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Hello Church,

What a blessing our services were on January 26th, with the preaching, the music, and always great fellowship with God's people! I want to mention something that has been so special in my Christian walk. That is Sunday School. Today, our lesson was Matthew 21, and this is the beginning of the end of Jesus' life, leading up to the crucifixion and the resurrection. What a chapter to study together as a class. There is service, praise, prayer, doctrine, judgment and rich parables in that chapter. I mention this because there is something practical we can use every week as we study the Bible chapter by chapter. I don't think there is anything any more important than prayer and Bible study to help us make it in this world. Every week in Sunday School, we share cares and concerns, along with prayer requests. The point is this: Sunday School is important and we need you! Now that remodeling is done and visitation will be ramping up in the Spring, we can get ready to welcome new people to our fellowship. Having the best classes we can have will help us minister to everyone. You really don't 'have to get to Zak's' (as the commercial says), but get to Sunday Bible study at 9:45 a.m. Yes! It has been one of the best decisions I ever made when first coming to TABC. I was shy and easily embarrassed, but

people welcomed me with open arms; and we'll do the same for you. You never know when you'll study a special verse or chapter that will help you in the trials you face in your Christian walk. If you are not currently in a Sunday School class, we'll be glad to help you find one that is right for you. Our teachers are the best!

In Christ's Service,
 Bro. Jerry Feathers

I am so happy to call myself a member of Tennessee Avenue Baptist Church! I am happy because the people I worship with (you) are awesome! I asked a good friend to come to our church and preach because of a 36 year friendship and I knew he would have a wonderful, Spirit filled message. If you attended last Sunday morning's service, you know David Haun preached at TABC and his wonderful, sweet wife Paula attended with him. The reason I am bragging on you as a congregation is you made them feel welcome from the minute they pulled up in the parking lot (George Jones-thanks for praying for David) until the minute they pulled out of the parking lot. They kept telling Debbie and I how much they enjoyed worshipping with our congregation. Here is a quote from an e-mail Paula sent to us:

"We just love the people at TABC! Everyone was just as kind and loving as they could

be to us. We just wanted to see the Lord move in His people and it was an awesome, blessed experience that we'll never forget."

Sometimes it takes visitors from outside the church to make us realize how special the people of our church really are. Thank you for being yourself (they loved the Spirit in the service) and for making my friends feel so welcome.

Now for the business side of the church. We are almost ready to submit the budget for 2020 for the Church, Academy, and Daycare. It has been more difficult for the Finance Team than we thought; but Jason Carter, Beverly and Andy have worked very hard in sorting out the financial maze created by having a Church, School and Daycare under the same Accounting system.

Also, we will be voting to approve the Academy Advisory Board and Day Care Committee within the next two weeks.

Please continue to be faithful in your attendance and support to TABC. Also, ask a friend, co-worker, relative, etc. to visit TABC. They might be as impressed as my friends were and want to come back. I feel like the Trinity (Father, Son & Holy Spirit) are showing up to worship with us every week and enjoy our praise to Them.

In Jesus name,
 Bro. Keith Boyd

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Dear TABC Family,

In Acts 9:10-18, you read of a man named Ananias. This man was given a daunting

task from God. In verse 11, God tells Ananias to "Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul." There was one problem with this command; Saul was a man who persecuted Christians and Ananias knew that. In verse 14, Ananias attempts to give God a newsflash and says "...he (Saul) has the authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on Your name."

God knew all about Saul and replied to Ananias, "Go, for he is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name before the Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel. For I will show him how many things he must suffer for My name's sake." (Vs. 15-16) God gave Ananias assurance and he was obedient. He appears before Saul and has the great honor of laying his hands on this broken man in the name of the Holy Spirit. At that time, the scales fell off Saul's eyes and he regained his sight.

God has given Tennessee Avenue Baptist Church a message in the past several weeks. He is telling us to go out of the walls of our church and share the Gospel. God wants us to approach someone we wouldn't usually approach, just like Ananias approached Saul. He wants us to speak truth into these people with the power of the Holy Spirit and watch God remove the scales from their eyes.

