

The TABC Journal



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Happy New Year!!!

Ecclesiastes 3:1

"To everything there is a season, A time for every purpose under heaven..."

In this scripture, the author of Ecclesiastes, translated as Preacher/Teacher (my conviction, as many other ministers, is that He is none other than King Solomon) is sharing something very profound. Many people, usually the younger, often struggle with the "seasons" of life. This is not to say that everyone does not struggle at some time, regardless of our age, but... those who have traveled the earth for a

while and have weathered many-a-years and storms, have learned something valuable - that life is a blessed but sometimes strange course. It is not always pretty or kind at one moment, but over time, we see a rhythm and a purpose for the events in our lives - or at the very least, we can see where God was working. To say this another way, I love art - especially paintings. I love to look at the way colors were mixed and the way the brushstrokes were put on the canvas. The closer you look at a painting, even from just a few inches away, you can see all

the intensity of the artist, but from the closeness of the view, you really cannot appreciate the painting as a whole. As a matter of fact, I have heard people say that the painting looks rugged and confusing when one is very close. But... when one backs away, and then looks at the painting as a whole, there is something different... something even glorious. Everything that appeared to be chaos from up close, takes on a new and beautiful form. All of a sudden what could not be appreciated initially, is shown to have purpose and intent to bring about a

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beautiful picture.

Life can be very much the same way. While in the heat of a particular "season" or situation/difficulty, it is easy to feel that life is meaningless or senseless, or even cruel. One may even question the existence of God, or at least question His motives. BUT... then, with the passing of time, comes a time of reflection where we begin to realize that the hurried brushstrokes of the canvas were not meaningless or purposeless, but were allowed (or placed in just such a way) so that we might be strengthened, made wiser, made more compassionate, or even to change the course of our lives (for our good) forever.

Remember, if He gave His life for us, He has proven His love already. He always (yes, I said always) has a purpose in what He brings about or allows in our lives. As God has ordained the seasons for our earth, He has so ordained seasons for our lives. There cannot be a season of harvest unless there is a season for planting. Be patient if you are going through a season of difficulty, remember, the Master Artist is at work. When the painting is done, you will be amazed at the masterpiece the Lord has made of you!

Maranatha,

Pastor Shane



Dear Family,

As I've been studying and teaching through what the Bible explains about the power of God's Word, it has been such a thrill of hope for me personally, and for my thoughts about the Church today. My prayer for us all is that we could all be re-enlightened by the Truth and Power of God's Word again as we move into a new year.

All through the story of Scripture, God is seen as the initiator of the new. He's always doing something new! He's always up to something, and as He awakens the Faith of His Family, they birth a new thing that changes the world. God is doing a new thing in us, and it is centered upon and empowered by His Word.

God's Word is all-powerful. Of course, we know that Jesus IS the Word. Hebrews 4:12 tells us that the Word is active and alive. God's Word is an actively alive, energetic and intelligent thing (think Jesus again). It is the bread come down from Heaven. It acts like Popeye's spinach. If we will plant it within us and yield to its life, it will cause the hidden man of the heart, the new creation in Christ, to grow and grow and grow. God wants His Word to be cherished and treated with the awe that it deserves. God says that if we will add our faith to what it says about us, that we can enter into rest. Jesus has no fear because there is nothing anywhere that could even begin to shake the Peace in which He lives. He is simply unrivaled. Jesus invites us into Him, and we get into Him by abiding in His Word. His Word is Truth and the Truth is beautifully perfect. If we will feast on it we will simply grow bigger than whatever could produce fear in us. His Word is perfect love toward you and me; as we fill our spirit man with perfect love, it casts all fear out. The fear of punishment for misdeeds is removed as you become one with the One Who already absorbed that punishment and lives to tell it.

God is doing a new thing today! Let's all read the Bible for the first time again. Maybe the things you think it says are actually the things that are in the way of you receiving the rest that Jesus paid for. Allow me to challenge you in 2022: begin reading the Bible as if you had never read it before, meditate on the Scriptures that the Spirit highlights to you, possibly Scriptures that you have previously taken for granted. Determine to live the life that Jesus purchased. Set your heart on living in the promises of God. Make a commitment this year to eat the spinach of God's Word, and let it feed the "Popeye" within you. Allow God to do a new thing in you that will change the world. Do something new this year!

Happy New Year! Praying Malachi 4:5-6 over us all,

Bro. Paul Thompson

Associate Pastor of Discipleship



Hello friends!

