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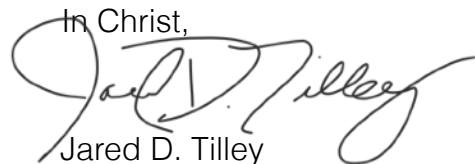
May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13

At the heart of the Christmas celebration for a community devoted to the love of God is the acknowledgment of the divine gift—the birth of Jesus Christ. This event serves as a beacon of love, compassion, and selflessness, values that form the cornerstone of familial relationships. Gathering as a community or family during Christmas becomes a spiritual journey, a collective expression of gratitude for the love that God has bestowed upon us.

The act of coming together during this season reinforces the sense of unity and shared purpose within the family. It allows individuals to reflect on the teachings of Christ, fostering an environment of understanding, forgiveness, and unconditional love. In the midst of the hustle and bustle, the focus shifts from materialistic pursuits to spiritual enrichment, creating a lasting impact for everyone involved.

When we focus on God's love, we can see those around us differently; we can see them as children of God. Engaging in acts of kindness, generosity, and charity becomes a tangible expression of the celebrated love of God. Tomorrow, our middle and upper school students have the unique opportunity to be God's light to people looking for hope. The students of Tennessee Christian are partnering with the Salvation Army and Angel Tree to be distributors of gifts to families in need of a symbolic reminder that they are not forgotten. The students will not just be handing out gifts, they will be speaking with the families and asking how we can pray for them and bringing God's unconditional love as a gift of hope. This collective effort reinforces the teachings of Christ, encouraging students to be a source of light in their communities. Please be praying for our students and that God guide them through each interaction by letting us be His hands and feet.

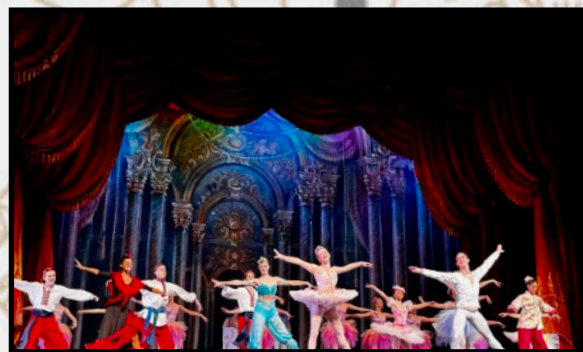
In Christ,

Jared D. Tilley



THE NUTCRACKER

With a community spirit, students from fourth grade through seniors at Tennessee Christian packed buses to enjoy the magic of "The Nutcracker" as the Chattanooga Ballet Company graced the stage at Memorial Auditorium. Among the performers was Tennessee Christian's own sophomore, Bryn Corley, who showcased her talent en pointe in the enchanting ensemble of the flowers.

Upon returning to campus, the holiday spirit continued with a school-wide chapel service. Middle and Upper School students joined the Lower School in worship. Mr. Tilley read the Christmas story as everyone, young and old, joined together in singing Christmas carols. The chapel service concluded with a heartfelt song of



BRYN WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE FOR COMING OUT TO SUPPORT HER!



"Happy Birthday, Jesus," symbolizing the school's celebration of the true meaning of Christmas.

This wonderful day not only showcased the cultural enrichment brought by the Nutcracker performance but also emphasized the sense of togetherness and shared traditions that make Tennessee Christian a special community. The combination of art, worship, and communal celebration made this day one to remember.



HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

JESUS

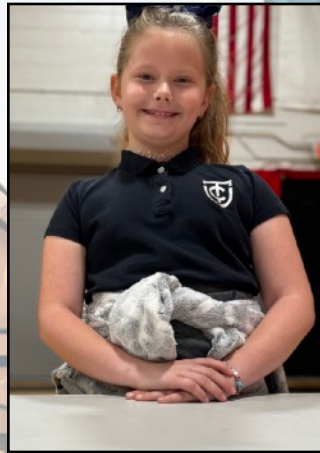


2ND GRADE *Christmas* MARKET



Our entrepreneurial second graders have been working hard the last month in preparation for our annual Second Grade Market. They designed a product, created marketing, crafted unique items, and successfully sold their items to other Lower School Students. They were met with encouraging smiles from eager shoppers who were ready to purchase items from colorful friendship bracelets and bookmarks to adorable clay figures and magnets. Through their hard work and creativity, the Second Grade class raised over \$400 to purchase items for our classroom. Thank you to each student and parent who supported this memorable event

-Amanda Osborne



DECEMBER'S FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT KINDNESS

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. -Ephesians 4:32

Gaby Shippey, Kindergarten

Gaby is an inclusive friend and makes sure everyone is able to participate. Gaby speaks with kindness to all and looks for ways to show kindness to others.
Way to go Gaby!

-Ashley Dodson &
Phyllis Hope



Vivian Divel, 8th Grade

If there were to be a picture in the dictionary next to the word, "kindness," it would be a picture of Vivian Divel. She is kind and gentle-hearted, always putting others first. She serves her family, her school, and her friends willingly and with care. The world is much brighter - and kinder - because Vivian is in it!