What if you are the modern day Ananias that is supposed to witness to the modern day Paul? What if that one person you approach will bring a revival to our nation and teach millions about the power of the blood of Jesus Christ? Let's all be obedient and rise up and go to wherever God will send us.

Love in Christ,

Andy Sweeney
Senior Adult Pastor /Youth Pastor



Dear Church Family,

God is on the throne and He is in a good mood, although I would add that I believe it is intensely good. The closer we get to the absolute rule of Jesus over all things made, His zeal intensifies. I believe that God's passion is getting to a boiling point; that means there is fire in His eyes to accomplish His

ultimate purpose. God's ultimate purpose is to remove everything that hinders His love. One way or the other, He will have His way. It's a wonderful time to seek Him with all your heart; to see Him as your personal King and Teacher and enjoy Him as He enjoys you. As a reminder to us all, Jesus is the King of our campus. I believe He is asking each one of us to take full responsibility in our call as leaders. The Bible uses the term "ecclesia" for the Church. This is a political, or governmental, term. I believe it was chosen because the sons and daughters of God are the King's ambassadors. We are the first fruits of the Government of God - the Kingdom of God that is now growing and

will one day serve this planet and its inhabitants for eternity. The King is coming, and He is presently employing a process specifically designed for you and I so that we could choose our way into more and more of Jesus' likeness. We are to rule with the heart of a servant and serve with the heart of a King, in submission to and with the heart of King Jesus. 2020 is going to be an awesome year for the campus of Tennessee Avenue! God Bless you all.

Praying Malachi 4:5-6 over each family,

Bro. Paul Thompson
Family Pastor



Dear TABC Family,

Up until this year, my children were homeschooled. I was reflecting this week

on the years we homeschooled and how the Bible time we had together in the morning was always so special. Every morning after breakfast, all four kids and I would sit at the table and we would have Bible time. I will never forget one morning we were talking about Noah and how his family was safe in the Ark. My oldest, who was about four and a half at the time, looked at me and said, "Mom, this Sunday in Sunday School, I

learned Noah's wife's name, do you know it?" Well, the pride in me wouldn't let me tell her I didn't have a clue so I said, "Well, I am not really sure but I will look and find out."

For two days, I searched the Bible and even googled it and never could find an answer. I finally placed my pride down and asked my 4 year old what Noah's wife's name was. She looked at me so serious and said, "Mom, its Mrs. Noah."

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I didn't know whether to laugh or cry. Here I had been for two days searching for something that wasn't even in the Bible. I could probably write a book of things like this that have happened to me since becoming a parent. My point of writing this story is this: having children and ministering to children has shown me so many things.

First, children are never too young to disciple. Even when they are babies, I encourage you to sing to them worship

songs, hymns, and pray Scripture over them before they go to sleep. To this day, my children ask me to pray over them before they go to sleep. Second, children are taking in everything you say and do. Children look up to their teachers, preachers, and Sunday school teachers, but they form their spiritual habits by watching their parents, grandparents, or guardians. If you are excited about church, reading your Bible, actively praying, and showing God to those you meet, they will see that and realize you have more than religion, you have relationship. Last, always be prepared. 2 Timothy 4:2 says, "...be ready in season and out of season,..." Children ask questions as they

come to their mind. That means I need to be prepared, filled with the Spirit, and in the Word daily to have the wisdom to answer their questions.

It seems the world continues to devalue children more and more. I pray that the body of Christ unites and realizes that we are raising precious souls who will one day be the church. I am looking forward to a great year in 2020!

February 8th: Children's Valentine Celebration - Breakfast will be provided.

Love in Christ,

Tiffany Sweeney
Children's Ministry Director

Tennessee Avenue Childcare Center



Daycare News.....

Families,
Happy February...or more familiarly known as the month of Valentines! When thinking and praying about what I wanted to write this time, I just assumed that God would lead me to write about Love, and in a sense he has, but in a different way.

Did you know that there are different types of Love? I want to touch on the Love known as *Philia* love. The definition of Philia love is basically, the love of our friends. I don't know about you, but I have some pretty close friends who I love beyond measure. And I would do just about anything for them.....but.....did you know, we could also be a hindrance to our friends?

