

The JOY Journal

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BAPTIST CHURCH

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Sweetest Name I Know

Ain't God Good?? Yes He is!! Our worship teams are continuing to add a few new songs for this year, and I thought I would share with you some of the truths I have been studying as we prepare to sing together Charity Gayle's "Sweetest Name I Know".

Here are the Lyrics:

*I stepped in the water, the river of life
Got filled with the Spirit, now I'm satisfied
Now I get to tell you there's power to save
'Cause that Living Water, He has a name, oh*

*Jesus, Savior, sweetest name I know
Yes, He saves,*

*Jesus, Healer, Lover of my soul
Yes, He's the sweetest name I know*

*Through every problem, His promise will be
That with every morning, new mercies I sing
He is my portion, yes, He's everything
There's joy like a fountain 'cause He's all I need,*

*No one could say there's no other name but
Jesus*

And when I was lost, He made a way, my Jesus

Oh, Jesus, Savior, sweetest name I know,

Jesus, Healer, Lover of my soul

Jesus, sweetest name,

*Oh, Jesus, Healer, Lover of my soul,
Yes, He's the sweetest name I know*

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*I've got peace like a river
Peace like a river
Peace like a river in my soul
I've got joy
I've got joy like a fountain
Joy like a fountain
Joy like a fountain in my soul*

The Power of Jesus' Name

From the opening lines, the song emphasizes the significance of Jesus as "the sweetest name I know." This declaration mirrors Philippians 2:9-11, where Paul proclaims that God exalted Jesus and gave Him a name above all names. In moments of trouble, joy, or healing, we can rest assured that invoking the name of Jesus carries immense power. The lyrics remind us that it is through Him that we find salvation and healing, encapsulated in the refrain: "Jesus, Savior, sweetest name I know."

The Living Water

The imagery of "the river of life" and being "filled with the Spirit" highlights the biblical concept of living water, as referenced in John 4:13-14. Here, Jesus tells the Samaritan woman that whoever drinks of the water He gives will never thirst again. This spiritual

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nourishment transforms our lives, bringing satisfaction and a desire to share this life-giving message with others. This worship song is a testimony that invites us to recognize that the true fulfillment we seek is found solely in Jesus Christ.

Assurance Through Trials

What a profound assurance of God's faithfulness when we sing, "Through every problem, His promise will be." This sentiment echoes Lamentations 3:22-23, which reminds us that God's mercies are new every morning. Life's challenges may seem overwhelming, but through faith in Jesus, we receive renewed strength and hope. What peace we can have when we understand that God's promises are our anchor in the storms of life.

The Joy of the Lord

"There's joy like a fountain 'cause He's

all I need" beautifully illustrates the joy that comes from knowing Christ. This joy is not dependent on circumstances but flows from a relationship with our Savior. Nehemiah 8:10 reminds us that "the joy of the Lord is your strength." In a world filled with uncertainty, the joy that Jesus provides sustains us and radiates through our lives, drawing others to Him.

Testifying to His Goodness

The chorus encourages a communal response, inviting us to "testify" to the goodness of Jesus. This aligns with Revelation 12:11, which states that believers overcome by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony. Our stories of transformation through Christ serve as powerful testimonies that not only strengthen our faith but also inspire those around us to seek the same hope and salvation.

Conclusion

"Sweetest Name I Know" serves as a vibrant reminder of the foundational truths of our faith: the power of Jesus' name, the life-giving water He offers, the assurance of His promises, and the joy He brings. As we sing these lyrics in worship, let us reflect on our own experiences of His grace and declare with boldness that Jesus truly is the sweetest name we know. In every moment, let us share the love and hope we have found in Him, inviting others to experience the transformative power of the Gospel.

Blessings,

Joey Cole
Worship Pastor



Your Transition Team met for seven plus hours over a Friday evening and Saturday morning in mid-September. All ten of us were present, engaged and are well on the way to becoming a remarkably close and united team. We studied a few passages of God's Word and made several team organizing choices that will guide our decision-making process. The team asked Johnny Hutchins to serve as chair, Cody Cornelius to serve as co-chair and Mack Moore to serve as our secretary, with each of them agreeing.

