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Missing a Summer Blessing

Jonah 4:6-8

"6 And the Lord God prepared a plant and made it come up over Jonah, that it might be shade for his head to deliver him from his misery. So Jonah was very grateful for the plant. 7 But as morning dawned the next day God prepared a worm, and it so damaged the plant that it withered. 8 And it happened, when the sun arose, that God prepared a vehement east wind; and the sun beat on Jonah's head, so that he grew faint. Then he wished death for himself, and said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

So ... I know that it is not summer yet, and yes, up here in these gorgeous mountains, the weather tends to be a little milder; however, where I come

from... in the deep south, it has already been hot for quite a while. I used to joke when I lived in South Carolina and Georgia, that we had two seasons - Summer and Fall. That is, you might get a little break from spontaneously combusting, but the summers would come early and stay late. Even in the last few years, I remember playing in the ocean (Georgia Coast) on Thanksgiving weekend, and being in the mid-80's on Christmas day. You see, Santa did not bring a sleigh to our house. He wore sunglasses, a Hawaiian shirt, and showed up in a convertible - Ha!

Anyway, so I am more than familiar with hot weather... but the blister-

ing heat and the salty sweat in the eyes (as rough as they may be), also cause you to appreciate other blessings like air conditioning (please remember to thank God in your prayers for the person who invented A/C), or at the very least, the blessing of sitting under a shade tree. I remember helping my uncle during the summer months cut the grass of the widows in his neighborhood. There were many times I thought I was on the verge of passing out... when my uncle would come over and say, "Come over here with me and let's cool off and drink some water." Now, as happy as I was to hear that we were stopping for a moment, I was think-

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ing in my heart, "There is no escape from this horrible heat out here!" But to my amazement, though it was nothing to be compared to A/C, it was significantly cooler in the shade – it felt like about-a-good 10 degrees difference. And then, when the wind would blow (even if for just a moment), that brief moment was like heaven came down and kissed the earth, and we just got caught in the smack!

At that time, my uncle (Jack Strickland) saw a teachable moment – as was his regular custom with me (guess he thought I needed the help). He began to pray as we sat in the shade feeling the gentle breeze... "Thank you Father for this beautiful day, for the sun, the flowers, the trees, and especially for this shade and cool breeze to refresh our bodies... God you are so good to us!" That was very impactful on my life. Here I was, burning to a crisp, trying to find any excuse to get back to my grandmother's house... but there he was just as happy as a bird singing in a tree. You see to him, the heat was not a curse, but a gift of God to warm the earth. And if things did get a little too warm, there was always some shade, water, and the occasional cool breeze from God to refresh the soul.

Part of the lesson I learned was not to focus on what I thought was negative, but to step back and see that all of it (yes, I said, all of it) was and is a gift from God. And those things that may feel a little rough on the flesh only serve to make us appreciate the little blessing all the more. Maybe that is a little of what Jonah needed to learn in the scripture above... learn to appreciate and be grateful for even the smallest blessing (shade, breeze, the comfort and sharing of a friend during a hard time). The hard/difficult times (heat) will always come, but it's those who search for and recognize the blessings that will always be able to endure – and even come out on the other side smiling!

Maranatha,
Pastor Shane



Dear Church Family,

The greatest sermon ever preached by the greatest preacher who ever lived is without question, Jesus Himself, in His Sermon on the Mount. The truths that came out of this teaching some 2,000 years ago have impacted the planet in immeasurable ways. It has been said that the moral foundations of Western Civilization itself were framed up directly out of the principles of life given to us in these passages of Scripture. I am experiencing the life transforming power of this sermon thanks to our Celebrate Recovery ministry, as I have jumped into it with both feet.

Celebrate Recovery is built upon twelve foundational principles that come straight out of the Sermon on the Mount. I have been amazed, as I have studied and applied these Scriptures to my life, at the changes that have begun to happen. I'm even more amazed at how familiar I have been with these passages for many, many years and yet have never really applied them fully to my life in a comprehensive way.

