

SUMMER TALON

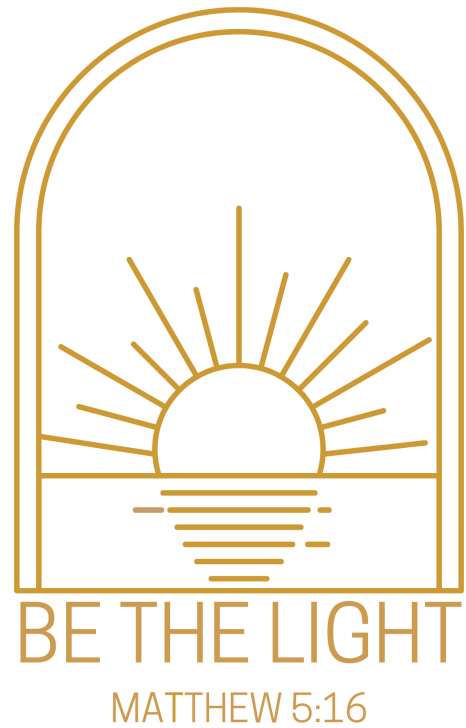


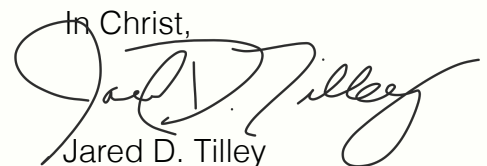
from the Head

During the 2023-2024 school year, our students will hear a consistent message; *Be the Light*. Starting Wednesday, August 9, during our campus-wide chapel, the students will be challenged to seek opportunities to *Be the Light*.

"¹⁴You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden ¹⁵Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven" (Matthew

5:15-16). Jesus called us to shine our light before all people, those hurting and those living in faith. But, where is the origin of our light? The broader Christian community must understand that the light does not come from us but from Him, and we seek to reflect His goodness, kindness, gentleness, and love to all others. Tennessee Christian is not a fortress but a training ground for our students to grow, learn, and develop so they can go into a hurting world and *Be the Light* to the least, the last, the lost, and the lonely. Our students must be prepared, trained, and equipped for that purpose. Through your family's partnership and Tennessee Christian's commitment to our mission, we will do just that: prepare our students to *Be the Light*.



In Christ,

Jared D. Tilley



Campus SAFETY

Tennessee Christian has been working hard this summer to pursue extra measures of safety for our students. Our school has submitted our intent to participate in the Tennessee Non-public School Security Grant. But not only this, our leadership team has met with security officials, private companies, and experienced professionals about protecting our students. A vital component of this is a School Resource Officer (SRO). This individual is, precisely as the name implies, a resource for the school to utilize for campus safety. The school's leadership team met with Allen Huggins and his team with River City Security and Investigations to determine if their company could fulfill our security needs. Allen Huggins' company provides individuals with equipment and training specific to schools, and the company goes beyond the required state training to ensure their professionals are prepared for all situations. Tennessee Christian has partnered with River City Security to provide a safe environment for all our students starting this August. Along with contracting with a professional group that can provide layers of security on campus, the leadership team has provided physical improvements to critical locations on campus, including further security cameras and additional eyes watching our campus. Below is expanded support added to our campus for the upcoming school year.

Summer Improvements and Training

- School Resource Officer

- Active Shooter Training for leadership team, faculty, and staff

- Additional Cameras

- Procedural Changes to Security and Continue Campus Security

- Assessments

- Physical Plant Improvements including Window Tinting



fresh faces




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Upper School Literature

 **USF St. Petersburg**



Katie Nichols
First Grade

 **University of West Alabama**
Lee University




Nicki Smith
Upper School Science
Lee University



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Athletic Director and
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Mississippi State University



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Hannah Bullington
Learning Cottage Assistant



Alia Serrano
Lower School AfterCare
Enrolled at Lee University



Olivia Divel
Graduate 2023
Learning Cottage AfterCare
Enrolled at Lee University

2023-2024 *leadership team*

Head of School

Jared Tilley

Director of Finance

Christie Shepherd

Director of Advancement

Kristen Campbell

Director of Admissions

Candace Goff

Director of Fine Arts

Jessica Divel

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Middle/Upper School Principal

