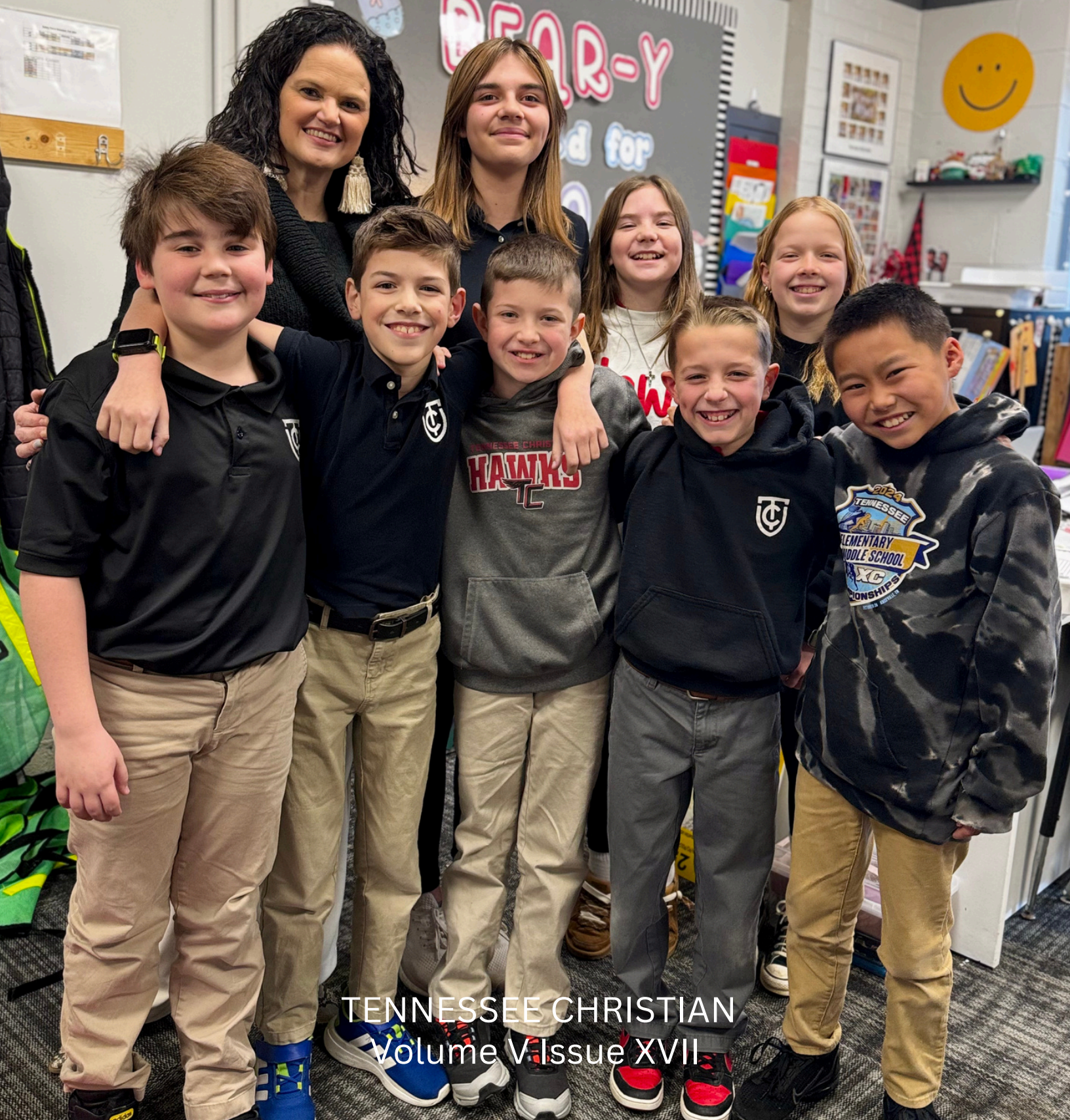


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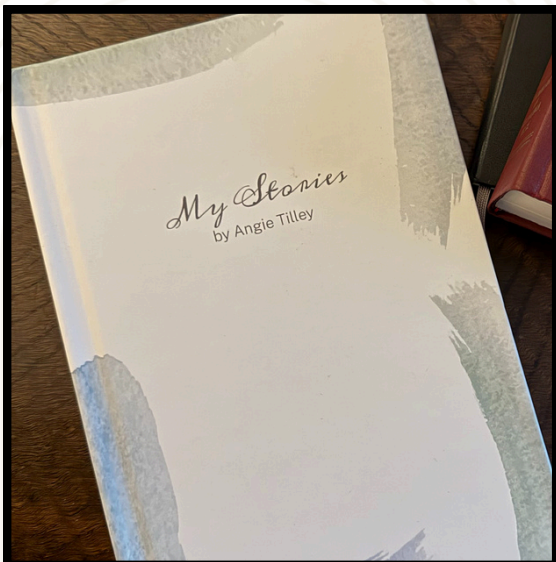


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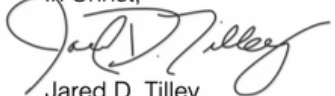
January 6, 2024, was a challenging day for the Tilley family. My mother, who was helping my father watch Victoria and our three kids while we attended a conference in Gatlinburg, had a hectic Saturday. As the day drew to a close after basketball games and the arcade, my mother suffered, what the doctors called, a catastrophic stroke. I received a call from my dad, informing me of the situation. With the assistance of Papa Rick and our neighbors, the Frosts, our kids were well-cared for until we returned home. Over the next many months, my mom underwent rigorous rehabilitation, learning to re-fire pathways in her brain so she could speak and walk again. I'm delighted to report that she's making remarkable progress. In fact, my parents are planning a trip to Ireland, England, and Scotland!

