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Baptist Church
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"Magnify the Lord with Me"

"Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together."

Psalm 34:3 (NKJV)

As we step into the summer season, our hearts are full of both excitement and expectancy for what God is doing among us. June promises to be a month filled with opportunity—opportunity to serve, to grow, to share the gospel, and to draw nearer to the heart of God. As David cried out in Psalm 34:3, *"Oh, magnify the Lord with*

me, and let us exalt His name together," we are reminded that the Christian life is not meant to be lived in isolation, but in community—lifting up the name of Jesus side by side.

That's what we are going to do this month and I'm excited about these things:

Vacation Bible School: A Soul-Winning Mission Field

From June 8–13, we'll gather together for Vacation Bible School under the theme "Magnified." Our theme verse, Psalm 34:3, is a joyful call to make much of Jesus—not just in our personal lives, but in our shared mission as a church family. When we invite children into our halls, decorate classrooms,

prepare snacks, lead songs, and teach Bible stories, we are doing more than creating a fun summer event—we are magnifying the Lord together.

VBS has always been one of the most fruitful outreach tools in the history of the local church. Countless testimonies begin with the phrase, "I first heard the gospel at Vacation Bible School." Children who have never heard the name of Jesus are introduced to the Savior who knows them by name. Families often come for the first time because of a VBS invitation, and many return. It's a doorway to evangelism—and one that God uses year after year.

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Let me encourage you: we need you! Whether you can serve in registration, lead in worship, teach a class, help with crafts, guide kids through rotations, or simply be present and pray—you have a part to play. VBS isn't just for parents of young children or those "gifted with kids." It's a church-wide, soul-winning mission. Let's come together in one spirit and one purpose to magnify the Lord by loving and reaching the next generation.

Preparing Our Hearts for Revival

As we plant seeds during VBS, we also look ahead with great anticipation to our Summer Revival with Brother Rick Coram, June 22-25. We are praying that God will use these days to refresh the weary, ignite the lukewarm, and call the lost. Revival begins not in the pulpit, but in the heart.

Let me encourage each of us to begin praying now—that God would soften hearts, convict sin, restore joy, and bring salvation. Revival is not a date on a calendar; it's the wind of God's Spirit blow-

ing through surrendered lives. Let's humble ourselves before the Lord and ask Him to search us and cleanse us, that we might be ready vessels for His work (Psalm 139:23-24; 2 Chronicles 7:14).

God Is Moving—Even in the Midst of Transition

As many of you know, our church family is currently walking through a season of transition. Change often brings uncertainty, and it's natural to feel the weight of unknowns. But let us be reminded of this truth: God is not uncertain. He is never surprised or shaken by what we face. His plans for our church are good, His Spirit is at work, and His promises are sure.

The words of Romans 8:28 (NKJV) still ring true: *"And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose."* Even when we don't understand the full picture, we can trust the hand of the One who holds the brush.

And while Psalm 34:3 calls us to magnify the Lord, the verses surrounding it give

us further hope. Verse 4 says, *"I sought the Lord, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears."* (NKJV) God hears. God delivers. He is not distant in transition—He is deeply present.

This is a time to stay the course, to keep worshiping, to keep serving, and to keep loving one another. The foundation of this church is not a position or a program—it is Christ Himself. And He is faithful.

Let's Magnify the Lord—Together

June is not just another month on the calendar. It is an opportunity to glorify God together—through our labor in VBS, our prayers for revival, and our unity in this season of change.

Let's rally around the cross. Let's walk in faith. Let's seek God's face together. Let's magnify the Lord—not just with our lips, but with our lives.

"Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together."

With love and hope,
Joey Cole
Worship Pastor

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KIDZ**

Hello Church Family!

Vacation Bible School is almost here, and we can still use lots of help! This is always lots of fun for our kids, and a great outreach opportunity. If you have not already, please let me know you'd like to help, and I'll be sure to get you plugged in! **Also, we need help decorating for VBS on Saturday, June 7th from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.** We'll be decorating in the FLB, Fellowship Hall, and the Children's Ministry classroom areas. It will go much more quickly if we have lots of help, so please come help decorate!!

