



# the JOY Journal



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Dear TABC Family,  
 First and foremost, I want to thank each of you for the cards, phone calls, and prayers while I was sick. It was an encouragement and a blessing to my family. I am thankful to be feeling better and am ready to see each of you again very soon.

I am very excited to continue our series on Spiritual Warfare. My studies of Ephesians 6 have led me to the Biblical principal of watchmen; this was the subject of my message at our Men of Measure Conference. Listen to Ephesians 6:18: *"Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and*

*supplication for all saints;"*

I think the first thing we need to understand is the Biblical idea of a watchman. In the Bible, there were two types of watchmen, one over cities and one over crops.

Those who watched over the crops were stationed on rocks, buildings, or towers to provide a better range of vision. The stations usually had some sort of sleeping area because they were to keep watch day and night during the harvest. The watchmen would take 12 hours shifts-one working and one sleeping.

Then, there were those who watched over the cities. These watchmen

watched for messengers and enemies. Their purpose in watching for messengers was to inform the gate keepers when to open the gates and when to keep them closed. In those days, runners were used to carry messages from city to city, and the watchmen would cry out when a messenger was coming. Skilled watchmen could sometimes even recognize the runners by their stride before ever seeing their face. In 2 Samuel 18:27, the watchman said, *"...the running of the first is like the running of Ahimaaz..."* I love the way Isaiah describes a watchman. Isaiah 62:6 says, *"On your walls, O Jerusalem, I have appointed watchmen; all day and all*

night they will never keep silent. You who remind the Lord, take no rest for yourselves." These watchmen would also watch for enemy attacks. When they would see an enemy approaching, they would sound an alarm or sound a trumpet to alert the city to take guard.

Today, God has appointed each of us a watchman. As we stand in the armor of God, suited up for the battle, we are to be alert and praying. When an enemy comes our way, we are to alert our family, our church, and our community. When God gives us a message, we are to speak it as well. We aren't to take any rest, we aren't to be silent, and we are to be on watch all day and all night.

It is time for the church to stand on the wall and sound the trumpet. The enemy is a liar and a deceiver and it is time that we tell the world about the Truth which is Jesus Christ. It is not a time to sleep, not a time to rest, but a time to be ever watching.

Love in Christ,

Bro. Andy Sweeney

Senior Adult Pastor / Youth Pastor



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Dear Family,

I'd like to simply share scripture with you and ask you all to pray it over my life specifically as well as for us all. I ask you to pray for me specifically for at least two reasons that I will share. First, because I am seeking this for myself with a strong desire in this season of my life. The additional agreement from my family will only add to my readiness for the answer. Second, because as a pastor to the families at Tennessee Avenue, the degree of truth and authenticity that I walk in has a direct effect on this campus.

The prayer is found in Ephesians 1:17-19:

*Father, we ask that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, You Father, our Father of Glory, may give unto us all the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of You, our Great God. That the eyes of our understanding being enlightened would cause us to know what is the hope of Your calling on our lives, and what the riches of the glory of the inheritance of Jesus is in the saints. And that we would know what is the exceeding greatness of His power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of Your mighty power Lord God. For the glory of Your name Lord Jesus,*

*Amen*

As we pray this prayer over one another, I fully believe that a baptism of fire is going to bring awakening to our hearts and that it would be said of God's bride that sleeping beauty has awakened to love her King.

God bless you all, praying Ephesians 1:17-19 over us.

In Christ,

Bro. Paul Thompson

Family Pastor

# Tennessee Ave KIDZ

Dear TABC Family,

The last few weeks I have found myself living in a state of fear and unknown. I have recited 2 Timothy 1:7 several times to myself. It says, "For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind." I know the rest of the world feels the exact same way and we all have a million questions. Will the kids be able to go back to school? Will we ever be able to go back to church and not worry about hugging each other? Will we ever be able to go anywhere without wearing a mask? It just seems the questions keep coming to my mind and I have had a hard time turning them

off. Then God used my children (as He most of the time does) to remind me how I should be acting.

Sarah turned 8 on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. We had planned a big cookout for the family and then life happened. Andy wasn't feeling well, we were awaiting Covid-19 test results, and I knew we couldn't put our family at risk. When I told Sarah we would have to cancel, she was very disappointed, but I promised we would make it as special as possible. On the morning of her birthday, she woke up, put on a fancy dress, and marched around our house like the birthday queen she was. We let her choose all three meals (which was interesting), we swam, we had cake, and we rented a movie. When I went to pray with her that night, she said "Mom, thank you for making this an awesome day. I'm glad we got to celebrate." Even though her eighth birthday wasn't what she pictured, she still made the best out of the situation because in the end it was still her birthday.

