



The TABC Journal



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A Heart of Thanksgiving and a Spirit of Service

As the leaves turn golden and the cool air settles in, it's hard not to pause and reflect on the goodness of God. Every November, we're reminded of how blessed we truly are — not only because of the comforts and joys that fill our homes, but because of the opportunities God gives us to make a difference for His Kingdom.

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This year, my heart overflows with gratitude. I'm thankful for the incredible privilege of serving here at Tennessee Avenue — among people who love the Lord, love one another, and love this community. It's humbling to see how God continues to work through the lives of His people, using ordinary moments and everyday faithfulness to accomplish extraordinary things. Every time I walk through our church campus, I see faith in action. Our Office Staff who keep the ministries of the church organized and running smoothly — their diligence and kindness often go unseen, but they

are a steady heartbeat behind everything we do. Our Academy Staff and Teachers who pour into the next generation — not just with knowledge, but with prayer, patience, and a love for Christ that plants eternal seeds in young hearts. And our Daycare Staff, who care for the littlest ones with such tenderness and grace — your work is a ministry that shines Jesus every single day. To each of you: thank you. Thank you for showing up, for smiling when the day is long, for caring deeply, and for making Tennessee Avenue a place that reflects the love of Christ. But beyond gratitude, I believe Thanksgiving should stir

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in us a renewed desire to serve. You see, thankfulness and service go hand in hand. When our hearts are full of gratitude for all that God has done, it naturally overflows into a willingness to bless others.

As we move closer to Christmas, our mission field becomes even more open. People who might never walk into a church any other time of year will pause long enough during the holidays to listen — to attend a concert, a play, or a Christmas service. Hearts that have been hardened by life's difficulties are often softened by the sound of carols and the reminder that there's still hope. That means this season is ripe with opportunity. The lost and unchurched are more receptive to the Gospel now than at almost any other time of year. So, let's be ready. Let's look for ways to serve, to invite, to listen, and to love. You don't have to stand behind a pulpit to make a difference — you can hold a door, share a smile, bake a pie for

a neighbor, or sponsor a child's Christmas. Each act of kindness becomes a gospel seed planted in the soil of someone's heart.

Jesus said in Matthew 5:16 (NKJV), *"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."* That's what I see happening all across Tennessee Avenue — lights shining brightly, not for recognition, but for the glory of God.

So as we gather around our tables this Thanksgiving, let's thank God not just for what we have, but for how He's using us. Let's remember that gratitude isn't just a feeling — it's a fuel that drives us to live out our faith boldly. And as the Christmas season approaches, I challenge all of us — myself included — to pray, "Lord, show me where I can serve. Open my eyes to someone who needs Your love. Help me to shine Your light in every opportunity You

give." Together, let's carry that thankful spirit into a world that desperately needs to see Christ. Because when God's people live with gratitude and serve with joy, it's not just the church that's blessed — it's the entire community that feels the warmth of His love.

From my heart to yours — thank you, Tennessee Avenue family, for being faithful, for being generous, and for being the hands and feet of Jesus every single day. Happy Thanksgiving — and may this season remind us that gratitude and service are two sides of the same beautiful coin of faith.

Blessings,

Joey Cole
Worship Pastor



With the Transition Interim period nearing its end I recently decided to go back through my Transition Team notebook and highlight some of the milestone events that have happened over the past year. I've summarized these milestone events in the list below. This list obviously is not exhaustive and does not include the countless works our awesome pastors and deacons have done over the year. It is simply a summary of the bigger events from my perspective as a congregation member on the Transition Team.

1. **June 2024:** Congregation affirms entering the Transition Interim Process.
2. **July/August 2024:** Deacons selected and the congregation affirms a Transition Interim team composed of congregation members AKA The "TIM" team.
3. **September 2024:** The Transition team is trained on the Interim process, which includes studying TABC in 5 sections:
 1. Heritage – Who are we?
 2. Mission – What is our purpose?
 3. Leadership – Are we structured to succeed in our purpose?
 4. Connections – What connections do we have to the community and each other?
 5. Future – How can we better ourselves towards succeeding in our purpose

in the future?

TIM begins the "Heritage" focus point and hosts a church-wide survey event.

4. **October 2024:** TIM begins the process of tabulating and studying survey results. TIM begins the Mission focus point.
5. **November 2024:** TIM records membership videos highlighting stories about church Heritage and presents the results of the survey to the congregation in a business meeting. This concludes the "Heritage" focus point.
6. **December 2024:** TIM develops a new Mission statement and distributes information about it to the congregation.
7. **January 2025:** The Congregation affirms the new mission statement and new logos are developed to reflect it. This concludes the "Mission" focus point. TIM begins the "Leadership" focus point.