-Kylie Machacek



Scatter
kindness

Amelia Shepherd, 9th Grade

Amelia carries her sweet and sunny disposition with her everywhere she goes, and shares it with everyone around her. She isn't just ready to help, she is usually already helping before she is even asked. I have had several conversations with her that have amazed me because of her ability to see and understand the concerns of her fellow students. She is always willing to put herself forward and ask for the things that others need to feel comfortable and loved. Her level of empathy is hard to match, and is definitely how she is able to exude such kindness on a daily basis.

-April Sopczak



Ashton Copie, 5th Grade

Ashton demonstrates kindness daily in our classroom. He is quick to offer help not only to me (the teacher) but to any of his fellow classmates. Ashton includes everyone in any game he wants to play and does so happily.

Ashton is not only kind with his actions, he is also kind with his words. He encourages all those around him, no matter who they are! I have seen firsthand Ashton demonstrate all of the kindness in his heart and it is with great joy I nominate him for this award.

-Sarah Van Dyke



Tennessee Christian Fine Arts
Department Presents

← **BACK...**
TO THE MANGER

Tuesday, December 12th, 2023

10am Performance:

Lower School Musical

6pm Performance:

Learning Cottage Handbell Choirs

Middle/Upper School Choir

Instrumental Music

Lower School Musical

General admission tickets \$5

Students are **FREE**

Reserved seating \$10-\$25

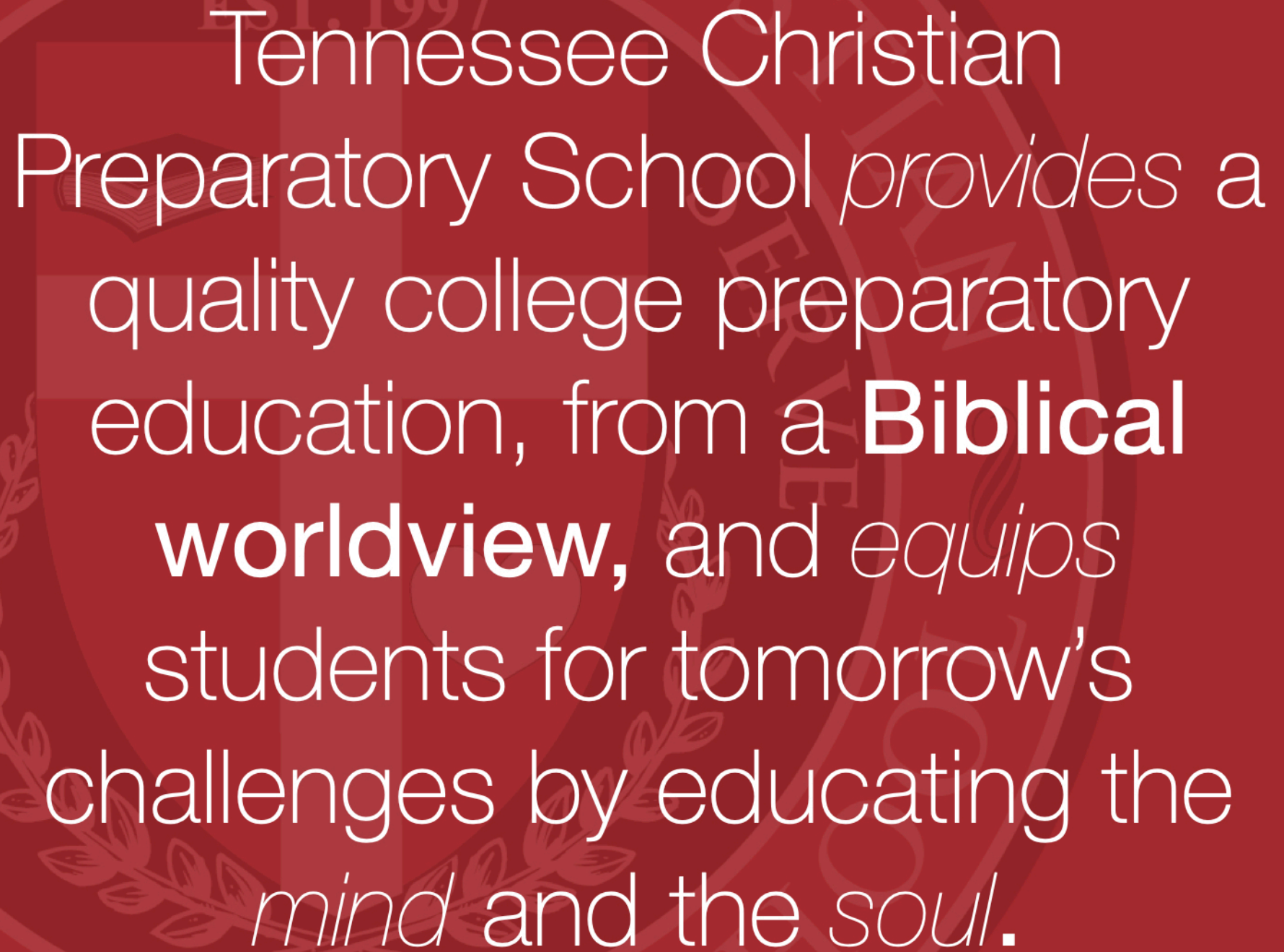
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