I am so excited for what the new year will bring for the children's ministry and for TABC! Holidays are a great opportunity to start spiritual conversations with our families. I would like to share a quick family devotion you can do with your children to ring in the new year:

Verse to Remember: Lord, I will remember what you did. Yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago. – Psalm 77:11 NIV

Opening Activity: Make a family timeline. Write the name of each of the twelve months on a piece of paper and challenge your kids to see how much they can remember that happened in your family's life in 2021 and write them by the month when they occurred. Include big things and small things, good things and bad things. For example, you might list things like getting a new pet, having a birthday, starting a new school year, going on vacation, catching the flu, welcoming a new baby brother or sister or even losing a loved one.

Read the Devo together: Do you think you have a good memory? How much can you remember that happened in 2021? Have you noticed that people do a lot of remembering this time of year? Everywhere you look on TV, in magazines and on the internet, people are remembering the best and worst things that happened in 2021. They talk about the biggest news stories, the biggest movies and other special things that happened. But way more important than remembering all of that stuff is remembering what God has done. New Year's Eve can be a fun time to look back at the last year and remember the cool things God has been up to in our lives.

Look At the Bible: In the book of Joshua, the Bible talks about how important it is to remember what God has done. For years and years and years, God had been promising to give His special people, the Israelites, their very own country, a place called the promised land. They used to be slaves in Egypt, but God rescued them, and in this story He does a miracle by stopping the water of a river so the people could cross over to their new home. Wow, what a big day! The Israelites got a brand new home thanks to God's amazing power, and they didn't even have to get wet going there. God did not want His people to forget the awesome things He had done. He didn't want them to forget how much He loved them, so here is what He told them to do.

Read [Joshua 4:1-7](#) together. What did Joshua have the people do? How do you think they felt every time they saw that pile of stones?

Bring It Home: Let's look at our family timeline. Look at all of these things that happened to us this last year. Which months do you think God was with us? One month? Two? No, God was with us every single day. What are some things on our list that we can thank God for? Where did God show up this year? What are some hard things that He helped us through?

Remembering the cool things God has done gives us courage to face the future. The same God who was with us this past year, promises to be with us in the new year no matter what.

Miss April
Children's Ministry Director

Wishing you the happiest of
New Years! May you praise the Lord
for all things merry, and fall back on
Him if times get scary.
He is always with you, always
remember this and you will have
a very blessed New Year!

Tennessee Avenue
Early Childhood Education



Families,

It's yet another new year, and if you are like me, you are looking forward to new things. How great is it to know as born again believers that we are able to take off all of our old, and put on our new? "This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!" (2 Corinthians 5:17, NLT) At first glance this verse seems simple enough, right? But when you stop and really think about what it is saying, it is probably one of the hardest instructional verses in the Bible.

Becoming a Christian is amazing. Knowing you've been redeemed and are now counted in the Lamb's book of life is one of the greatest decisions a person can make. But make no mistake, it is not easy. Taking off the old is an ongoing process. It is something we have to work at every day of our lives. We have been made new in His sight, but that doesn't mean we're done. Everyday we make choices.... choices about our attitudes, choices about how we're going to treat others, choices about how we're going to show Christ to others. And friend, I am here to tell you, you are not (I do not!) always going to make the right choices. We're going to mess up. We're going to fall short every single day. But that is where the beauty of this verse comes in. When we mess up, when we fail, we have a chance to make things "new". That is the beauty of Grace. We must strive each day to do

our best, but when it's not enough, we can pick ourselves up, and start all over.

So, in this new year, I pray you remember we're not perfect, and that we must work every day at keeping our old selves off. I promise in the end, when our lives here are over, and we are walking the streets of heaven, then we will be fully new!