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8. **February 2025:** TIM and congregation begin studying biblical leadership models.
9. **March 2025:** TIM begins showcasing member videos recorded in November.
10. **April/May 2025:** TIM creates and releases study material information on plural leadership models. TIM hosts two town hall meetings to discuss a change to a plural leadership model.
11. **June 2025:** TIM motions to officially adopt a plural leadership model. The motion fails a supermajority vote. TIM develops and launches another congregation wide survey.
12. **July 2025:** TIM researches the congregation's concerns about the failed motion and adjusts a

new motion to address them. The motion passes a supermajority vote. The deacons begin forming a pastor search committee. This concludes the "Leadership" focus point. TIM begins the Connections focus point.

13. **August 2025:** TIM develops two documents: a Congregation Profile and a Pastor Profile using data gathered from surveys and research to assist the pastor search committee. TIM releases a "Connections" info sheet giving information on all of the different ministries TABC is involved in. This concludes the "Connections" focus point.

14. **September 2025:** Deacons appoint and the congregation affirms a pastor search team. TIM

begins the "Future" focus point.

15. **October 2025:** Deacons, TIM and other congregation members research what needs to be updated in our bylaws in conjunction with the pastor search.
16. **TODAY:** As of the time of me writing this- You are here!

It has been a blessing to be involved in this ministry. I've gotten to learn so much about myself, my relationship with Christ and a lot about my fellow congregation members that I would not have otherwise. When I look back over this list I am encouraged that God is doing a work at TABC. I look forward to the next chapter!

Cody Cornelius
TIM Team Member



Hi!

🍁 Faith-Filled Fall Adventures 🍁

Fall is a season full of wonder—crunchy leaves, cozy sweaters, and the joy of harvest. At TABC Kidz, we're embracing this beautiful time of year to help our children discover the wonder of God's love in everyday moments.

This season, our Children's Ministry is focusing on "Walking with Jesus"—learning how to follow Him in our thoughts, words, and actions. Through Bible stories, crafts, and worship, kids are exploring what it means to live with gratitude, courage, and compassion.

What's Happening This Fall:

- ❤️ **Operation Christmas Child**
- Donations** - We invite the church

to work with the kids filling shoe boxes for OCC. Kids will also be packing boxes toward the end of the month.

🙌 **Thanksgiving Outreach** - Kids will help prepare cards for local families in need of a kind word, learning the joy of giving.

We believe fall is a perfect time to slow down, reflect, and grow closer to God. Thank you for trusting us to walk alongside your children in their spiritual journey. We're excited for all the ways God is working in their hearts this season!

Blessings,
Miss April



The Pumpkin

Do you know how a pumpkin grows? First, it starts as a tiny seed in the ground. Then it becomes a sprout. The sprout then turns into a vine. A flower

begins to grow on the vine. The flower turns into a pumpkin. As long as the pumpkin is attached to the vine, it will grow and be strong. Once the pumpkin is removed from the vine, it won't grow anymore.

Jesus tells us that He is like the vine and we are like the branches attached to the vine. When we stay attached to Him, we will grow and bear beautiful fruit. Fruit like the Fruits of the Spirit – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. If we try to live without Jesus, we will not bear any fruit. Staying connected to the Vine is God's best for us! Activity Draw a green vine on a piece of paper and write the name Jesus above the vine.

Give each family member a cutout orange pumpkin with their name on it. Place a piece of tape on the back of the pumpkin. Blindfold the kids and have them try to put their pumpkins on the vine.

Bible Verse "I am the vine, and you are the branches. If a person remains in me and I remain in him, then he produces much fruit. But without me he can do nothing." John 15:5

the month of

NOVEMBER

birthdays

1st	13th	26th
Kaitlyn Brown	Macie Minor	Lindsey Boyd
Emma Clark		Earl Leonard, Jr.
Ruth Hall	14th	
D.T. Jeter	Joey Cole	28th
		Sawyer Moore
3rd	20th	
Abigail Thompson	Clarence Booher	29th
	Carl Hart	Peyton Gardner
5th	24th	30th
Zacharie Bryan	Tony Harmon	Amanda Doss
Carol Hale	Starr McRee	
7th	Taylor Medaglia	
Hudson Dixon		

