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"This Do in Remembrance of Me"

As we step into March, our hearts begin to turn toward the most sacred and hope-filled week of the Christian year—Holy Week.

Easter doesn't just appear on the calendar. It invites us on a journey.

And this year, that journey will unfold beautifully through our choir's Easter musical, "Hosanna's & Hallelujahs", presented in three meaningful parts across Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. Rather than a single performance, it will guide us step by step

through the story of Christ's passion and resurrection—allowing us to experience the weight, the wonder, and the victory in its fullness.

I want to take a moment to say how incredibly proud I am of our musicians and choir. They have been working faithfully and diligently—not simply to perform music, but to lead us in worship. Their rehearsals are not just about notes and rhythms; they are about prayer, preparation, and passion. They are preparing their hearts so they can help

lead ours. What a gift they are to our church family!

From Hosanna to Hallelujah

On Palm Sunday, we will lift our voices with the crowds and cry, "Hosanna!" We will celebrate the coming King. But Holy Week reminds us that the road from Hosanna to Hallelujah passes through the cross.

It calls us not just to celebrate—but to remember.

- To slow down.
- To reflect.
- To lean in.
- To worship with intention.

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“This Do in Remembrance of Me”

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Our Good Friday Evening Service at 6:00 PM will be a sacred and meaningful time together. That night, we will gather to worship, reflect on Christ’s sacrifice, and observe the Lord’s Supper.

When Jesus took the bread and said, *“This do in remembrance of Me”*, He was inviting His disciples—and us—into something deeply personal.

Remembrance is more than recalling a story. It is entering into it.

We remember that His body was broken.

We remember that His blood was shed.

We remember that love endured the cross.

We remember that grace paid the full price.

The Lord’s Table is not routine—it is renewal.

It is a moment to pause.

A moment to reflect.

A moment to give thanks.

A moment to realign our hearts with the One who gave everything for us.

Good Friday is solemn—but it is sacred.

It is quiet—but it is powerful.

It is heavy—but it leads to hope.

And when we take the bread and the cup

together, we proclaim that His sacrifice was for us—and that His grace still sustains us.

Preparing Our Hearts

So how do we prepare for Holy Week?

Not with busyness—but with prayer.

Not with distraction—but with devotion.

Let’s take time to:

- Examine our hearts.
- Confess and clear away what doesn’t belong.
- Restore relationships where needed.
- Intentionally worship—not just attend.
- Bring our families and teach the next generation why this week matters.

Let’s not rush into Easter. Let’s arrive ready.

Ready to remember.

Ready to worship.

Ready to rejoice.

Because when Easter morning comes—and the final part of *“Hosanna’s & Hallelujahs”* rises in celebration—our hallelujahs will ring louder and sweeter if we have

first walked through remembrance.

The cross makes the empty tomb glorious.

The sacrifice makes the victory personal.

The remembrance makes the resurrection powerful in our lives today.

Church family, I encourage you to begin preparing now. Pray now. Reflect now. Invite someone now.

Join us:

- Palm Sunday
- Good Friday at 6:00 PM for worship and the Lord’s Supper
- Easter Sunday for the triumphant celebration

Let’s do this in remembrance of Him—and may our remembrance deepen our gratitude, strengthen our faith, and fill this house with both Hosannas and Hallelujahs.

Blessings,

Joey Cole

Worship Pastor





What are you trusting/believing God for today? Our response may be “everything,” but when we start analyzing our

actions/emotions, we may realize it's *not* everything, but just *some* things. In Matthew 17:24-27, we see Jesus sending Peter out to fish to pay the temple tax. Jesus instructs Peter to throw out his line, and “...take the first fish that comes up, and when you open its mouth you will find a shekel. Take that and give it to them for me and for yourself.” Matthew 17:27b (ESV) This story illustrates Jesus’ authority over nature and His ability to provide for needs in unexpected ways. Peter could have objected; he could have tried to get

the money another way, or he could have thought this was unreasonable. We could understand these actions, but the Bible instructs us in Hebrews 11:6 that without faith it is impossible to please God. May we all be like Peter and grab our “fishing rod” believing that God is able.