We spent time reviewing and studying

the stages of our interim period between pastors. We also invested time in drilling into knowing each of the Five Focus Points of Heritage, Mission, Leadership, Connection and Future. Your team members are equipped to answer your questions about the process. So, please do not hesitate to engage them with your questions.

We spent about half of our Saturday morning focusing and understanding the Heritage Focus Point. As a result, you have the opportunity to be directly involved in this process by attending a churchwide luncheon, following the morning service, on October 20, 2024. More information about the event will be shared, so put this date in your calendars.

Please continue praying for this team, your pastors, deacons, and each other as we seek the Spirit's guidance through this time. As we pray for one another,

may we pray we heed Paul's encouragement to Timothy to guard what God had entrusted to him, and to us - that being the solid truth of the gospel, and its work - by avoiding the "irreverent babble and contradictions of what is falsely called 'knowledge'" (1 Timothy 6:20b ESV). In other words, Paul was asking Timothy not to waste his time on engaging in heresies and things that are not the truth. As evident, God is asking each of us to be laser focused on what He is about to accomplish, and if we stay focused, we do not have time to waste engaging in things that detract us from His mission.

Also, pray for the man God is already molding and preparing to be our next pastor.

Grace,
Dr. Lee Childs
Minister of the Transitional Interim Ministry



Dear Church Family,

I have never been this encouraged about the direction of Tennessee Avenue in the 11 years that I have been serving on staff here. I just had a meeting with a young man whose life has been so radically altered because he heard a message on confessing your sins to God and others, and he did both. God's Spirit filled him and he is a new creation in Christ, old things have passed away; behold, all things are become new.

There is nothing more encouraging than to see that kind of thing happen to a human being, and when that begins to happen at a church, you know that the Spirit of God is brooding over the place.

I am also so very encouraged by the environment that we have in the church office. The church staff has never been this

in sync with the attitude of Christ in fellowship. I feel like I am part of a team in which we all have a part to play, but we are all willing to do what's needed. Again, in the 11 years that I have been on staff at this church, it has never been more healthy.

I can see very clearly now that the transitional ministry that we felt led to do as a church was without question the leading of the Holy Spirit. God is giving us many healthy signs that this is the case as we move forward. I realize many of you still don't fully understand this process and that is understandable. We've never been here before; however, I urge you all to trust in the Lord and allow Him to do the new thing that He has decided to do.

I have felt led very strongly by God's Spirit regarding several things. Isaiah 43:19 (NKJV) says, *"Behold, I will do a new thing, Now it shall spring forth; shall you not know it?"* I believe this to be a promise from God for Tennessee Avenue. I have been strongly impressed by that. It's our job to open the eyes of our heart and see it, live with faith in God's promises and

His Spirit, and work with Him actively in the new thing.

For years now, I have also heard in my spirit that God was re-digging a well of worship on our campus. I believe this will be done as each one of us begins to unclog our souls with confession, getting out all the guilt and shame and pain of the past.

I see this campus with the Spirit of God brooding over the waters of our church. He is beginning to speak and create new things. We must be living in agreement with God's spirit.

Of course we always have darkness at work, always looking for someone to offend and someone who will agree with him so he can blot out the light. May we all be vigilant in what we say and what we stir. Choose to be a Nehemiah and rebuild the wall of God around Tennessee Avenue. Too many good things are happening.

Love you all in Christ,
Brother Paul
Associate Pastor of Discipleship



Children ages 2 through 6th grades, come join us for AWANA on Sunday Evenings at 6:00 p.m. We have lots of fun theme nights as we learn to hide God's Word in our hearts! Theme nights for October:

Oct. 6: Find the Fork Night - Fork hunt! Please bring plastic reusable cutlery for OCC.

Oct. 13: Banana Night - Wear yellow, bring fruit themed items for OCC (erasers, coloring books, etc.). We'll have banana splits for treats!.

Oct. 20: ALL about change! Bring spare change for OCC.