~~Miss April

Children's Ministry Director

JUNE 8-13

6-8:30 PM



For children Pre-K thru having completed 5th Grade



Meal provided during the VBS program each night.



Family Fun Night! Games, hot dogs, & drinks for the whole family!!



If you need a ride on the bus, please contact April at 423-773-1844.

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!

A Word of Encouragement

We all face many good and bad times in this life. Where will we stand during these moments? Will we throw the towel in and become discouraged? It is easy sometimes to think that we as Christians should be immune to disappointments and discouraging events when we are not. This quote is a great reminder: **"Expecting the world to like you because you're a good person is like expecting the bull not to charge because you're a vegetarian."** - Anonymous.

The difference for Christians is that when we face difficulties, we have hope because we are anchored in a relationship with an all-powerful God who can help us through any situation. The two verses below that give us this hope:

1. **Daniel 2:20-21:** *"... Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, for wisdom and might are His; and He changes the times and the seasons; He removes kings and raises up kings; He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding."*
2. **1 Corinthians 4:20:** *"For the Kingdom of God is not in word but in power."*

Daniel reminds us that all wisdom and power is His. He can change seasons, times, and kings; so surely, He can help us with any difficulty we may face. Being a member of the Kingdom of God gives us access to real power. It is not like the person who boasts about how powerful he is but can never back it up. I am grateful that we serve a God who can do anything.

This is a truth we must continually remind ourselves of. God is omnipotent, which literally means **"all-powerful"**. I do not know of another concept more critical for Christians living today than understanding and embracing this one. We will quickly be overwhelmed and discouraged if we don't understand that God alone is able to give us the power and wisdom we need for whatever difficulty we may face. So, take heart fellow believers! **"...be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might."** Ephesians 6:10

It is a certainty that we will face difficulties in this life. It is not a matter of "if" but when and how often we will face them. But we serve a mighty God and He is able to do more than we ever imagined.

Cindy Beal
Administrator

Tennessee Avenue
Early Childhood Education



Families,

I cannot believe it is already June! We have been so busy that I forgot to even get the newsletter written! We wrapped up May with our Three-year-old "Fantastic Finale" and the kiddos did so great! If you haven't had a chance to watch the live stream, take a few minutes to do so. I guarantee you; it will put a smile on your face. This time of year is always bittersweet for us with this age group; while we always have some that stay and continue at the academy, we always have a few that go to public schools as well. In today's world, that can be a scary thought. Our prayer here is that we have been able to pour enough love into them, and have been able to give them a starting foundation of how much God loves them as well. Our teachers, in every age group, do an amazing job. Sometimes it's not easy for them, or me. Just today during nap time I had 3 kids in my office instead of in their rooms because of their behavior. But sometimes the greatest feeling in the world is having those same kiddo's who are so hard some days to come up to you and tell you that they love you. It is always my prayer that no matter how rough of a day they may have had, that they always know that they are loved.

Psalm 127:3-5 says, *"Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb is a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, so are the children of one's youth. Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them; They shall not be ashamed, But shall speak with their enemies in the gate."* (NKJV) Children are gifts from the Lord. While these verses may be talking about the gift of children for parents, they are a gift to us as well. We know that it is a privilege to be able to care for these children, and we understand the trust that parents have put in us. That is not something we take lightly.

I am so thankful for this group of ladies here that are pouring into the children every day, and so thankful that they are also pouring into each other as well!

Please continue to lift the ECEC, K4 Summer, and Summer Camp Joy in your prayers!