Love in Christ,
Johnny Hutchins
TIM TEAM



Dear Church Family,
I know I speak for the entire Deacon Body

when I say thank you all for your continued support. To keep you updated, here are some items we are currently working on:

- The Pastor Search Committee is still reviewing candidates and asking for God’s direction in finding our next Pastor.
- The TIM Team and Deacon Body ask for your prayers as we continue to review and discuss the new purposed

Bylaws and hope to have them ready for review with the church soon.

I ask that you keep all those on our Prayer Request list and our entire campus and Church Family in your prayers.

Sincerely,
Scott Frazier



Families, be watching for ALL the details coming soon for our Community Easter Egg Hunt!!!

Blessings,
Miss April
Children’s Ministry Director

COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT



the month of MARCH

birthdays

1 st Arvella Williams	14 th Kenny Price	26 th Jody Keys
2 nd Mack Moore	17 th Helen Grindstaff	27 th Lakyn Boroughs
Wayne Ramsey	David Jenks	29 th Darlene Clark
3 rd Kyle Hillman	18 th Janet Ware	Vicky Ramsey
4 th Phyllis Humphrey	19 th Daniel Hagy	Juniper Sary
7 th Diana Carter	Bonnie Rein	30 th Sandra Jones
9 th Mia Gardner	Michael Watts	Eric Ringley
10 th Bob Jones	24 th Rob Trivett	31 st Devon Medaglia
13 th Linda Simcox	25 th Kaden Dunavent	Margie Wallace



anniversaries

5 th Jeff & Alicia Brunette	11 th Tony & Tammie Harmon Kevin & Jessica Sharrett	29 th Stephen & Cristy Smallwood
10 th Kent & Jodi Peters	17 th Eddie & Gail Guy	31 st Billy Joe & Charlotte James
	24 th Nancy & Lewis Moody	

event calendar

1 st	AWANA Children's Ministry Area 6:00 pm (Every Sunday)
4 th	TACA Parent Chapel Sanctuary 8:15 am
4 th	Kidz Korner Children's Ministry Area 6:00 pm (Every Wednesday)
4 th	Youth Service Youth Room 6:00 pm (Every Wednesday)
5 th	Ladies' Community Bible Study TABC 9:15—11:15 am (Thursdays)
5 th	Celebrate Recovery Fellowship Hall 6:30 pm (Thursdays)
6 th	Senior Adult Breakfast Cracker Barrel - Exit 7 9:00 am
8 th	Daylight Savings Time Begins
13 th	TACA Open House TACA Campus 1:00 - 5:00 pm
16 th -20 th	TACA Spring Break
16 th	Meals on Wheels
23 rd	Widows Ministry Luncheon Fellowship Hall 12:00 noon
27 th	Hispanic Church Prayer Meeting Fellowship Hall 8:00 pm - 12:00 am
29 th	Celebration Choir Easter Musical Part 1 Sanctuary 11:00 am
29 th	VBS Meeting Sanctuary 12:15 pm

dear CHURCH family

THANK YOU!

It is a blessing to be a member of such a caring and prayerful church. Your prayers have helped me get through my surgery. Thank you for the flowers and cards. I need your continued prayers. Praying I will be back soon.

Alice Thompson

TABC Friends, words will never be able to express our gratitude for all your support and generosity towards the

cancer patient care packages. Because of your help and donations, we were able to encourage around 130 cancer patients! Thank you so much!

The Allen Family & Caring 4 Cancer Patients

Thank you all so much for the lilly that you sent to my house while I'm recovering from surgery. It really meant a lot!

Lindsay Creger

WEATHER-RELATED SCHEDULE CHANGES

In the event of inclement weather, please visit our Facebook page *Tennessee Avenue Baptist Church* or our website tabaptist.org for the latest schedule changes.



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

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EXIT 7
SENIOR ADULT BREAKFAST
Senior Adults, join us for great food and fun fellowship!
Friday, March 6 9:00 AM

TABC FINANCES	
<i>Tithes & Offerings</i>	
"...try Me now in this," Says the LORD of hosts... See Malachi 3:10	
1/25/2026 Offering	<i>No Service Due to Weather</i>
2/01/2026 Offering	<i>No Service Due to Weather</i>
2/04/2026 Offering	\$ 7,424.00
2/08/2026 Offering	\$ 16,164.00
2/15/2026 Offering	\$ 11,712.00
On-line Giving 1/20 - 2/17/2026	\$ 6,391.69
Period Giving Total	\$ 41,691.69
Total 2026 Offering YTD:	\$ 73,786.39
Bank Balances	
Current Loan Balance	\$ 788,278.63
General Account	\$ 105,394.89
Designated Account	\$ 80,006.53
Daycare / Academy	\$ 42,492.42
Money Market	\$ 22,133.72