Blessings in Christ,

Jessica Sharrett
Early Education Center Director

the month of **JANUARY**

birthdays

1 st	HAPPY NEW YEAR! Addison Hale	10 th	Rebecca Bounds Phillip Compton
3 rd	Emily Ball John Nelson D.J. Ryan, Jr.	11 th	Gayle Compton Keith Grindstaff Jeannine Huff Carl Nixon
4 th	Chelsea Vance	12 th	Brenden Keen Ruby Worley
6 th	Jeff Brunette Jessica Correll Deion Graham Maleah Minor Matilda Minor	13 th	Nancy Blacklock
7 th	Shaun Correll Gayle Shull	14 th	Jeff Trivett
8 th	Bob Davidson	15 th	Brittany Hayes
9 th	Bill Coleman Mara Dixon Larry Peters	17 th	Amber Clark
		23 rd	Eli Hubbard Sam Messer

24 th	Bryson Hernandez Tim Jackson
25 th	Katlian Hicks
26 th	Andrea Haynes Savanah Medaglia Eliana Waugh
27 th	Ricky Fleenor Reva Mitchell
28 th	Herbert Dunn
29 th	Merriegrace Ball Erica Jackson
30 th	Mike Blair James Sproles
31 st	Tyler Harmon

Upcoming Events

- 2nd– AWANA
Children's Ministry Area 6:00 p.m.
- 2nd– Youth Ministry Sunday Worship
TABC 6:00 p.m. (Sundays)
- 5th– Kidz Korner
Children's Ministry Area 6:00 p.m.
(Wednesdays)
- 5th– Youth Ministry Wednesday Worship
TABC 6:00 p.m. (Wednesdays)
- 6th– Ladies' Community Bible Study
TABC 9:15-11:30 a.m. (Thursdays)
- 6th– TACA Home B-Ball Games
FLB beginning 5:30 p.m.
- 6th– Celebrate Recovery Leader Meeting
Fellowship Hall 6:30 p.m. (Thursdays)
- 7th– Senior Adult Breakfast
Shoney's—Abingdon 9:00 a.m.
- 9th– AWANA OCC Collection Night
Children's Ministry Area 6:00 p.m.
- 13th– TACA Home B-Ball Games
FLB beginning 6:00 p.m.
- 14th– TACA Home B-Ball Game
FLB beginning 6:00 p.m.
- 15th– TABC Children's Basketball League
FLB beginning 8:00 a.m. (Saturdays)
- 16th– AWANA Western Night
Children's Ministry Area 6:00 p.m.
- 18th– TACA Home B-Ball Games
FLB beginning 6:00 p.m.
- 23rd– AWANA
Children's Ministry Area 6:00 p.m.
- 24th– Widows Ministry Luncheon
Fellowship Hall 12:00 p.m.
- 27th– TACA Home B-Ball Games
FLB beginning 6:00 p.m.
- 28th– TACA Home B-Ball Games
FLB beginning 5:30 p.m.
- 30th– AWANA PJ / Movie Night
Children's Ministry Area 6:00 p.m.

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anniversaries

1 st	John & Barbara Raymond	8 th	Larry & Doris Peters	13 th	John & Kathi Gentry
4 th	Ricky & Marie Fleenor	12 th	Luke & Courtney Gent Benji & Tammy Lawson	14 th	Jimmy & Peggy Phipps Wayne & Vicky Ramsey

dear CHURCH family

To Bro. Paul & Church Family,
I am so grateful for the fruit basket that was brought to me. It was so good! Your kindness is appreciated. Thank you again,
Shirley Jenkins

Thank you so very much for the beautiful flowers during this season of my life. I miss my church family, but I'm doing well. Please keep me in your prayers as you will always be in mine. Have a Merry Christmas!

Mary Bernard

Praise to GOD and many thanks to all our TABC pastry chefs. The treats you provided for the Christian Motorcyclist Association outreach party for Tri-Cities area bikers were a big hit. We had 165 show up and because of your gracious hearts for service, we had plenty of sweets to top off the meal we pro-

vided for them. There were still 138 there when the Gospel of Christmas was shared and 5 made recommitment to CHRIST. Praise JESUS here now and look forward to laying the crown you're sure to receive for your selfless efforts at HIS feet someday soon. Thanks,
Bro. Jimmy Phipps
(Philippians 1:5..... I love ya and there's nothin' you can do to make me stop!

