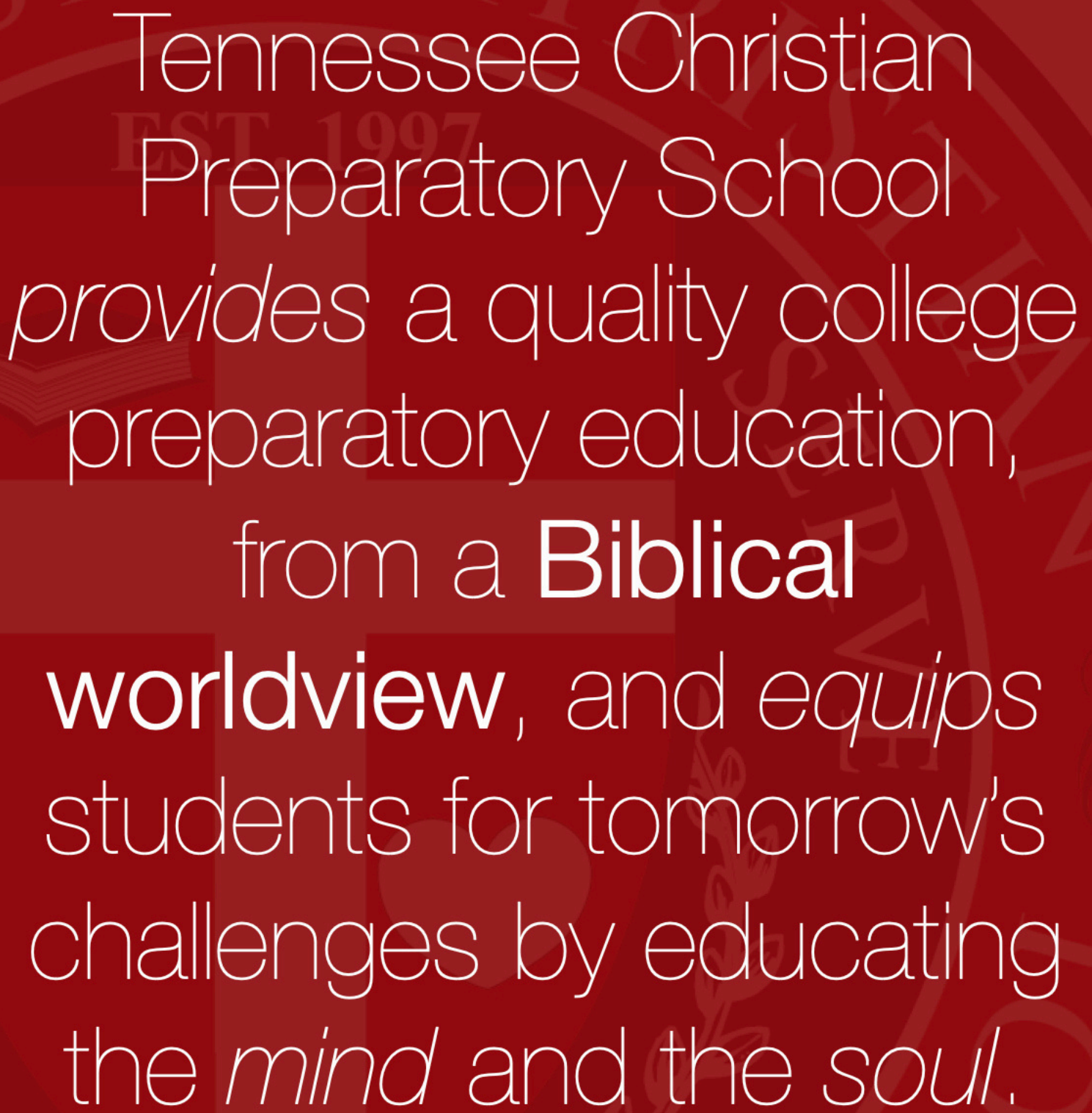
THANKSGIVING FEAST

11:00 - LOWER SCHOOL | 12:30 - MIDDLE & UPPER SCHOOL



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