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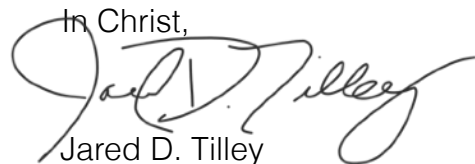
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from the **Head**

Tuesday, March 5 marked a significant milestone for the Tilley family, a day filled with joy, gratitude, and a profound sense of achievement. After weeks of grueling physical therapy following her January stroke, my mother, Angie Tilley, was finally deemed ready to return home from Shepherd Center. The occasion was marked with a heartfelt graduation ceremony, where nurses praised Angie's remarkable progress and dedication to her rehabilitation journey, surrounded by her family. It was a moment that symbolized not just her physical recovery but also the enduring power of faith and the unwavering support through prayer of those around her.

As we approached my parents' neighborhood, the streets were lined with her friends holding signs of welcome and encouragement. It was a special moment for Angie being able to see the people that have been praying for her since her incident. Once getting home, she was able to sit on her sofa with the largest smile of relief on her face. She was excited to be home and to be able to relax conquering months of rehab and passing milestones during her physical rehabilitation.

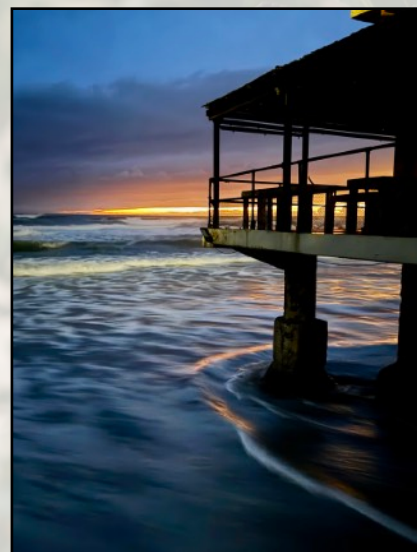
The Tilley family is full of gratitude for the kindness the Tennessee Christian community willingly gave us. To everyone that stopped me and asked about mom, thank you for your concern and graciousness. We have seen God's healing hand work and the goodness of a community built on faith.

In Christ,

Jared D. Tilley

As we walked the streets of Rome and took in the sights of ancient ruins from civilizations of days long passed, it was surreal to think that I was walking in the footsteps of someone from thousands of years ago. If you had asked me five years ago if I ever thought I would travel to distant lands such as Rome and Athens, I would have said it wasn't possible. Travel has been a very recent addition to my story, one that has enriched my life in ways I still do not have words to describe. And now I suffer from a condition known as wanderlust a strong desire to wander or travel and explore the world. This condition is highly contagious and I'm afraid I have passed it along to many of our students (hopefully).

"Travel it leaves you speechless, then turns you into a storyteller."-Ibn Battuta

This quote could not be any more accurate to describe exactly how I have felt in the days following our international trip to Rome, Italy, and Athens, Greece. For months we had been planning and prepping for what would be an unforgettable trip to some of the most ancient cities in the world sites that left us speechless, views that left us breathless, and a people that left us with desire to return one day.



Rome was a whirlwind! Between walking in the Colosseum where gladiators once fought to the death to strolling through the Roman Forum which was the center of day-to-day life thousands of years ago to even taking in the beauty of Michelangelo's painting in the Sistine Chapel. It all feels like such a dream, one in which I am still waiting for someone to pinch me!

A late night stroll on the beach of the Tyrrhenian Sea, gorging on delicious gelato and tiramisu, basking in the grandeur of St. Peter's Basilica, exploring the ruins of the ancient city of Pompeii, tossing coins in the Fontana di Trevi in hopes that our wishes to return one day would be granted, and dancing atop Pincio Hill at sunset while overlooking the busy Piazza Navona..."When in Rome!". These are just a few of my favorite things from Rome...Ciao, Bella!



If a city were a person that welcomed us with open arms and treated us like family, it would be Athens, Greece. From the tiny shopkeepers to the restaurateurs bidding us to come inside and enjoy the local treats and delicacies they had to offer, we felt very much at home. We grazed through the city streets grabbing yet another gelato for the road. We spent the nights out in the town, listening to local musicians hoping on dreams of making their big break. We explored the ruins of the Acropolis and listened to the rich history of what once was, while witnessing the fruit of Paul's labor where he once preached the Gospel on top of Areopagus Hill. We hiked the archeological sites at Delphi, once again taking in the magnificent views and beauty of God's creation and picturing what life was once like for the ancient Greeks.

We were blessed and highly favored while we toured and I would be remiss if I didn't mention our wonderful Tour Director, Angelos Tsapekos from EF that made it all possible for us. His kindness and hospitality toward our group of explorers cannot be repaid. He did not have an easy job of keeping us on time for the next adventure, but he taught us many things and embraced us with his culture in a way that made us feel complete. We are forever grateful that we too got to celebrate his birthday and the life God has granted him. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

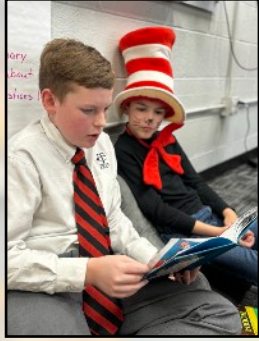
I want to thank EF and Tennessee Christian for the opportunity to travel to such beautiful places. My heart is full and thankful that God allowed this not only for myself, but mostly for our students to step outside of all things familiar to explore and embrace different cultures and people from afar. They say travel will

change you. For me, it certainly has, and that is my hope for our students. We found ourselves not wanting to say goodbye to a land that welcomed us and made us feel like one of their own, but as the saying goes, "All good things must come to an end." But I say, "μέχρι την επόμενη φορά !" Until next time!

