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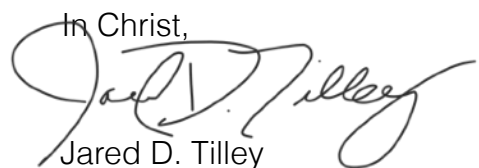
from the Head

Travel is a significant aspect of student growth. Seeing God's creation, people, and diverse cultures provides empathy, or as Mrs. Machacek said following the trip to Greece and Italy, "My heart is larger."

During my senior year in high school, I was planning on studying business at Lee University. However, my senior trip changed my trajectory and plans. I had the opportunity to visit England to see my sister, Jessica, who was studying at Cambridge. My first day in London was a quick sightseeing tour around the city's heart, the Parliament and Westminster Cathedral. Through a series of fortunate events, Jessica and I found ourselves sitting inside Westminster beside a delegate from South Africa, a witness to the Commonwealth Celebration. During the service celebrating England and its affiliated nations, I saw Queen Elizabeth, the Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Charles, his sons, Prime Minister Tony Blair, and Vice President Dick Cheney. While the fanfare was very impressive, my takeaway from that event was my desire to know more. I wanted to understand why Westminster was an essential landmark in London, why the Commonwealth Celebration existed, why British royalty was still revered and respected worldwide, etc. Being an unofficial delegate from East Tennessee, I found a new and invigorated love for history. I desired to know and understand all that came before me to better understand myself.

I am so thankful that I could go on that trip, for the memories that will be with me forever and the encouragement to seek more opportunities to travel. And I do! In two weeks, I will travel with the seniors to Boston and New York, and in late May, I get to see our national capitol with the 8th-grade students. I pray these trips build our students' desire to learn and grow.

Every responsible dollar spent traveling is an investment in our well-being, our empathy, and it helps our hearts to continue to grow for God's creation.

In Christ,

Jared D. Tilley

Learning Cottage

HOLY WEEK



Holy Week is a time of reflection and introspection for Christians across the world. We reflect on the sacrifice made for us on that first Good Friday. Our parent hearts feel the unfathomable

pain that Mary felt as she fell, weeping, at the foot of the cross. The somber silence of the church sanctuary after the veil is torn in two and we are reminded that Jesus breathed His last breath. That last breath, given for us. We are reminded that we are undeserving.

As we exit back into our lives we tend to put the uncomfortable emotions aside and get lost in the Easter egg hunts, family gatherings, and Easter baskets filled with chocolate and gifts. Until we return to the sanctuary for that joyous morning when we again remember Jesus... The altar is covered in lilies and the church members are dressed in their best spring attire. Our hearts explode with joy as we shout, "He is Risen, He is Risen Indeed!"

As adults we have the ability to feel the weight of this blessed event, fully and intensely. I pray that we will all allow ourselves, not to be sidetracked, but to maintain our focus on Jesus this Easter season, and throughout the year. As parents, we want our children to feel this too. We tell them

that Jesus died for us, we tell them the Bible stories...but what do they really mean? How do we connect our children with the Bible in a way that they may come to understand? It truly takes a village to guide our children on their way to feeling Jesus in their hearts, instead of simply knowing the stories in their minds.

"Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen!"

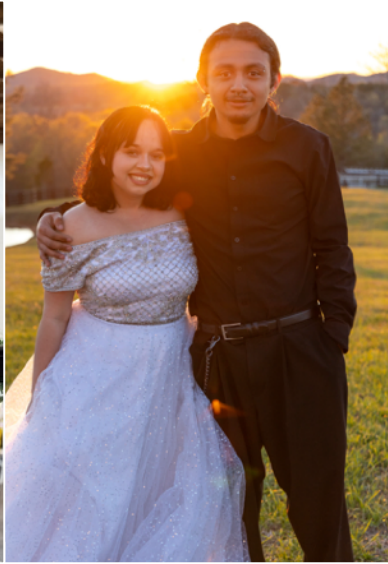
Luke 24:5-6

Mrs. Tammy is an excellent example of sharing the Gospel with our youngest friends. She has diligently, and intentionally dived into history to bring a tangible piece into her classroom. Our three year old class spent each day zooming in on each specific story with a special activity from Holy Week. They crafted donkeys for Palm Sunday, washed each other's feet, shared the Last Supper, made edible tomb cookies for Good Friday, and cracked them open to find the tomb empty on the precious Easter Sunday. These memories will create a strong foundation on which the true meaning of Easter will grow.



