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from the Head

"People rarely succeed unless they have fun in what they are doing."

-Dale Carnegie

This past Friday, the last full day of classes for the year, I was working in my office, replying to emails and handling a variety of other tasks, when Mrs. Blaylock came with a purpose. She said, "There is a problem on the North field that needs your attention." She said it with such earnest intensity that I sprang up, grabbed my walkie, and followed. As I walked out of the school, a young student looked at me and, in a solemn voice, said, "Good luck, Mr. Tilley." I thought to myself, all the worst-case scenarios that could be playing out on the North field with the construction, possible wreck, etc. None proved true. What I was greeted with was a slip-and-slide game of kickball put on by our Junior class. Nothing could make me happier.

There is a tradition at Tennessee Christian called the "Collin Rule." A bright young Junior, years ago, had the bright idea that he could not get in trouble on the last day of school. He walked into the gym and yelled, "Hey, Jared!" Collin Douglas, knowing not to call me by my first name, laughed. I laughed, and then I told him he had detention on the first day of his Senior year. He said that I would forget. I did not, and the "Collin Rule" was born. Each Junior class since, has earned detention on the last day of school. This year's class is no exception. I had a blast watching the students slip around the bases. A great time for all students, and for this guy, kickball and coffee are a great way to start the day.

Collin Douglas, now a realtor, can rest easy knowing his boldness lives on in lore each year at Tennessee Christian.



In Christ,
Jared D. Tilley
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Kindergarten

Graduation



**“Promise me you’ll remember:
You’re braver than you believe
Stronger than you seem,
and Smarter than you think.”**

-Winnie the Pooh



5th grade

BRIDGE CEREMONY

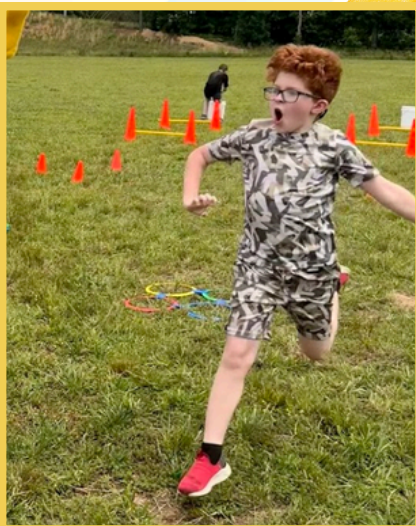


Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

-1 John 3:18

FIELD DAY

thank you, FTO!





courage.

Daniel Award

“...O man greatly loved, fear not, peace be with you; be strong and of good courage.” – Daniel 10:19

Ezra Couch (PreK4)

“Ezra shows courage and confidence in the way he stands up for himself. I believe that same strength will help him stand boldly for God as he grows.” -Jen Roe



Lyam Benson (PreK4), not pictured

“Lyam shows courage by standing up for himself. I know should the occasion arise, Lyam will stand up for God too.” -Jen Roe

Catherine Yang (1st Grade)

“Catherine was a new student this school year and it's normal to feel nervous around new classmates. I was so proud of her for having courage and forming friendships almost immediately. She has such a kind and gentle personality and her positivity is so contagious. She does so well participating in class and encourages others to actively participate at school. Catherine has been a ray of sunshine to have in class and it's been such a joy to be her teacher!” -Rebecca Hake



Cali Daffin (3rd Grade)

“Cali is courageous because she consistently chooses to be brave in every situation. Even when she feels nervous or afraid, she pushes forward with confidence. She isn't afraid to speak up for others and stands firm in defending what is right.” -Abby Runion





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Mila McCrae (5th Grade)

“Mila has exemplified courage in significant ways this year. Mila began this school year as a new student which can be scary. Despite coming in new for her 5th grade year, Mila has made friends throughout the class and even discovered a new best friend! Mila participated in cheer this year, not only cheering with new friends at basketball games but also learning a cheer dance and performing it in front of the school! Finally, Mila displayed COURAGE when giving her Fifth Grade Speech. Despite being terrified of speaking in front of so many people, Mila pushed through her fear, stood in front of the entire Lower School and gave her speech! I have been extremely proud of the ways that Mila has displayed courage in trying new things, making new friends, being 100% herself among her peers, and by pushing through fear, trusting the Lord is with her.” -Sarah Van Dyke



Remi Wallace (Middle School)