During the Christmas season, spending time with her was truly special. It was a celebration of life and the abundant joy she brings our family. My parents' house was meticulously decorated with love and care in a way only my mother could create. My mother surprised my two sisters and me the the most special gift. As I unwrapped the present, I could sense its significance—a book. It wasn't a surprise gift from my parents, as I share their love for history, my dad's passion for American history, and my mom's appreciation for English history. Unraveling the wrapping, I was surprised to find the



book written by my mother, Angie Tilley. As I turned the pages, I was greeted by pictures of my mom and her extended family, accompanied by heartfelt messages of wisdom, encouragement, and reflections on life's challenges, triumphs, and faith. A gift that I had never imagined possible just a year ago, I will cherish forever.

Thank you, Mom, for the hard work you've put in this year, and for the invaluable lessons you've imparted to me through your life and your book.

In Christ,

Jared D. Tilley



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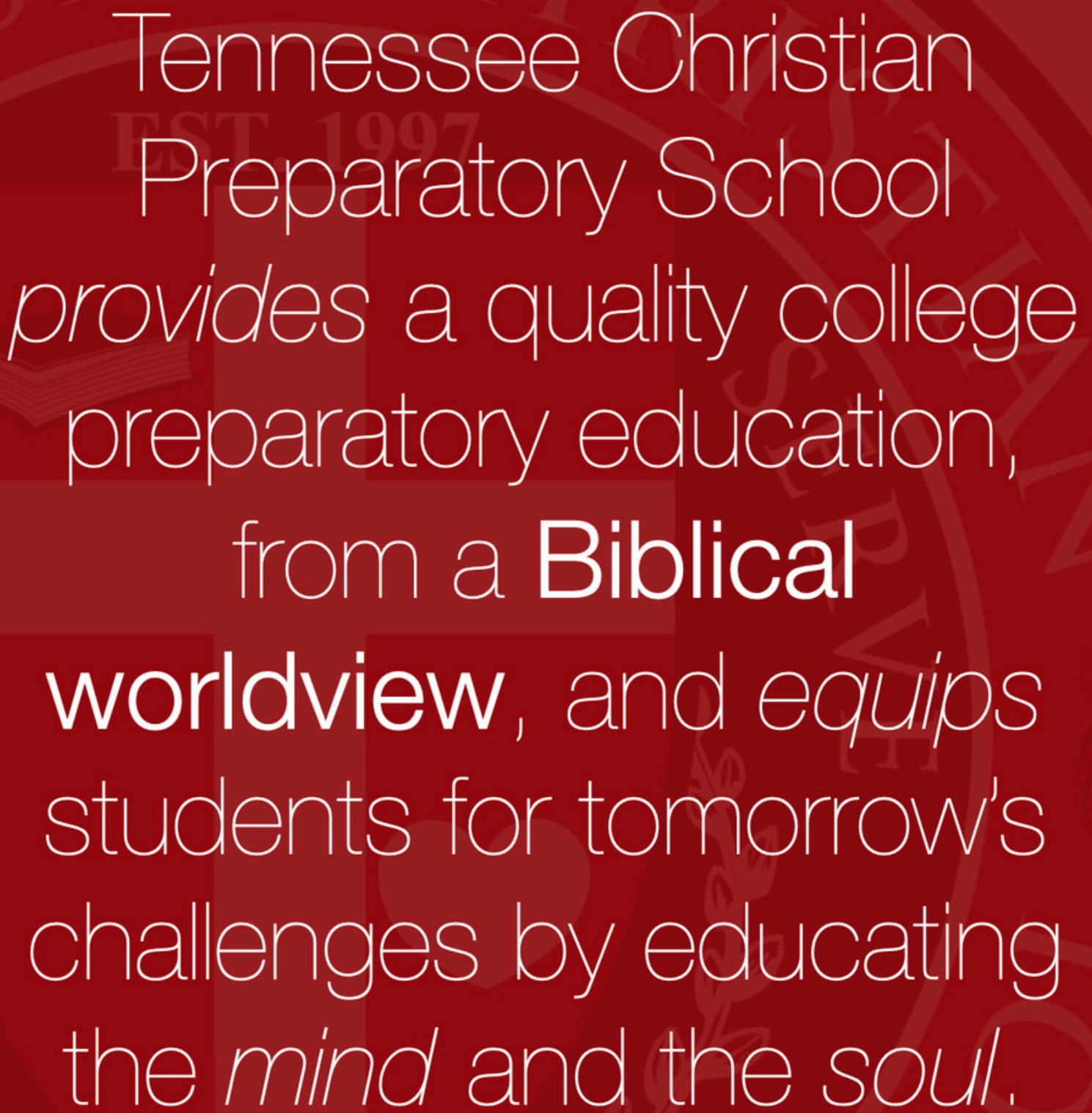
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