



the **TORCH**
NEWSLETTER

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“...that in all things He might have the preeminence.”

Colossians 1:18

Investing Now for the Future!

We live in uncertain times. It seems that *up is down* and *forward is backwards*. From politics to the economy, to where our nation is spiritually, one thing is sure—there are many shaky foundations out there in the world.

Aren't you thankful that **God's Word** is alive and real and eternal! I am grateful that there are *absolutes* in this world. That is definitely not being taught or talked about by people of influence across our nation. Listen to these verses from Psalm 46: *“...though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof.”* Sounds fearful and uncertain and out of our control. But this is how the verses begin, *“GOD is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear..”* (v1-3)

Knowing that the promises of God are sure, knowing that we are the victors through Christ because of what He accomplished on Calvary for us, this gives our lives great purpose. We are educating the next generation of missionaries, lawyers, architects, teachers, preachers, and statesmen. We are determined here at Tabernacle to pass on to this generation the absolutes found in the Word of God. We are committed to teaching that we do not have to live in fear and without hope. Our mission, now more than ever, is more focused and deliberate, to partner with the home in teaching Biblical truths, sowing the seed of the gospel, and pointing these precious boys and girls to Christ, all the while, pursuing excellence

in the academic and extracurricular programs of the school!

Living in an unsafe, cruel world doesn't mean that we have to put up with this in our Christian school. We're committed to being proactive in keeping our students safe. Bullying, whether verbal or physical will not be tolerated. Living in a nation where the status quo is accepted and lack of initiative is thriving doesn't mean that we take on those attributes. This is why we'll keep the standard high and pursue excellence in the classroom. Hard work always pays off. Great things happen when we work hard! Extraordinary things happen when we allow God to work through us. We simply believe that we can do all things through Christ who gives us the strength! (Phil 4:13)

We will continue to stay true to our mission. We will make a difference in the lives of boys and girls that has eternal value. And we are committed to our parents in keeping the communication lines open.

We are so proud of the students God has blessed us with this year. We see and are amazed by the potential wrapped up within these walls. We're grateful for the many TCS graduates who have flourished in colleges and universities around this state and for their incredible accomplishments.

From the administration and staff at Tabernacle Christian School, we **thank you**, the parents, for the wonderful blessing you've given in allowing us to minister daily to your children!

Glenn Dickson, Administrator

Kindergarten Yearbooks

Kindergarten parents can special order the *Flame* yearbook for \$30.00. All books must be ordered before December 01 (these are special order books and will not be available after Dec 01) and paid in full by February 01, 2010. Please see your kindergarten teacher for an order form to reserve your copy today.

Elementary and High School students will automatically receive a yearbook since it was a part of the registration fee paid at the beginning of the school year.

If you would like more information about this opportunity for kindergarten, please contact Mrs. Lisa Dickson at the school at 631-9318 or by e-mail at the following : ldickson@tabernaclechristian.org.

Third Grade News

The 3rd grade **Science Notebook** is due on November 30. Be sure to turn projects in on time to avoid a penalty.

Fourth Grade Christmas

The fourth grade class will be collecting money for a Christmas present for their class missionaries, the *Kinman Family* - Missionaries to Guatemala. Students are encouraged to find ways to earn money to give. The last day for the money to be brought in is **December 11**.

Youth Ski Trip 2010

The Gardendale Baptist Tabernacle teens will be making their annual ski trip on **February 23-26** to *Sugar Mountain* in North Carolina. Students from the school are welcome to join in. There are plenty of chaperones. The cost of the trip is \$235.00 per person. Be making plans now to attend. If you would like more information, please contact Bro. Andrew at the school or at: apeters@tabernaclechristian.org.



Kindergarten Field Trip

Kindergarten classes K3 - K5 will be going to **Josie's Place** on Tuesday, **November 24**. We will leave the school at 8:45 am and return by noon. *Josie's Place* is located on Old Hayden Road in Warrior. Please have your child wear his or her field trip shirt. See your kindergarten teacher if you have any questions!