I'm involved in a Step Study through the Celebrate Recovery ministry with two other men. We meet weekly for a couple of hours. The Step Study takes us into the application of God's Word to our lives. We are six weeks into the study, and I have been amazed at how it is affecting my life! At our weekly CR meeting (6:30 p.m. on Thursdays in the Fellowship Hall) last week, I heard the testimony of a man who was a part of our church's CR ministry in the past. He took the principles to heart, went through the Step Study and began to conform his life to what the Sermon on the Mount teaches. To hear him describe the life change that has occurred in his life, and to see it on his face, further impressed upon me the power of the truths taught in God's Word. Celebrate Recovery, at its heart, is about setting people free from the addiction of self-preoccupation and following your own understanding in life choices. It aims to apply the Gospel of Jesus Christ and His life teaching to any and every human heart in a comprehensive, community-based environment. Please prayerfully consider joining our church's CR Ministry. It will change your life.

In Christ,

Bro. Paul
Associate Pastor of Discipleship



Greetings TABC,

Once again, I want to say how excited I am to be part of the ministry here at TABC. I am even more excited to see how the Lord continues to move our church and our youth. We are starting to plan summer activities, and am excited to get this group active! We are planning to start a needs list for anyone in the church who may have some needs or chores that we as a group can assist you with. Also, if anyone would like to be involved in assisting with the youth please reach out, as we are constantly looking for people to join in helping on Wednesdays, Sundays and activities. Thank you all again so much for this opportunity and I am excited to see what GOD has in store this summer at TABC!

Garrett Williams
Youth Minister



Who is ready for VBS?!?!?! This is my favorite time of the year! This year we are gonna make Waves, one child at a time! Every little action we take can change the world around us. We are going to be the positive

change for this world that we are in now. Let's gear up to help our children see *they* can be the change! Please be thinking about how you would like to help this year. We can use EVERYONE! Don't be shy.....we have a spot for you! Please be on the lookout for more information and how you can jump in.

Thank you for all your prayers for the children's ministry!

Miss April



Tennessee Avenue Early Childhood Education

Families,



Are you a worrier? Do you struggle to have faith that God is going to take care of all your needs? Surely, I am not the only one! As a Christian, this is probably one of my biggest downfalls. I worry. There was even a time when I worried about having enough food, but maybe not enough food, but the food we "liked". I worried about my kids having the right wardrobe for school, you know, so they fit in. It was a struggle, and it was a struggle because I had my focus all wrong. I was trying to live up to standards that we didn't need. We had plenty. God provided. I just wanted more, or worried that there wasn't what I thought was enough, or it wasn't what I thought was right.

In Matthew 6:24-34 (I'm going to paraphrase here) we read about not worrying. This is probably one of my favorite passages of Scripture. But here we are told to "look at the sparrow". They don't worry, God provides. Then we're told to "consider the lilies". They are beautiful, but they don't worry about it, they just are. Because that is how God created them. But here, we worry about

everything! And maybe what we are worried about really doesn't even need to be worried about, right? Matt. 6:34 (NIV) says, "Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."

God is already there; God is already here. And He is going to supply all our needs. I mean, He takes care of the birds in the sky, the flowers that grow, and I promise you we are more valuable to Him than they are. Maybe what we are worried about doesn't need to be worried about at all. Maybe we are worrying because our focus is not on God providing our needs but instead on what *we think* our needs are. Maybe, if we realign our focus, and realize that God is providing what we need, not what we want, we will have a lot less worrying to do! We can live without "wants". But we can't live without God, and without Him providing our needs!

Blessings in Christ,
Jessica Sharrett
Early Education Center Director

DATES TO REMEMBER:
May 23rd: Summer Care for K4 begins
May 23rd-May 27th: Care for our afterschool students is available
May 30th: Closed for Memorial Day
May 31st: Camp Joy Summer Camp begins



May 31st - August 5th, 2022
Weekdays from 6:30am until 5:30pm
For children who have completed K5-6th Grade!

FOR MORE INFORMATION
or a registration packet:

Camp Joy
c/o Tennessee Avenue Early Childhood
Education Center
822 Tennessee Ave., Bristol, TN 37620
423-989-4343
sharrettj@tabaptist.org

the month of **MAY**

birthdays

1 st	Clay Gamble Julia Lambert Liz Thompson	9 th	David Calhoun Nikki Stevens	18 th	Laura Dixon
2 nd	Jess Carter Mary Jo Leonard Connie Messer	12 th	Chad Braswell Billy Padgett	21 st	Makayla Smith
5 th	Jill Hutchins Jim Miller	13 th	Brick Gent Londyn Haga	24 th	Gail Guy Billy Joe James
6 th	Rusty Cox	14 th	Kara Stevens Lauren Zimmerman	25 th	Jane Perry
7 th	Saundra Hillman Crystal Peters Jessica Sharrett	15 th	Henry King	26 th	Lauren Brown
8 th	John Raymond Jeff Woods	16 th	Nick Blankenship Michele Steadman	28 th	Peggy Jenkins Sue Owens
		17 th	Caleb Thompson	29 th	Willetta Leonard
				30 th	Jake Blevins