anniversaries

2nd	14th	25th
David & Joan Calhoun	George & Beverly Jones	Jonathan & Michelle Keen
4th	16th	28th
Alan & Sherry Zimmerman	Bob & Phyllis Humphrey	Kevin & Amanda Doss
11th	18th	
Doug & Vicki Cox	Dick & Doris Gordon	



event calendar

2nd	Community Fall Fest FLB / Parking Lot 4:00-6:00 pm
5th	TACA Parent Chapel Sanctuary 8:15 am
5th	Kidz Korner Children's Ministry Area 6:00 pm (Every Wednesday)
5th	Youth Service Youth Room 6:00 pm (Every Wednesday)
6th	Ladies' Community Bible Study TABC 9:15—11:15 am (Thursdays)
6th	Finance Team Meeting Church Office 6:00 pm
6th	Celebrate Recovery Fellowship Hall 6:30 pm (Thursdays)
7th	Senior Adult Breakfast IHOP - Volunteer Pkwy 9:00 am
17th	Meals on Wheels
24th	Widows Ministry Luncheon Fellowship Hall 12:00 noon
26th-28th	Thanksgiving Holiday Academy Closed
27th-28th	Thanksgiving Holiday Church Office & Daycare Closed

dear CHURCH family

THANK YOU!

Thank you, Church Family, for all the love you have given us through Don's surgery, and recovery. We very much appreciate the visits, cards, texts, phone calls, delicious food and especially the prayers. Your prayers have brought our family through many trials, and we are forever grateful to you for standing in the gap for us. We love you all, God bless you!

Don and Sylvia Rowland

Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus to our neighbors during their darkest hour in the midst of the aftermath of Hurricane Helene. Thank you for believing that hope can rise from devastation, that communities can be rebuilt stronger, and that God can use disaster to draw hearts back to Him.

Tennessee Baptist Mission Board

Dear Church Family, thank you very much for the blessing you

have been to us during my sister-in-law's illness and passing. Also, thank you for the care and concern during Jim's daughter's illness. Every kind word, text, love and best of all - prayer - has been greatly appreciated. We love our TABC family!

Jim & Sue Miller

TABC WELCOMES

By Letter

Greg Freeman
Lori Freeman

WELCOME



David & Sarah Hunt

Announce the birth of

Claire Elise Hunt

She weighed 7 lbs. 1 oz.

And was 20" long

Born

September 25, 2025

Proud Big Brother:
Jon David

Proud Grandparents:
Frankie & Becky Hunt
Patrick & Colleen Buchanan

Aaron & Autumn Longworth

Announce the birth of

Asher Dale Longworth

He weighed 7 lbs. 4 oz.

And was 20 1/4" long

Born

June 29, 2025

Proud Big Sister:
Aaliyah Rainn

Proud Grandparents:
Sam & Connie Messer
Glen & Sherry Mumpower

TABC FINANCES

Tithes & Offerings

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

9/28/2025 Offering	\$ 9,782.00
10/05/2025 Offering	\$ 9,489.00
10/12/2025 Offering	\$ 14,195.00
10/19/2025 Offering	\$ 10,427.00
On-line Giving 9/23-10/20/2025	\$4,790.01
Period Giving Total	\$ 48,683.01
Total 2025 Offering YTD:	\$ 533,023.29

Bank Balances

Current Loan Balance	awaiting updated balance
General Account	\$ 143,540.48
Designated Account	\$ 80,042.65
Daycare / Academy	\$ 69,710.07
Money Market	\$ 22,099.19



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SAVE THE DATE!

Senior Adult Christmas Banquet

FRIDAY DECEMBER 12

Food City Banquet Hall Euclid Ave, Bristol VA
Gather at 5:00 PM, Dinner at 5:30 PM

Be watching for the menu and sign-up sheets coming soon!



TACA

Sword & Shield

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CRUSADER CAMPAIGN

November begins the season of thanksgiving and for TACA November begins our annual Crusader Campaign! As you know, Tennessee Avenue Christian Academy is a nonprofit, private, Christian school. The definition of nonprofit is just that, a not-for-profit organization that operates for a collective benefit, usually dependent on outside funding resources. Contributions to the academy help provide essential resources such as updated educational materials and technology that enhance the learning experience for students. Donations also support various programs and initiatives that enrich student development, including extracurricular activities and scholarship opportunities. Furthermore, these funds enable

the school to maintain and improve facilities, ensuring a safe and nurturing environment for all. I ask that you PRAY for God to move on the hearts of those who can give, for your family to GIVE according to God's leading, and boldly ASK others to support the mission of TACA. Give from the abundance that has been given to you.