In the book of Job, we all know the story of how Job is being tried and put through the ringer, and right there watching it all are his friends. One of them, Elihu, said in Job 33:7, "Behold my terror shall not make thee afraid, neither shall my hand be heavy upon thee." Now, Elihu was the youngest of Job's friends, and also thought he was the wisest. And in the verse, I actually do see wisdom. To me, it is saying my friends should not fear coming to me; they shouldn't be worried about what I am going to do or say. They

should feel confident in knowing I am going to support them, love them, and do the best I can to help.....oh, but wait!!! How often do we instantly want to give advice? Or even be judgmental (just like Job's friends)? Our friend is already down-hearted, stressed, upset, struggling to understand, maybe even struggling to listen to God; and then here we come, giving advice, when what we really need to do is not say a word. Sometimes, well, most times, we just need to listen. Sometimes we just need to hold them. Sometimes, we just need to be their prayer warrior and be crying out to God with them, and for them.

1 Thessalonians 5:11 says, "Therefore encourage one another and build each other up....." Galatians 6:2 says, "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." So what we really need to do is be encouraging to one another... Support each other without words or advice. We just need to love them.

So much like Job's friends, sometimes we do more damage than good. Be sure when you have a friend in distress, or need, take the time to fully understand what it is they need. I can almost guarantee it's not going to be advice. It will just

be love, support and prayers.
I hope you all have a very wonderful February!
Blessings in Christ,
Mrs. Jessica

STAR STUDENTS

We are excited to share with all of our parents that the K-4 Star Students for the month of February are....

- Mrs. Amy's Class:**
Week 1 - Maverick Sweeney
Week 2 - Adrianna Blevins
Week 3 - Griffin Bedwell
Week 4 - Peyton Fritz



- Mrs. Rachel's Class:**
Week 1 - Hannah Jenkins
Week 2 - Anders Goforth
Week 3 - Rosalie Benton
Week 4 - Jewel Jackson



the month of FEBRUARY

birthdays

1 st	11 th	18 th
Ricky Hall	Abigail Sweeney	Penny Federow
Frances Peters		Patti Trivett
2 nd	12 th	20 th
Justin Edmonds	Monica Dixon	Wendy Barbrey
Tammie Harmon	Charlie Pearman	Kevin Doss
	Todd Slusher	
3 rd	13 th	21 st
Chris Hutton	Lisa Anderson	Doryce Wood
4 th	Christian Joe Federow	22 nd
Rick Hale	14 th	Joan Calhoun
5 th	VALENTINE'S DAY!	David Leab
Danny Booher	Michelle Keen	Larry Powers
Ruth Gray	Dillon Leonard	23 rd
John David Raymond	Joy Lyall	Beulah Beavers
6 th	Harper Raymond	Michell Cullop
Kathi Gentry	15 th	Stephen Smallwood
7 th	Bambi Rush	24 th
Johnny Hutchins	Doug Vance, Sr.	Wes Leonard
9 th	16 th	27 th
April Hall	Tony Blacklock	Donna Keene
10 th	Dick Gordon	28 th
Jim Rush	Raye Ann Hudson	Laura Hampton
Brandon Shull	17 th	
Katherine Walton	Susan Cox	

And now abide

*Faith, Hope, Love, these three,
but the greatest of these is love.*

1 Corinthians 13 :13

anniversaries

6 th	19 th	27 th
Jeff & Enola Cardwell	Jonathan & Monica Dixon	Brandon & Sarah Shull
17 th	22 nd	28 th
Randy & Mary Jo Leonard	Paul & Lois Nixon	Bob & Virginia Davidson
	23 rd	
	Jess & Sharon Carter	