Happy
Mother's Day
to ALL our Mothers!

anniversaries

3 rd	Jeff & Donna Morrell	12 th	Ronnie & Teresa Martin	24 th	Jim & Lin Saunders
6 th	Randy & Brittany Hayes	14 th	Jad & Lucy Justus	28 th	Stacey & Brittany Sheffield Randy & Brenda Wheeler
7 th	Larry & Diane Powers	16 th	Kenny & Peggy Price	29 th	Mack & Hannah Moore
9 th	Allen & Donna Dixon	20 th	Shane & Misty Phillips	30 th	Jeff & Diana Carter
10 th	Chris & Melanie Hutton	22 nd	Fred & Hollie Ryan		

Event Calendar

1 st	AWANA Awards Night Sanctuary 6:00 pm
1 st	Youth Service (Every Sunday) TABC 6:00 pm
4 th	Kidz Korner (Every Wednesday) Children's Ministry Area 6:00 pm
4 th	Youth Service (Every Wednesday) TABC 6:00 pm
5 th	TACA Parent Chapel / National Day of Prayer Sanctuary 8:15 am
5 th	Ladies' Community Bible Study TABC 9:00 am (Brunch)
5 th	Celebrate Recovery Fellowship Hall 6:30 pm (Thursdays)
6 th	TACA 2nd Annual Fun Run Fundraiser Steele Creek Park 8:00 am
6 th	Senior Adult Breakfast Cracker Barrel 9:00 am
12 th	TACA 1st-11th Grades Awards Night Sanctuary 6:00 pm
13 th	Senior Adult Trip to Dolly Parton's Stampede Pigeon Forge, TN Depart 3:00 pm
15 th	AWANA Year-End Blow-Out Bristol Skateway 6:00 pm
17 th	TACA K4/K5 Graduation Sanctuary 6:30 pm
19 th	TACA Senior Awards & Dinner FLB 6:00 pm
20 th	TACA High School Graduation Sanctuary 7:00 pm
23 rd	Widows Ministry Luncheon Fellowship Hall 12:00 Noon
30 th	Memorial Day Holiday - Church Office, Daycare and Academy Closed

dear CHURCH family

Thank you

Thank you ever so much for the prayers and support shown to my family for my recent kidney transplant. I have certainly felt the many prayers and I know God's hand was in this process from the very beginning. I am so very blessed to be part of such a loving church body and thank God that He is alive and at work within our midst. Love In Him,
Steve Huff

Dear Church Family,
Thank you so much for the many acts of love and support you've shown Don and our family during his knee surgery and recovery. We are so appreciative of the visitors in the hospital, the beautiful roses, cards, texts, phone calls, gifts of food, but especially the many prayers lifted for us. We are so blessed to be a part of TABC!

Don and Sylvia Rowland

Thank you so much, Church Family, for your faithful and generous support of

The Christian Motorcyclist Associations ministries through "Run For The SON" 2022.

Bro. Jimmy Phipps

Thank you, TABC family, for your prayers, love, support, and beautiful plant on the passing of my sister. In Jesus' Name,

Bobbie Lewis



SAVE THE DATE
Summer *Revival* with Evangelist **Rick Coram**
June 26 - June 29, 2022

TABC FINANCES	
<i>Tithes & Offerings</i>	
"...try Me now in this," Says the LORD of hosts... See Malachi 3:10	
04/03/2022 Offering	\$8,775.00
04/10/2022 Offering	\$9,766.27
04/17/2022 Offering	\$57,202.00
04/24/2022 Offering	\$6,200.00
On-line Giving 3/24-4/25/2022	\$22,808.32
Period Giving Total	\$104,751.59
Total 2022 offering YTD:	\$286,893.65
Bank Balances	
Current Loan Balance	\$1,361,954.25
General Account	\$472,289.37
Designated Account	\$1,509.72
Daycare / Academy	\$312,220.84
Money Market	\$50,734.11

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GRADUATE RECOGNITION Sunday
SUNDAY, JUNE 5TH
We will recognize our high school and college graduates during the 11:00 AM service on June 5th. If you or someone you know is a 2022 graduate and would like to be recognized, please email name, school, degree, & photo by **Wednesday, June 1st** to mrsdebbie@tabaptist.org.