Blessings in Christ,
Jessica Sharrett, Director, Early Childhood Education Center

the month of JUNE

birthdays

2 nd	Jeff Vance	14 th	Marie Fleenor
3 rd	Tammy Lawson	15 th	Rachel Blevins
7 th	Scarlett Braswell		Wayne Stanton
8 th	Jennie Shipplett	16 th	Maston Creger
9 th	Josh Ellis	17 th	Adley Jackson
	Tal Thompson		Paisley Jackson
	Brenda Wheeler	19 th	Natalie Lane
10 th	Phoebe Carr	20 th	Joy Frizzell
11 th	Jaleigh Dixon		Lois Nixon
12 th	Randy Carrier	23 rd	Roscoe Trivett
	Shirley Jenkins		Destiny Bouton
	Tori Ryan		Stacy Minor
			Steve Shipplett

24 th	Amie Parker
25 th	Loggins Gent
	Sandy Smallwood
26 th	Becky Hunt
	Jessica Malloy
28 th	Ben Peters
29 th	Nancy Moody
	Lin Saunders
30 th	Hope Blevins
	Caleb Boyd
	Roni DePew

Event Calendar

1 st	Children's Ministry Children's Ministry Area 6:00 pm (Every Sunday)
1 st	Youth Worship Service Youth Room 6:00 pm (Every Sunday)
3 rd	Transition Team Meeting Fellowship Hall 6:00 PM (Every Tuesday)
4 th	Kidz Korner Children's Ministry Area 6:00 pm (Every Wednesday)
4 th	Youth Worship Service TABC 6:00 pm (Every Wednesday)
5 th	Celebrate Recovery Fellowship Hall 6:30 pm (Thursdays)
6 th	Senior Adult Breakfast Perkins Exit 7 9:00 am
7 th	SON Golf League Warrior's Path Golf Course 8:00 am
7 th	VBS Set-Up & Decorate TABC 10:00 am-1:00 pm
8 th -13 th	Vacation Bible School TABC 6:00-8:30 pm nightly
15 th	Father's Day No Evening Service or Activities on Campus
22 nd -25 th	Revival with Evangelist Rick Coram Sanctuary Sunday 11:00 am & 6:00 pm Monday 7:00 pm
23 rd	Widows Luncheon FH 12:00 noon
27 th	Hispanic Church Prayer Meeting 8:00 pm-12:00 am

Happy
Father's
Day

anniversaries

4 th	Joe & Janice Milhorn	15 th	Randy & Teresa Braswell	21 st	Brian & Amber Clark
9 th	Jim & Sue Miller	18 th	Jet & Anne Cornelius	24 th	David & Stacy Minor
12 th	Jerry & Celesta Jenkins	19 th	Shaun & Jessica Correll	29 th	Mack & Hannah Moore
		20 th	Billy & Adrian Padgett		

dear CHURCH family

THANK YOU!

Thank you so much church. Your faithful support of home and world outreach for Christ through the Christian Motorcyclist Association's RUN FOR THE SON, is greatly appreciated by those of us who are members of both TABC and

CMA. We trust in the eternal day when Jesus is the light, there will be many thank-yous from those who come to Christ and many, many crowns to lay at our Savior's feet because you helped fund efforts to obey Luke 14:23. Thanks again, Philippians 1:5

Randy & Brenda Wheeler
Jimmy & Peggy Phipps

SENIOR ADULT BREAKFAST



Friday, June 6 9:00 AM

Online GIVING

Visit tabaptist.org and select the 'Giving' tab ~OR~ Open the Mobile App, select "Church", then "Give".



Text **JOYPLACE** to **73256** to give via text message.

TABC FINANCES

Tithes & Offerings

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

04/27/2025 Offering	\$ 19,023.00
05/04/2025 Offering	\$ 9,791.00
05/11/2025 Offering	\$ 11,406.00
05/18/2025 Offering	\$ 8,649.00
05/25/2025 Offering	\$ 7,261.00
On-line Giving 4/20- 5/27/25	\$ 9,296.78
Period Giving Total	\$ 65,426.78
Total 2025 offering YTD:	\$278,536.58

Bank Balances

Current Loan Balance	\$ 841,779.75
General Account	\$ 197,579.44
Designated Account	\$ 74,049.85
Daycare / Academy	\$ 72,452.39
Money Market	\$ 129,081.27

TENNESSEE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH Summer

Revival

Celebrating 35 Years of Revival with
Evangelist Rick Coram



JUNE 22-25

Sunday: 11am & 6pm
Monday-Wednesday: 7pm

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SUNDAYS

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship Service	6:00 p.m.
Children's Summer Program	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.

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)

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