Schedule of Events

- 1ST — TABC Children's Basketball Games Week 4 - FLB 8:00 a.m.
- 2nd — KPG Choir Practice TABC 5:00 p.m. (Sundays)
- 3rd — TACA Home Basketball Game FLB 5:30 p.m.
- 3rd — Pastor Search Committee Meeting Fellowship Hall 6:00 p.m. (Mondays)
- 4th — 'Moms in Faith' Prayer Group Library 7:45-9:00 a.m.
- 4th — TACA Home Basketball Games FLB 6:00 p.m.
- 5th — AWANA Civil Servant & Souper Bowl Night, FLB 6:00 p.m.
- 6th — Celebrate Recovery Program TABC 6:30 p.m. (Thursdays)
- 7th — Senior Adult Breakfast Shoney's 8:30 a.m.
- 8th — TABC Children's Basketball Games Week 5 - FLB 8:00 a.m.
- 9th — Preschool Valentine Tea Preschool Department 9:30 a.m.
- 9th — Joyful NOIZ Choir Practice TABC 5:00 p.m. (Sundays)
- 10th-13th — TACA Book Fair Children's Worship Area various times
- 10th — TACA Home Basketball Games FLB 5:30 p.m.
- 11th — TACA Home Basketball Games FLB 5:30 p.m.
- 12th — TACA Grandparents' Day Chapel Sanctuary 9:30 a.m.
- 12th — AWANA Mart Candy Store Night FLB 6:00 p.m.
- 15th — TABC Children's Basketball Games Week 6 - FLB 8:00 a.m.
- 15th — Valentine Banquet FLB 5:30 p.m.
- 17th — TACA Home Basketball Games FLB 6:00 p.m.
- 19th — AWANA Mustache Night FLB 6:00 p.m.
- 21st — TACA Home Basketball Games FLB 5:30 p.m.
- 22nd — TABC Children's Basketball Games Week 7 - FLB 8:00 a.m.
- 26th — AWANA Crazy Shoe/Inside Out Backwards Night, FLB 6:00 p.m.

* Please see page 6 for the complete February Crusaders Basketball Game Schedule.

dear CHURCH family

Thank you

Dear Church Family, thank you for the beautiful roses, and for your prayers. Love,

Jan Combs

Dear TABC, thanks to each of you for the prayers, thoughts, and generous gift that my family and I received. We are so blessed

to be a part of this school! We appreciate everything you do for us, & the students also. Thank you,

Hannah Moore

Dear TABC, your kindness is greatly appreciated.

The Family of Tom Slusher

LOVE
is... 

*patient,
kind,
it does not envy,
it does not boast,
it is not proud,
it is not rude,
it is not self-seeking,
it is not easily angered,
it keeps no record of wrongs,
it does not delight in evil,
it rejoices with the truth,
bears all things,
believes all things,
hopes all things,
endures all things,*

LOVE never FAILS.

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“...try Me now in this,” Says the LORD of hosts... See Malachi 3:10			
12/29/2019 Offering	\$11,102.00	Online Giving 1/01/20-01/28/20	\$7,902.00
01/05/2020 Offering	\$11,333.67	Total 2019 offering:	\$736,083.56
01/12/2020 Offering	\$11,604.50	Total 2020 Offering YTD:	\$52,245.17
01/19/2020 Offering	\$12,109.00	Current Loan Balance	\$1,491,129.59
01/26/2020 Offering	\$9,296.00	General Account Bank Balance	\$110,491.33
Online Giving 12/23/19-12/31/19	\$3,969.00	Designated Account Bank Balance	\$40,337.91



TACA Sword & Shield

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FEBRUARY 2020

Please enjoy this edition of the Tennessee Avenue Christian Academy newsletter, to keep us all up-to-date on the latest news from our Academy!

FEBRUARY

Dates to Remember

- 5 **FORWARD** Drama serves with the Haven of Rest
- 7 Progress reports published
- 21 **Crusader Homecoming**

MARCH

Dates to Remember

- 6 **End of the third Quarter**
- 13 **Third quarter report cards published**
- 16 – 20 **Spring Break**

CRUSADERS WORSHIP!

“I will bless the LORD at all times: His praise shall continually be in my mouth.” - Psalm 34:1

At the beginning of the 2018/2019 school year, a new ministry began developing on the TACA campus. TACA teacher Holly Briscall shared a vision for a school praise team that would be student led. For the first time in the history of our school, there would be a music ministry in which students would pray and work together selecting songs, preparing music

charts, planning and conducting rehearsals, and offering one another support and accountability in ministry service. A group of approximately 14 students served throughout the school year and God did a marvelous work through them!

