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from the Head

When I think of the ideal romanticized Christmas environment, I have one that always comes to mind: the final part of *It's a Wonderful Life*. It is when the community comes together to support each other and sing Christmas carols. Saturday night, the ladies and gentlemen of Tennessee Christian's Upper School gathered together to celebrate Christmas in the spirit like George Bailey! The formal Christmas Gala, sponsored by the young men of the Upper School, allowed the students to celebrate the Christmas season with food, dancing, and gifts. The gentlemen wore coats and ties and the ladies wore beautiful dresses.



After our dinner, we gathered around a large circle and played a gift game that became appropriately chaotic the longer it went on. Students ran from one side of the circle to steal wooden cars, free dress passes, and other assorted gifts, laughing joyfully! After gifts, the students grabbed a partner and danced around the circle in various folk dances led by Ms. Hinchcliff. The ladies set aside their heels and gentlemen took off their jackets as the students danced.

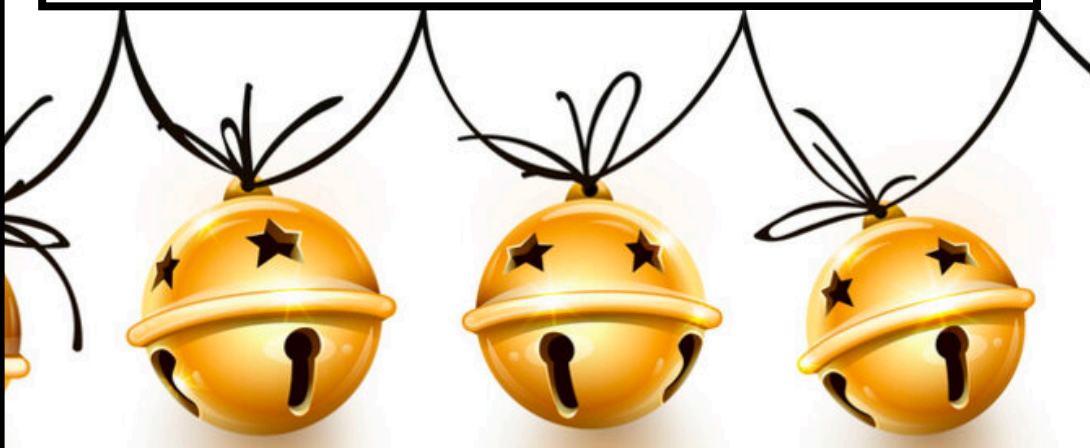
The night was a wonderful time and I am very thankful to be a part of the Tennessee Christian community.


Jared D. Tilley



"Just hear those handbells ringin' and pocket change a-jinglin' too!" Last Monday, Middle and Upper School students returned from Thanksgiving break and immediately entered into the Christmas season. Each class stationed at the north Cleveland Walmart entrances to ring bells, sing carols, and encourage shoppers to drop change into iconic Salvation Army red kettles. These red kettles are a holiday tradition that began in 1891 as an effort to provide Christmas dinner to San Francisco's most destitute. Our school is honored to connect to the past generations of benevolent individuals and we hope to foster future generations who give with glad hearts.

-Kylie Machacek



INTERACT CLUB

Service Day

"BE DEVOTED TO ONE
ANOTHER IN LOVE. HONOR
ONE ANOTHER ABOVE
YOURSELVES."

ROMANS 12:10

Each year Tennessee Christian Interact Club, comprised of 11th and 12th grade students and sponsored by Bradley Sunrise Rotary Club, takes a day to serve our community and spread Christmas cheer. The halls of Life Care Center have been brought to life with trees, twinkling lights, candy canes, and the smiles and greetings of TC teens since 2016. Last Monday was no different, as students deconstructed harvest and hay bails and brought Christmas to life by decorating 5 trees, including a 10-foot tree and another filled with adorable Gnome ornaments made by the residents. Precious residents gazed wearing smiles on their faces, conversation on their lips, and tears in their eyes. In the last 2 years Interact has additionally partnered with Avail Sr. Living and Legacy Village. This year students had a new experience of not only putting up Christmas decor, but also interacting with residents in memory care during activity time and pet therapy. May we all learn from Interact remembering the Reason for the Season and seek to bless others above ourselves.

-Jenn Hess





Lower School Choir Avail Senior Living

"Worship
the Lord with
gladness; come
before him with
joyful songs."
-Psalm 100:2



The Lower School Choir at Tennessee Christian traveled a short, but meaningful, distance on a heartwarming mission to spread the spirit of Christmas at Avail Senior Living Center on December 1st. With love and enthusiasm, the students filled the air with their joyful voices while putting a delightful smile on the faces of the residents. Their performance not only brought festive cheer but it also added warmth to the hearts of all who were fortunate enough to experience their sweet voices.





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