Childcare News

Childcare will be closed **November 11** for **Veteran's Day** and on **November 26-27** for the **Thanksgiving Holidays**.

Moms Prayer Ministry?

I was talking with a mom recently who said that when her children were in school (1970's in Pennsylvania), a group of moms met at the Christian school on a specific day at a specific time each week to pray! **Any moms interested?**

I know I speak for the staff as well as for the many working moms, but as TCS Principal, I would love to know that we had an **"Army of Moms"** lifting up our students and staff in prayer every week! If there's a mom who'd like to begin this ministry or be a part of this ministry, send me an e-mail (gdickson@tabernaclechristian.org) and I'll get you in touch with the other moms interested.

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." (Matthew 18:20) By the way, it was my mom that prayed for us in that school over 3 decades ago!
Glenn Dickson

Academic Competition

Registration for ACEA Academic Competition will begin soon. Categories will include: Spelling Bee (gr 04-08), Sword Drill (gr 04-06), Spelling, Science Fair, Essay & Poetry Writing, Bible Preaching & Teaching, Bible Memory, Bible Quizzing, and Art for grades 07-12. See your teachers for more information. These categories take advance planning and work, so start now!

NOVEMBER 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Daylight Saving Time Ends	2	3 Elem Chapel 8:30am	4 HS Chapel 9am	5	6 Casual Day for students and staff	7 Saturday School 8:00am Meet in cafeteria
8	9	 10 B-ball Season Opener: Chilton Home 5pm	11 Veteran's Day Offices, School and Childcare Closed	12	13 B-ball Away Northside, JV & Var Boys 5pm	14
15	16	17 04-06 Chapel 8:30am Prog Rep 07-12 B-ball Home Brooklane 5pm	18 HS Chapel 9am	19 B-ball Away Cornerstone 5pm	20	21
22 GBT Prayer and Praise Service	23 B-ball Home Glen Iris 5pm	24 K3-K5 Field Trip Josie's Place Grades 01-12 Thanksgiving Luncheon Midweek Bible Study at GBT 7PM	25	26 Thanksgiving Day	27	28
29	30					

Thanksgiving Holiday: **School & Offices Closed**

Thanksgiving: **Childcare Closed**

Sports Action Shots

For parents interested in TCS sports action shots, they are now available for purchase online at www.photobytammy.zenfolio.com. The proceeds of these purchases will be shared between the Fine Arts and Athletic Departments. Please enter coupon code "TCS student" for a special discount. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Tammy Webster by e-mail at: twebster@tabernaclechristian.org.

Senior Photos

The deadline to turn in senior portraits and PDA pictures will be here before you know it. Please make sure that all of your items are turned in by **December 01**.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Lisa Dickson at the school at 631-9318 or by e-mail at the following: ldickson@tabernaclechristian.org.

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Mission Statement

The Mission of Tabernacle Christian School is to teach Biblical truths, share the plan of salvation, and train students to draw closer to Christ, while providing a Bible-based, academically advanced education with quality programs.

Prayer and Praise

Gardendale Baptist Tabernacle will hold its' Annual *Prayer and Praise Service* on **November 22** at 6:00 pm. This will take the place of our Sunday night service and will be held in the gym. There will be singing, food, and plenty of fellowship!

Drape and Tux Pictures

Parents of seniors, we have scheduled a drape and tux picture day for **November 09** during the elective hour. This is for the yearbook picture and is **free of charge** unless you would like to order copies for yourself. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Lisa Dickson at the school or email at: ldickson@tabernaclechristian.org.

Basketball Need

If you are interested in helping out during basketball season at home games with keeping the clock, please contact Coach Corbett at the school or send him an e-mail at: dcorbett@tabernaclechristian.org. Your help in this area would be much appreciated.

Thanksgiving Lunch

Students in grades 01-12 will have opportunity to purchase a Thanksgiving lunch on Tuesday, **November 24**. The lunchroom will be closed on this day so for those not purchasing this special dinner, please bring a lunch and drink that day! Flyers will be sent out soon regarding the lunch.