TACA Sword & Shield

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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!



THE HOME STRETCH!

The next few weeks are jam packed with activities here on the TACA campus. In just a few short weeks, the 2021-2022 School Year will come to a close. Some of our students will be leaving the TACA family. Our graduates will be heading into adulthood, college, work, and life. Some of our students will be moving to another school. Our continuing students will be off on adventures with family and friends for the summer. But all of them - graduates, those who are leaving

TACA, and those who will return in the fall - will leave campus on May 20 covered in the love and prayers of our faculty and staff.

I am in awe of the many ways God has blessed our school this year and I am so thankful to be a part of it all. What a blessing to spend my days with the TACA family of students and staff. TACA has been the "best kept secret" in Bristol, TN, but not for long!

Please note our "Dates to Remember", to the left, and also posted on the TACA Facebook page and website. I am sure you will find an event or two that you would like to attend.

May the Lord richly bless you and keep you safe this summer and return you to us in the fall.

"So teach us to number our days,

*That we may gain
a heart of wisdom."*

~Psalm 90:12 NKJV~

Mrs. Cindy Beal
Academy Administrator

TENNESSEE AVENUE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

UPCOMING EVENTS 2022

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**TEACHER APPRECIATION
WEEK!!!**

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**PARENT CHAPEL & NATIONAL
DAY OF PRAYER
@ 8:15 A.M. IN THE GYM**

Middle and High School Drama Team will be leading in worship. SCA will be leading in the prayer service.

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**2ND ANNUAL CRUSADER
CHARGE! @ STEELE CREEK**

Please see parent emails for all information

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AWARDS NIGHT

1st-5th Grade Students at 6:00 p.m.
in the Sanctuary.

Middle & High School at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.
More information will be sent home
closer to time.

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GRADUATION CEREMONIES

Tuesday, May 17th: K4 & Kindergarten
Graduation at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Friday, May 20th: LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!!!
High School Graduation at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

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TACA GRADUATES

TACA SENIORS: THE CLASS OF 2022

Congratulations to the TACA Senior Class of 2022! They will be graduating on Friday, May 20th. We wish them well and pray the Lord's Blessings over

them as they continue life's journey.
Melanie Baker
Rachel Davidson

Kade Morrison
Blake Radford
Riley Sharrett

CONGRATULATIONS SENIOR CLASS OF 2022!

K4-K5 class of 2022



2022 Kindergarten Graduates

Congratulations to the following Kindergarten students for taking their next step in their long educational journey. They will be graduating on Tuesday, May 17th.

Luis Carter
Reed Crumley
Benjamin Denton
Sylas Dorn
Grayson Grizzel
Gwen Henderson
Timothy Hess II
Hudson Hill

Jamie Lewis
Laklynn Pendergrass
Adria Rothman
Kayden Stike
Logan Vance
Chloe Waldron
Kelsey White
Ella Wise

2022 K4 Graduates

Congratulations to the following TACA K4 students. They will be graduating on Tuesday, May 17th.

Ronin Andrews
Marcus Ball
Harper Bowman
Axel Clark
Winston Claycomb

Avery Fleenor
Abigail Henderson
Thomas Kuhnert
Riley Lockett
Ainsley Marshall
Scout McKee
Max Moseley
Lily Paul
Wiley Putnam
Hannah Rutter

Piper Sailor
Asher Skeens
Natalie Skeens
Kamryn Stanford
Samuel Thompson
Walt Tittle IV
Brody Vance
Waylon Vance
Hosanna Whaley
Ellie Yates

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Prayer Prompter

*"This time of year we like to
get outside and enjoy God's creation,
but don't fail to get inside
your prayer closet
and enjoy His presence!"*

(See Matthew 6:6)

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.

All our Worship Services can be viewed live, as well as viewing previously recorded services, by visiting www.tabaptist.org & selecting the 'Live Worship' tab.

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