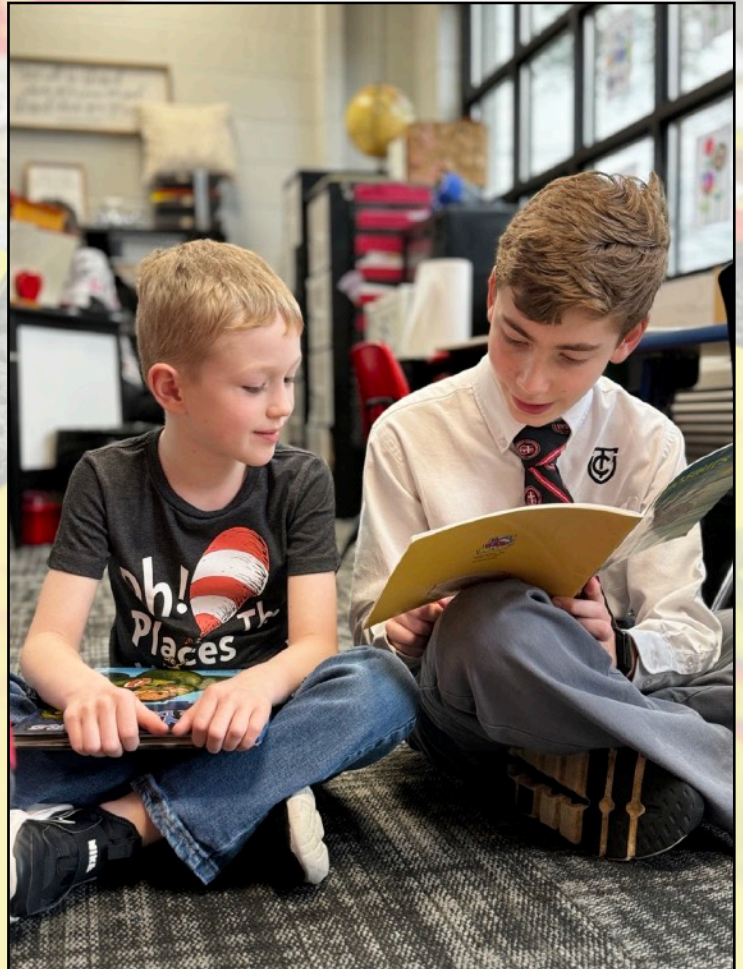
-Written by Tawnie Locklear



READ ACROSS AMERICA



On March 6th, Tennessee Christian's middle and upper school students joined with their younger counterparts from the lower school to celebrate Read Across America Day. As the day drew to a close, students buddied up, armed with an array of storybooks, and embarked on an adventure through tales of whimsy, knowledge, and imagination. From classic fairy tales to inspiring adventures, they immersed themselves in the pages of books. In a world of rampant technology, it was a breath of fresh air to celebrate the simplicity of picking up a book and sharing it with a friend.





2024 Tennessee Christian Science Fair Winners at Chattanooga Regional Science Fair

On Thursday, March 7th, the 72nd Annual Chattanooga Regional Science and Engineering Fair was held at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. TCPS entered 51 science projects where we received 26 awards.

A special thank you to Angie Kesley and Nicki Smith!

The Thermo Fisher Scientific Junior Innovators Challenge 2024

Sam Tyner
Ainsley Olmstead
Emma Moore

These students will advance to the next level
and have the opportunity to win other
awards and prizes.

The American Chemical Society Award

Ashley Lyles

This entitles Ashley to attend the
ACS Awards Banquet in April.

JUNIOR DIVISION WINNERS

Medicine and Health Science

1st Place: Callie Jacobsen
2nd Place: Grayson Presswood
3rd Place: Ashton Murray

Physics

1st Place: Charlie Chittum
2nd Place: Alexis Gilbert
3rd Place: Grace Gilbert

Materials Science

1st Place: Aaron Roberts
2nd Place: Eli Ahlers

Computer Science and Software Engineering

1st Place: Sam Tyner

Microbiology

1st Place: Grant Van Dyke

Behavioral and Social Sciences

1st Place: Graham Sluder
3rd Place: Ian Cain

Plant Sciences

1st Place: Emma Moore
2nd Place: Scarlet and Frannie McPherson

Chemistry

1st Place: Ainsley Olmstead
2nd Place: Emma Campbell
3rd Place: Sophia Adams

SENIOR DIVISION WINNERS

Technology Enhances the Arts

1st Place: Caleb Cigliano

Plant Sciences

2nd Place: Amelia Shepherd
3rd Place: Riley Sharp

Physics and Astronomy

3rd Place: Reagan and Holden Hartline

Chemistry

3rd Place: Ashley Lyles

Tennessee Christian Preparatory School also won two awards as a school:
Junior Division School Achievement Award
and Junior Division School Participation Award



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mind and the soul.