GAMES PRIZES
PHOTO SPOT
CAKE WALK
POPCORN & SLUSHIES
(WHILE SUPPLIES LAST)
BICYCLE GIVEAWAY
AMAZON TABLET GIVEAWAY

SUNDAY
OCTOBER
27
4-6 PM

Save the Date for the TABC Fall Fest outreach event that will be in lieu of Trunks of Treats. We are planning games, popcorn & slushies, a cake walk, giveaways and more! We'll need lots of volunteers, so sign up to help! We also need candy donations, totes in vestibule!

the month of OCTOBER

birthdays

2nd

Lydia Keys
Teresa Martin
Betty Woosley

3rd

Beth Haynes
Erin Kirk

4th

Jim Rush, Jr.

5th

Amanda Phipps

6th

Lee Jackson
Jared Leonard
Janice Milhorn

7th

Linda Kendrick

8th

Sheila Gamble
Luke Gent
Kent Peters

9th

Sarah Hunt

12th

June Cornelius
Teresa Hart

13th

Alivia Hutchins
Judy Watkins

14th

Paul Whisman

14th

Randy Leonard

Peggy Phipps

15th

Marilyn Feathers
Blake Haynes

17th

Melanie Hutton

18th

Tessa Worley

20th

Doug Cox

22nd

Ava Fuller

27th

Brookelyn Bouton

Betty Gilreath

28th

Sandee Tallman

30th

Patty Borja

Holston Cornelius

31st

Paula Stigall

Event Calendar

- 1st Transition Team Meeting
Fellowship Hall 6:00 pm (Every Tuesday)
- 2nd TACA Parent Chapel
Sanctuary 10:00 am
- 2nd Kidz Korner
Children's Ministry Area 6:00 pm
(Every Wednesday)
- 2nd Youth Service
TABC 6:00 pm (Every Wednesday)
- 3rd Ladies' Community Bible Study
TABC 9:15—11:15 am (Thursdays)
- 3rd TACA Home Volleyball Match
FLB 6:00 pm
- 3rd Celebrate Recovery
Fellowship Hall 6:30 pm (Thursdays)
- 4th Senior Adult Breakfast
Fiddler's Restaurant—Abingdon 9:00 am
- 4th TACA Home Volleyball Matches
FLB beginning 6:00 pm
- 5th SON Golf League Tournament
Cattails at Meadowview 9:00 am
- 6th Church-Wide Picnic, Steele Creek Park,
Shelter G gather at 3:00 pm, eat at 5:00 pm
- 7th-11th TACA Fall Break
- 16th TIM Ministry to Meet with Youth regarding
the Heritage Focus Point 6:00 pm
- 20th Churchwide Luncheon — TIM Ministry
Heritage Focus Point
Family Life Building 12:30 pm
- 26th Set-Up for Fall Fest
FLB / Parking Area 4:00 pm
- 27th Fall Fest
FLB / Parking Area 4:00-6:00 pm
- 28th Widows Ministry Luncheon
Fellowship Hall 12:00 noon
- 30th TACA Grandparents Day
Sanctuary 10:00 am



anniversaries

4th

Don & Sylvia Rowland

12th

Chris & Rachel Blevins

14th

Sam & Connie Messer

16th

Richard & Abby Sharrett

18th

Brandon & Nikki Stevens

CHURCH

family

THANK YOU!

We are so very grateful for your kindness in allowing us to use your fellowship hall for Emma's recent graduation celebration in May. We have included a small donation for the church as a "thank you" for your kindness! It was a tremendous blessing that our family and friends were able to enjoy as well. We love all of you!

The Clark Family (Brian, Amber, Zach & Emma)
Galatians 6:9

I just wanted to drop you a very heartfelt note. Thank you so much for all of your cards, phone

calls, prayers and for the potted plant with flowers after my recent hospital stay. That weekend was a very scary time for me. I am usually the nurse, not the patient. Having to have a bronchoscopy isn't the most fun adventure to experience. I could feel the arms of Jesus wrapped around me and I knew you were all praying for me. Thank you again. We love and appreciate each one of you! Love,

Helen Grindstaff
P.S.: I know Keith feels the same way and he loves each one of you. It's so wonderful to have

such a loving, caring church family. Love,
Keith & Helen

Thank you so much to my church family for all of the texts, cards, phone calls, the beautiful dish garden and *especially* your prayers during my recent surgery. TABC is truly the hands and feet of our Savior!!