As I pondered on that thought, God spoke to my heart. Even though there are a lot of unknowns in my life and my world right now, He is still on the throne. No event changes who He is. No virus changes who He is. No uncertainty changes who He is. I need to get up from my sulking, put on the armor of God, and continue to share the gospel and serve the Lord no matter what is going on around me. I had to remind myself that I am a child of the King.

I know I am not the only child of God feeling like this so today I want to encourage each of you to keep on keeping on. God is moving. It doesn't look like it right now, but He is there working in our midst. You just have to get up, dress up, and show up just like Sarah did.

I love and miss each of you.

Love in Christ,

Tiffany Sweeney

Children's Ministry Director

## Upcoming Dates to Remember

Parents, following are some important dates to mark on your calendar:

- ⇒ August 11 - K4 Drop-In 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
- ⇒ August 13 - Students may drop school supplies off in classrooms from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and from 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- ⇒ August 17 - First Day of School

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Families,

I started thinking about what to write this time a few weeks back. One of my favorite verses in the Bible is Psalms 91:4, and the part that sticks with me the most is "He will cover you with His pinions, and under His wings you will find refuge; His faithfulness is a shield and buckler." How fitting is this verse for what we are dealing with now? It is so hard to figure out who to trust. Our government and even the CDC seem to change their stories daily. But, do you know who never changes? God. His Word has never changed. His love never changes. He protects us, all the time. Think of all the times you had that close call. Or all times you were so sick, you didn't know if you would be able to get out of the bed. Think of all those hard times, like when you lost someone you loved, and you didn't know if you would make it through the services. Or when you've been hurt, and you thought there



was no way you would ever be able to move on, to get over it, and just let go. Now, look at where you are today. All those times you were scared or hurting, God had you under his wings. He ALWAYS has you under his wings. Even in those times when you may not feel it or see it. Friends, we would not be where we are today, if not for His refuge, for His protection. And how amazing, that all it takes is one feather, off one wing. That's the power of our God. And I am so

thankful for the reminders, especially right now in such uncertain times.

Blessings in Christ,

Mrs. Jessica



### Childcare News:

- Many of the kids have moved to their rooms for the upcoming year. Be looking for a letter to come home about rate changes, and supplies.
- Our Curriculum will officially start on August 17<sup>th</sup>.
- K3 will be having a Back to School Bash on August 21<sup>st</sup>. Your child's teacher will let you know more closer to time.
- We are still hiring! If you or someone you know would be interested, please contact me!

# the month of AUGUST



## birthdays

1 <sup>st</sup>	Ruth Hagaman Katie Nadeau Harry Sproles	15 <sup>th</sup>	Vonda Beavers Molly Frazier	25 <sup>th</sup>	Virginia Davidson Samuel Thompson
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Randy Wheeler	16 <sup>th</sup>	Charlotte James	26 <sup>th</sup>	Lincoln Dixon Brayden Sparks
5 <sup>th</sup>	Karen James	17 <sup>th</sup>	Tammy Turner	27 <sup>th</sup>	Josh Leonard Karen McNew
7 <sup>th</sup>	Debbie Boyd Randy Braswell Lexi Haynes Fred Ryan Hunter Smallwood	18 <sup>th</sup>	Lilly Ide Jennifer Monk Donna Morrell Marc Perry	28 <sup>th</sup>	Frankie Hunt Frankie Powers
8 <sup>th</sup>	Areta Thompson	19 <sup>th</sup>	Jack Prater	29 <sup>th</sup>	Autumn Messer Braelyn Twitty
9 <sup>th</sup>	Becky Arnold Brandon Stevens	20 <sup>th</sup>	Donovan Haga	30 <sup>th</sup>	Jeff Morrell Courtney Robinson Alice Thompson Tim Walker, Sr.
10 <sup>th</sup>	Alicia Brunette	21 <sup>st</sup>	Elyssa Dishman Jan Eldreth Ken Hampton	31 <sup>st</sup>	Stacie Blacklock Joyce Thomas Lydia White
11 <sup>th</sup>	Haley Correll Adron Cox Lilly Hale Yogi Keeling Phil Whitaker	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Scott Frazier Beverly Jones Christy Simcox		
14 <sup>th</sup>	Justin Vance	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Sheyanne Carr Cristy Smallwood		
		24 <sup>th</sup>	Vicki Cox		