“Remi moved from another country to go to school. She had to acclimate to new customs, new vocabulary, and make all new friends. It takes a lot of courage to do so, and she has done it very successfully! She has shown enthusiasm to American ways, new school activities, and made many great friendships along the way!” - Kelly Owens



Aubrie Epperson (Upper School)

“This student withstands anything that is thrown at her. She will stand up for her fellow students if wronged. She even watched her cousins while her sister went to the emergency room. Now, she may feel stress in the beginning of a hard situation, but she always rises to the occasion.” - Kori Weaver

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JUNE 15-19: CHEER CAMP

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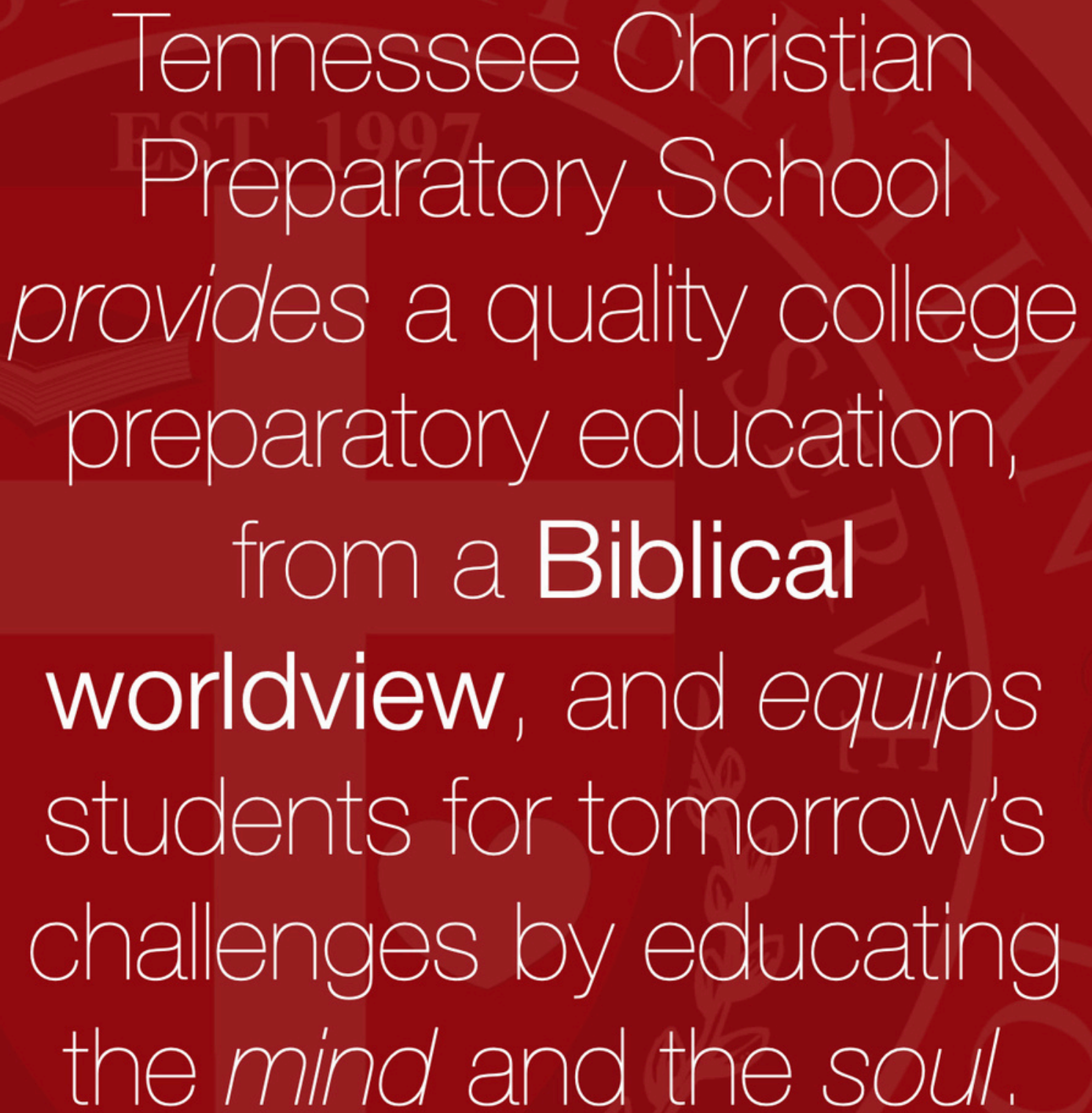
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