Brenda Wheeler

TABC Welcomes

By Baptism

Lakyn Boroughs
Drew Brush

By Letter

Stephen Shipplett

Welcome Baby!

Andrew & Morgan White

Announce the birth of

Sawyer Jane White

She weighed 8 lbs. 2 oz.
And was 22" long

Born

Friday, September 6, 2024

Proud Big Brother:
Parker

Proud Grandmother:
Arvella Williams

Proud Great-Grandmother:
Willetta Leonard



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OCTOBER
Pastor Appreciation
MONTH

Let our Pastors know you appreciate them!

| TABC FINANCES | |
|---|---------------|
| <i>Vithes & Offerings</i> | |
| "...try Me now in this," Says the LORD of hosts... See Malachi 3:10 | |
| 9/01/2024 Offering | \$ 9,670.00 |
| 9/08/2024 Offering | \$ 11,440.00 |
| 9/15/2024 Offering | \$ 9,136.00 |
| 9/22/2024 Offering | \$ 7,740.00 |
| On-line Giving 8/27- 9/23/2024 | \$ 8,946.90 |
| Period Giving Total | \$ 46,932.90 |
| Total 2024 offering YTD: | \$ 635,030.78 |
| Bank Balances | |
| Current Loan Balance | \$ 903,105.86 |
| General Account | \$ 199,406.12 |
| Designated Account | \$ 24,680.25 |
| Daycare / Academy | \$ 168,760.70 |
| Money Market | \$ 152,725.84 |

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6TH

CHURCH PICNIC

beginning at 3 PM
Steele Creek Park, Shelter G

Church family, join us for our annual picnic! The church will provide chicken, water and soft drinks. Please bring a side dish and / or dessert to share; a blanket or lawn chair; fun outdoor games and join in the fun and fellowship! *** **Please Note: There is a \$2.00 park entry fee, cash only.** ***

CONGRATULATIONS!

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T.I.M.
Transitional Interim Ministry

HERITAGE FOCUS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20 12:30 PM

Church Family, we want your input! Please join us for a luncheon in the Family Life Building immediately following the AM service on October 20th. This will be the first of many opportunities for our entire congregation to participate in our interim ministry process, as we focus on our church's heritage.

TACA Sword & Shield

OCTOBER 2024

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!



OCTOBER

Dates to Remember

- 7-11 Fall Break; No Classes; Child-care Available
- 18 End of First Grading Period
- 25 Report Cards Distributed
- 30 Grandparents Day

TACA
Celebrating
30 years
1994-2024

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

**Thirty years of academic excellence
in kingdom education.**

STAR STUDENT

Mrs. Chanda's K-4 class is excited to share with all of our parents the K-4 Star Student for the month of October...

October 14-18 Vivian Spence





Tennessee Avenue
Early Childhood Education



Families,

Sometimes it is so hard to understand and hear God's will. Going through seasons of change are so hard sometimes. And we know that, because John 16:33 (NKJV) tells us, *"These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."* But how amazing it is that we know God has already overcome the world. That whatever comes at us, no matter how stressful, how hurtful, or whether we understand it or not, God has overcome much worse. And He will walk us through our seasons of life as well.

What we must remember, is that God loves us, God always has a plan, and that He will always be in the deep waters with us. One of my favorite verses is Isaiah 43:2 (NKJV), *"When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; And through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, Nor shall the flame scorch you."* So, take heart my friends, God is with us!

Blessings in Christ,

Jessica Sharrett, Director
Early Childhood Education Center

TACA **Sword & Shield**
OCTOBER 2024



ECEC DATES TO REMEMBER:
Fall Parties: Thursday Oct. 31st

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SUNDAYS

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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. |

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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Prayer Prompter

*The days are getting shorter,
the air is getting cooler,
it's harvest time.*

*"Pray ye therefore
the Lord of the harvest,
that he will send forth
labourers into his harvest."
Matthew 9:38*

*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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Tennessee Avenue Baptist Church FaceBook Live
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