## anniversaries

1 <sup>st</sup>	John & Kristi Nelson	13 <sup>th</sup>	Clay & Sheila Gamble	19 <sup>th</sup>	Brian & Kimberly Bishop
4 <sup>th</sup>	Chris & Beverly Estep	14 <sup>th</sup>	Tom & Betty Woosley	24 <sup>th</sup>	Clay & Erica Jackson
5 <sup>th</sup>	Phillip & Gayle Compton Ken & Laura Hampton	15 <sup>th</sup>	Paul & Areta Thompson	26 <sup>th</sup>	Danny & Kathy Sharp
8 <sup>th</sup>	Jerry & Marilyn Feathers	16 <sup>th</sup>	Scott & Carmen Frazier	27 <sup>th</sup>	Phil & Linda Kendrick
10 <sup>th</sup>	Ricky & April Hall	18 <sup>th</sup>	Emmett & Brittany Vernon		

## Schedule of Events

- 12<sup>th</sup>— Kidz Korner  
Kidz Worship Room 6:00 p.m.  
(Wednesdays)
- 16<sup>th</sup>— Promotion Sunday  
Children's Ministry Area 9:45 a.m.
- 16<sup>th</sup>— AWANA Begins - Beach Night  
Children's Ministry Area 6:00 p.m.
- 17<sup>th</sup>— Academy Classes Begin  
TACA 8:00 a.m.
- 24<sup>th</sup>— TACA Home Volleyball Matches  
TACA beginning 5:30 p.m.

# dear CHURCH family



*Thank you*

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,  
Thank you so much for the generous love offering to our ministry! For 30 years, you have refreshed and encouraged me and our family in ways you can't imagine. I love you and praise God for our partnership in the work of the God of Glory! Please know I am praying for you. The future is bright. God has great plans for you! Because He Lives,  
**Bro. Rick Coram**

Thank you all for the love, prayers, and support. Love,  
**The Moore Family**

Thank you for the prayers, flowers and food on the birth of our sweet baby boy. We are blessed to have a wonderful Church family.  
**Luke & Courtney Gent**

Thank you for all the prayers and Get Well basket. The Good Lord blessed me, I get to keep my pinky!  
**Dennis Hutton**

Thank you so much for the lovely peace lily in honor of Shirley. Roscoe was very touched by your kindness. We deeply appreciate your

many prayers and thoughtfulness.  
**Family of Shirley Trivett**

Thank you, Church Family, for all the wonderful blessings - the prayers, the food, and flowers - especially during JD's surgery and recovery.  
**J.D. & Doris Vance**

Church Family, your kindness means so much to us. Thank you for the flowers, and especially all your prayers during my time of sickness and hospital stay. Each of your deeds of love towards us has been so uplifting. We are blessed to have such a caring church family. We love you all!  
**Judy Watkins**

## TABC Welcomes

### By Baptism

Ashley Haga  
Jeremiah Waugh

### Update Contact Info



If your address, email, or phone number have changed, please contact the Church Office at 423-989-4325, or email [mrspeggy@tabaptist.org](mailto:mrspeggy@tabaptist.org) with your correct information.



## Shoe Box Collection AUGUST

Church Family, please bring... School Supplies:

pencils, pens, small writing pads, pencil sharpeners, erasers, markers, water color sets, glue sticks, coloring books, colored pencils, rulers, pencil cases, etc.



Please keep in mind the size — these items must fit in the shoebox with other items. Collection totes are located in the vestibule. Thanks for your help in supporting this great ministry!

### tithes & offerings

"...try Me now in this," Says the LORD of hosts...  
See Malachi 3:10

### OUR CHURCH FINANCES

06/28/2020 Offering	\$9,243.00	Total Offering 6/24 - 7/23/2020	\$57,303.16
07/05/2020 Offering	\$9,972.00	Total 2020 offering YTD:	\$437,054.21
07/12/2020 Offering	\$12,554.00	Current Loan Balance	\$1,483,018.51
07/19/2020 Offering	\$6,799.00	General Account Bank Balance	\$232,910.73
On-line Giving (6/24 - 7/23)	\$18,735.16	Designated Account Bank Balance	\$170,717.48

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### *Prayer Prompter*

*"Have you ever noticed there are  
no holidays in August?  
It's never time to take a break  
from prayer either."  
(See 1 Thessalonians 5:17)*

## COME JOIN US!

### SUNDAYS

<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>9:45 a.m.</b>
<b>Morning Worship Service</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>
<b>AWANA Clubs *</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
<i>* (beginning August 16th)</i>	
<b>Evening Worship Service</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Youth Worship Service</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>

### WEDNESDAYS

<b>Youth Worship Service</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Kidz Korner</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Evening Worship Service</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>

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