prom

MARCH 28, 2024
CANDIES CREEK FARM



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PROM KING AND QUEEN

Ben Sluder and
Georgia McPherson

BEST DRESSED

Noah Hawver and
Jadah Wilson

BEST DANCERS

Ben Sluder and
Bryn Corley



The Juniors and Seniors of Tennessee Christian celebrated as a group and in style last Thursday for the 2024 Prom. The ladies and gentlemen looked outstanding! The cherry on the top was the photo opportunity our students had with Murl the Smiling Alpaca. I want to say a special thank you to Mrs. Ashley Dodson for her hard work and excellence organizing and leading our 2024 Prom. Also, thank you to Kristen Campbell, Sarah Barham, Alice Sanders, Melanee Barker, Lindsay Sluder, and Craig Sluder for their help setting up and leading a special night for our upperclassmen!

gentleness

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

Fletcher Spencer (Kindergarten)

“Fletcher is kind hearted with his words and his actions. He uses his manners because he strives to be thoughtful and compassionate to others. Fletcher is a kind friend and uses gentle words as well gentle actions. He is respectful to his teachers and finds way to show gentleness with a kind word or even a hug!” -Ashley Dodson and Phyllis Hope



Martin Tilley (4th grade)

“Martin demonstrates gentleness in the quiet way he serves his classmates. He often will take on the task of doing something for someone without thinking twice. Martin shows gentleness with words of affirmation for others and the way he requests prayers for friends and family.” -Donna McKee



Emma Moore (7th grade)

“Emma exemplifies gentleness and kindness in every interaction with her peers and teachers. Her sweet demeanor and thoughtful attitude make her a delight to be around. She always has a gentle response when faced with challenges.” -Kylie Machacek



Franklin Campbell (11th grade)

“Franklin Campbell constantly displays the characteristic of gentleness in his engagement with all peers and young students. I have seen his character calm situations and comfort people. Franklin is a servant leader in and out of the classroom putting others before himself through recognizing the needs of others. His example can lead others to gentleness.” -Jared Tilley



Egg Hunts



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update

As we approach the end of Omada season, 1st place is still up for grabs in both Junior Varsity and Varsity competitions. In our previous competition, Omada Trivia, the students enjoyed a trivia game consisting of 3 rounds of 10 questions each. Round 1 was general knowledge. Round 2 was movie trivia. Round 3 was “Name that song.” After the 3rd round, the points were tallied up and each team placed a final bet going into the final round where they had to name 12 of the 13 original colonies. It came down to the wire and here are the results:



Tharsos claimed 1st place and Phos came away with 2nd to shorten Alethia’s overall lead in the JV standings. For the Varsity competition, Phos led the way in 1st, Tharsos finished in 2nd, leaving Alethia in 3rd. Tharsos still has a solid grip on first place, however, with one competition left, plus the opportunity for individual points, it’s still anyone’s race!

The final competition (to be determined) is scheduled for April 24th, when the final standings will be completed and announced. Take a look below at the current standings to see where your team is at prior to the final competition!

Omada JV Standings

1st: Alethia (975 pts)
2nd: Tharsos (940 pts)
3rd: Phos (920 pts)

Omada V Standings

1st: Tharsos (1119)
2nd: Alethia (1082)
3rd: Phos (975)



Help Support Tennessee Christian

Our Apex Fun Run fundraiser
starts on
04/02/24!

WE WOULD LOVE YOUR HELP
RAISING FUNDS FOR:
Facility Improvements



IMPORTANT DATES:

Pledging Opens: 04/02/24
Fun Run Day: 04/12/24

GETTING STARTED:

When pledging opens go to
www.myapexevent.com and login using your
child's unique ACCESS CODE.

MAKE A DONATION:

Make a flat donation OR pledge a dollar
amount per lap that your child completes at
the event. Reported laps are capped at 36
max. If a student is absent or unable to
participate, their laps completed will default
to 30.

SHARE:

Use the "Share Wizard" tool to send a
donation link via email, text, and social
media to 10 family members and friends
asking that they donate online to help our
school.

ABOUT OUR FUNDRAISER

Our goal is to provide all of our students with the best
education and school experience possible and to ensure they
have the tools they need to learn and grow. All students are
included in the leadership program and fitness event
regardless of financial participation in the fundraiser. If you can
help, please know that no donation is too small.

ABOUT APEX LEADERSHIP CO.

Apex is a two-week interactive leadership and character-
building program combined with a fitness focused event
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with our school's vision and
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6:00 - 8:00 pm

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challenges by educating the
mind and the *soul*.