Every gift will be used to advance the ministry of TACA. Your support doesn't end with your own contribution; you can also help by spreading the word. Share the Crusader Campaign with friends, family, and colleagues who might be interested in making a difference. By encouraging others to get involved, you amplify the impact. Our school continues to have big needs, but we serve an even bigger God who

can supply all our needs.

God has poured out His grace and blessings on TACA. The long-term impact of donations has sustained our beloved school and will provide financial support that allows the school to plan and develop a legacy of excellence that benefits generations to come. We are making strides to advance ministry and educational opportunities and we are so grateful. I believe there is more to be done. Please join us in making our gifts to the Crusader Campaign count for God as never before!

"That generations to come might know Him." Psalm 78:6

PRAY-GIVE-ASK

Mrs. Cindy Beal

Teacher Feature

Samantha Tuzzolino

Physical Education
Wellness
Mathematics 8

Mohawk Valley Comm. College

Associates in Psychology

Roberts Wesleyan College

Bachelor of Science,

Physical Education

Kaplan University

Master of Science,

Health Education



Coach Tuzz began her career in 2010 as Director and Swim Coach. She has served several schools as Head Swim Coach, Varsity Swimming and Diving Coach, PE Instructor, Wellness, and Math teacher.

"I truly believe God led me to TACA. I consider the staff, not colleagues, but family. My relationship with Christ has grown and I am a better individual because of TACA."

Coach Tuzz

Mr. Stuart Sutherland

Mars Hill University

Bachelor of Science,
Health / Physical Education

Liberty University

Master of Arts, Religion

Clinch Valley College

Associates Degree,
Special Education



Professional Experience

1976-2006: Wythe County Virginia Schools, Buchanan County Virginia Schools,
Pulaski County Virginia Schools, Norton Virginia Schools

2008-Present

Tennessee Avenue Christian Academy

Mr. Sutherland enjoys getting to know his students and teaching them life skills. His motto is TEAM-Together Everyone Accomplishes More!



TACA Sword & Shield

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Tennessee Avenue Families,
Early Childhood Education



I am writing this from the Women of Joy conference in Pigeon Forge. I am so thankful for this time away with family and friends to worship together in Christ and to get rejuvenated, loved, and filled with the Holy Spirit. Already, just after the first session of worship and the first speaker, I had an overwhelming feeling of peace wash over me. The third song into the worship set was one of my go-to songs when I am struggling and is likely one that many others use as well. *"When I fight, I will fight on my knees with my hands lifted high, Oh God, the battle belongs to you!"* Needless to say, I was a blubbering mess by the end.

I have always been one of those people that God almost must smack me in the face for me to see what He is trying to show me or what His will is for me. If you are like me, you want to be in control of every situation, already know the outcome, and want it to all go without a hitch in the plan. Honestly, how often is that how things go? Uh, like, never! But something I have learned in the mist of the chaos... what is my chaos, is not His chaos. The Bible tells us in 1 Corinthians 14:33 (KJV) that, *"For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints."* God is not causing our chaos; we are causing our chaos. God wants us to fully lean on Him and trust Him in every situation. How much better would our lives be if we could remember that all the time? But friends, that is when Satan thrives. When he can get us distracted, amid the confusion and chaos is when he is his strongest.

I write all this just to say this: No matter what chaos or confusion you think you are facing right now, remember, you are not alone. Just take a breath and let the Holy Spirit fill you in all those places Satan is trying to take you down. Life is hard, we get bad news, we get hurt, we become confused and feel like the chaos is never going to stop. But remember, we serve a mighty God, a Wonderful Counselor (Isaiah 9:6), a Savior who will save us from the enemy (John 8:1-11) and calm the raging storm (Mark 4:35-41). We just must remember who He is and call out to Him for help, but we also must be willing to fully submit to Him (James 4:7-10), and let Him take full control.

In this season of Thanksgiving, I am so thankful for my Savior, for all that He has given me and provided, and the ability to be reminded that I am His, and that He will fight our battles. I pray that you know this and understand what a Mighty God we serve!

Blessings in Christ,

Jessica Sharrett

Director

Early Childhood Education Center

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Closed:
November 27th & 28th

[No childcare or afterschool care
available.]





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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.

Prayer Prompter

Thank God!
Psalms 100:4

Thank God!
II Corinthians 4:15

Thank God!
Philippians 4:6

Thank God!
II Corinthians 9:10-15

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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