Kylie Machacek

Lower School Principal

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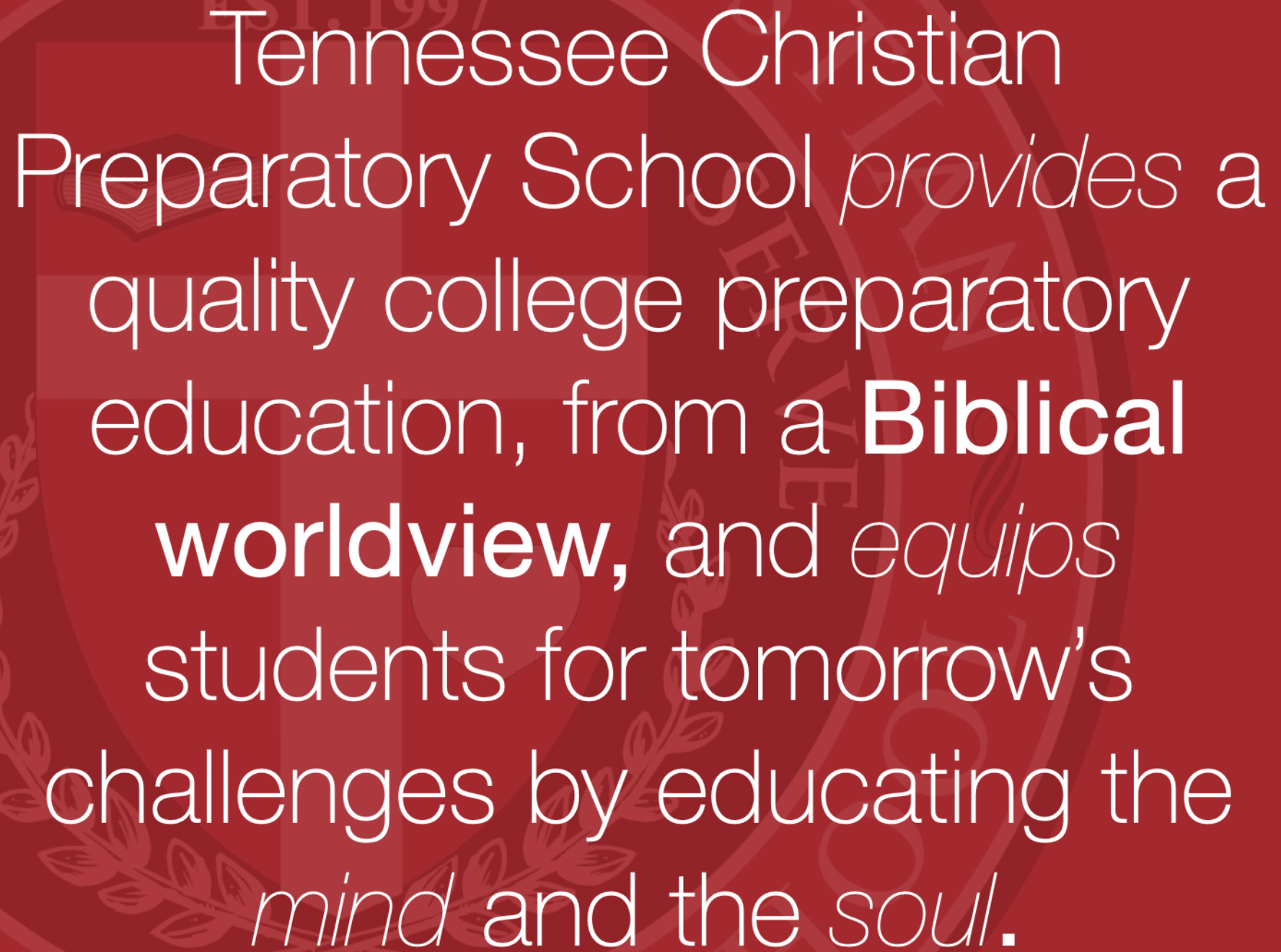
Learning Cottage Director

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challenges by educating the
mind and the soul.