The 2019/2020 school year has proven to be a time of continual increase in this ministry. Students gather at different times each week for practice and all members suggest songs for group consideration. TACA Senior Kaitlyn Radford works behind the scenes designing chord charts for multiple instruments. The team is blessed with members who play lead electric guitar, acoustic guitar, bass, ukulele, mandolin, keyboards, and the cajon. In addition, several students sing various parts in worship chorus arrangements. All high school grades are represented on this ministry team.

When asked about the decision to serve on the praise team, TACA Senior Christa Thomas replied, “We get to help people open up and grow closer to God by using the gifts God gave us. We have fun working together and we share the desire to bring glory to God at the same time.”

Kaitlyn Radford shared, “I love worshipping God together and I appreciate the fun that we have. I have gained courage and a deeper heart for worship through serving in this ministry.” TACA Junior Seth Osborn adds, “I choose to serve on the praise team because of how it feels to see everyone glorifying God together. What I love most about it is the way worship makes everything feel ok. You can be having the most stressful week and one praise team practice can take it all away.”

What a blessing it is to see this group of Crusaders worshipping God as they prepare to lead others in worship! We praise God for a school where students are encouraged to express their worship openly! In a world filled with struggle, the peace of God fills the TACA campus when young people gather to worship Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

“O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together. I sought the LORD, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears. They looked unto Him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed.” Psalm 34: 3-5



Crusader Basketball HOME Game Schedule

Come support YOUR Crusaders!

Date	Day	Team	MS Boys	HS Girls	HS Boys
Feb 3	Monday	St. Anne's	5:30 p.m.		
Feb 4	Tuesday	Lighthouse Christian		6:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m.
Feb 10	Monday	ACA	5:30 p.m.	6:30 p.m.	7:30 p.m.
Feb 11	Tuesday	Cornerstone Abingdon	6:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.
Feb 17	Monday	Wise Co. Christian		6:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m.
Feb 21	Friday	ACTS	6:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.
Mar 6 Senior Night	Friday	Gate City Christian	5:30 p.m.	6:30 p.m.	7:30 p.m.

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CRUSADERS SERVE!

"...but by love serve one another."
Galatians 5:13

TACA 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students recently enjoyed a wonderful time ministering to the residents of Fort Shelby Manor. Students prepared gifts for each resident and spent time visiting as they gave out the gifts. Crusaders lifted Jesus in song, serenading residents with sounds of joyful praise! It was a truly special time and we are

thankful for the opportunities our students are given to serve God by serving others. We thank Mrs. Paula Stigall and Mrs. Robyn Reece for all they did to make this outreach possible!



CRUSADERS CARE!

"A righteous man regards the life of his animal..." Proverbs 12:10

Tennessee Avenue Christian Academy's kindergarten, first, and second

grade students recently worked together and accomplished a wonderful goal! Students gathered animal care products and donated them to For Pete's Sake Animal Rescue. Students enjoyed learning about this worthy organization, and they were thrilled to help! Special thanks to Mrs. Hollie Ryan for her work in planning this fun and educational opportunity!



CRUSADERS HOMECOMING!

On Friday, February 21, 2020, Tennessee Avenue Christian Academy will host our first annual **Crusader Homecoming!** The class of 2020 is the 10th graduating class of Crusaders and we want to celebrate 10 incredibly

blessed years as a high school!

The evening will begin with TACA home basketball games. Throughout the evening, we will recognize members in attendance from each graduating class. Our Crusader Student Council Association is

hard at work planning a memorable evening celebrating God's blessings on our high school! Watch the TACA Facebook page for more details. Please help us get the word out about this exciting event!

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adequately in aloneness
with the one you love..."*

Joseph Carroll

Matthew 6:6

SERVICE *schedule*

SUNDAY

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship Service 6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Awana Clubs Children's Program 6:00 p.m.
Youth Worship Service 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship Service 6:00 p.m.

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