To TABC Meals on Wheels:

I can't thank you enough for the delicious meals I receive each day; and thank you to the ones that prepare the meals and the ones that deliver the meals. Hoping that your Christmas was filled with much joy and love, and that the New Year is very good to you. Christmas Love,
Mary Stephenson

*Therefore
if any man be in
Christ,
He is a new creature:
old things are passed away;
Behold,
all things are become New.
2 Corinthians 5:17*

TABC FINANCES	
<i>tithes & offerings</i>	
"...try Me now in this," Says the LORD of hosts... See Malachi 3:10	
12/05/2021 Offering	\$13,100.39
12/12/2021 Offering	\$8,770.00
12/19/2021 Offering	\$10,711.00
12/26/2021 Offering	\$5,112.00
On-line Giving 11/30-12/26/21	\$13,863.00
Total Offering 11/30-12/26/21	\$51,556.39
Total 2021 offering YTD:	\$836,221.26
Bank Balances	
Current Loan Balance	\$1,415,448.81
General Account	\$451,029.38
Designated Account	\$14,359.30
Daycare / Academy	\$340,573.92

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TABC Children's Basketball League
for children ages K5 – 6th grades.
**Practices & games on Saturdays,
January 15th-February 19th**

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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!



HALFWAY THROUGH!

We are halfway through the 2021-2022 academic year at Tennessee Avenue Christian Academy! The first semester has been a whirlwind of excitement and challenges. Our campus has been abuzz with change, new faces, and activity. Our faithful staff has stepped up and handled all of this with grace and skill.

Our administrative staff has worked diligently to make improvements for TACA staff, students, and families. We have had the most significant enrollment increase since the beginning of TACA, with many more opportunities to offer Kingdom learning to young men and women in our community. We have just ended a very successful, first-ever Annual Crusader Campaign, which will provide funding to begin tangible improvements that will positively affect the educational experience for the entire student body.

Our Events Committee has been very busy, as well. Here is a partial list of what we have been up to:

Fall Festival - This event was held at Stickleby Farms and was well attended. There were food trucks, hayrides, games, contests,

and a LIVE broadcast by LOVE FM. What a great night to spend getting to know our TACA family! 100% paid for by sponsors and ticket sales.

End of Nine Weeks Teacher Luncheon - Our committee has implemented a teacher luncheon to be held once a quarter (end of each nine weeks). We have held two luncheons during the first semester and the cost for both luncheons have been covered by in kind donations.

Grandparents Day - This event was well attended and gave TACA students and staff a chance to honor our grandparents. Be on the lookout for a beautiful 2022 calendar, sent to each grandparent who attended.

Staff Christmas Dinner - Our desire was to honor our faculty and staff with a beautiful dinner. This event was held at the Ron Ramsey Agricultural Center. Our meal was catered by Mrs. Debbie Foran and her team. The food was delicious! Thank you Debbie and Larry!. Mrs. Gail Guy entertained us with beautiful Christmas carols and Mr. Josh Bowman gave us a

glimpse of that first Christmas night when he read the Christmas story from Luke chapter 2.

"O Holy Night" Christmas Program - Performed by elementary and early education center students. There was standing room only in the church sanctuary, as our 2 year olds through fifth grade students gave a beautiful performance of songs, light show, and the depiction of the manger scene. What a night!

I am thankful for the opportunity to serve my Savior in this ministry. I invite you to pray for TACA, every student and staff member, and the families we serve. As we begin this second semester and a new year, let's roll up our sleeves and accomplish much for the kingdom!

"And let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands," Psalm 90:17 ASV

To God Be The Glory!

Cindy Beal
Academy Administrator

BLESSING OUR COMMUNITY



Our fourth and fifth graders, along with Mrs. Paula Stigall and Mrs. Jill Hutchins, initiated a project to bless the homeless in Bristol with 'Blessing bags' filled with scarves, gloves and hats. The students collected items for several weeks and then hung them in the trees at two local parks on the last day of school before Christmas break! We are so proud of these students and the teachers who are training them to be compassionate and giving.



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TENNESSEE AVENUE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

JANUARY

SCHOOL EVENTS

01-01-2022
HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

01-03-2022
CLASSES RESUME @ 8:00 AM

01-05-2022
NO PARENT CHAPEL

01-07-2022
REPORT CARDS DISTRIBUTED

01-10-2022
**WINTER FOOD DRIVE
MORE INFO COMING!!

01-15-2022
**TABC BASKETBALL BEGINS
SEE EMAIL FOR INFO.

02-02-2022
PARENT CHAPEL @ 8:15 AM



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Prayer Prompter

*"As you plan ways to
embrace the New Year,
consider abandoning
'The sin of prayerlessness'."*

*(See 1 Thessalonians 5:17
& Philippians 4:6)*

COME JOIN US!

SUNDAYS

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

WEDNESDAYS

Evening Worship Service	6:00 p.m.
Kidz Korner	6:00 p.m.
Youth Worship Service	6:00 p.m.

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