TABC Celebration Choir Easter Musical

HOSANNAS — AND — Hallelujahs

A 3-Part Musical:
 Sunday March 29 11 AM
 Good Friday, April 3 6 PM
 Easter Sunday April 5 11 AM



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ACADEMY UPDATES

TACA Crusader Band tuba player, Lincoln Dixon, had the opportunity to audition for Junior Clinic with the East Tennessee School Band and Orchestra Association and was selected by the band director based on his outstanding musicianship. Lincoln competed with some of the top tuba players in our area. He was selected to participate in the two-day event, which culminated in a well-attended concert attended by friends and family from TACA. Well done, Lincoln!!

In February, students came together to support their local community by having a canned food drive for the Bristol Haven of Rest. Totals on food collected and which class brought in the most are not in yet, but we will give an update soon.

Open Enrollment for the 2026-2027

Academic year will begin on March 1, and Open House for new families will be held on March 13. Help spread the word!

TACA Crusader Basketball season has been an exciting journey filled with hard-fought games, teamwork, and growth both on and off the court. The season will end with a two-day tournament, February 27-28, at Wise County Christian School. Thank you to Michele Steadman and our dedicated coaches, concessions workers, and fans for your unwavering support throughout the season, and to the players for your hard work on the court!

Even though our athletics department has taken a well-deserved break from Saturday Rec League, they have conducted two Basketball Fun Days. Students in K-4 through fifth grade,

from the community, were invited to participate in a fun day of “drills and skills” that culminated in a friendly basketball game. TACA Crusaders team members served as coaches and drill instructors for the day. Great job, Crusaders!

We are looking for someone to coordinate Staff Appreciation Week, May 4-8. This will include the Early Education Center and the Academy staff. If you are interested in planning and set-up for this event, please contact Cindy Beal at cindy.beal@tabaptist.org.

To God Be All the Glory!

Cindy Beal
Administrator

Tennessee Avenue Christian Academy
OPEN HOUSE
Pre K- 12th Grade

JOIN US FOR A
CAMPUS TOUR
AND MEET
THE STAFF

MARCH 13, 2026
1:00 - 5:00 PM
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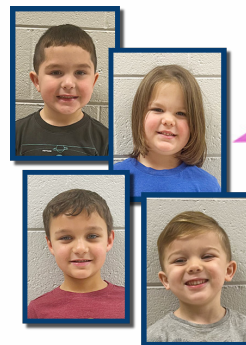


TACA STAR STUDENTS

The TACA K-4 classes are excited to share with all of our parents the K-4 Star Students for the months of February & March....

Mrs. Tereasa's Class:

- Feb. 2-6 Conner
- Feb. 9-3 Paisley
- Feb. 23-27 Maverick
- Mar. 9-13 Ryker



Tennessee Avenue
Early Childhood Education



Families,

March always feels like that in-between season — not quite winter, not fully spring, but full of little reminders that change is coming. And honestly, faith can feel like that sometimes too. We may not always see big, instant growth, but God is still moving in the small, everyday moments. Lamentations 3:22–23 (NKJV) reminds us, *"Through the Lord's mercies we are not consumed, Because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness."* March feels like a gentle reset — a chance to breathe, refocus, and take the next step forward.

As we move closer to Easter, this can be a really meaningful time to slow down and reconnect with God in simple ways. Maybe that looks like a little more prayer, opening your Bible a few extra minutes each day, or just being more intentional about loving the people around you. Colossians 2:6 (NKJV) encourages us, *"As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him,"* — not perfectly, just faithfully, one step at a time.

My prayer for our campus this month is that we lean into grace, encourage one another, and remember that growth doesn't have to be loud to be real. Sometimes March is simply about showing up, staying rooted, and trusting that God is doing more than we can see.

Blessings in Christ,

Jessica Sharrett, Director
Early Childhood Education Center



DATES TO REMEMBER

Spring Break is
March 16-20.
Childcare is available!

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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.
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.

Prayer Prompter

*"Only when we pray
will the winds of revival
lift us to the highest
blessings of heaven."*

See II Chronicles 7:14

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