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Tyler Building Ribbon Cutting



FROM THE PRESIDENT
Dr. Mark Benton



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THIS YEAR the operative word on the campus of Jackson Christian is most definitely “change.” Never in the history of the school has there been such a dramatic physical change to the campus. Some of the changes include: the new soccer complex, more than 50,000 square feet of new flooring on the secondary campus, renovation of

the academic center; renovation of the chemistry laboratory, renovation of the library and media complex, new paint throughout the entire secondary building, renovation of the band room, renovation of all secondary bathrooms, renovation of the cafeteria, the creation of a life science lab, and, finally, the 12,000-square-foot addition that includes the robotics lab,

innovation lab and two lecture rooms, as well as a tremendous chorus room.

In the midst of all this change, the one constant and never-changing component of Jackson Christian is our focus on Jesus Christ. We have committed extensive time and energy integrating a Biblical worldview into our total curriculum, while emphasizing Jesus as the cornerstone we work from and His love as our capstone that we operate beneath. It is our desire to be a school that glorifies Christ in our actions, attitudes and words. As we equip and prepare our students to have an eternal impact upon our world, we are deeply committed to letting Jesus completely define them.

Rest assured that as we celebrate our 40th birthday in the sea of change, we are deeply committed to keeping Jesus as the cornerstone for all that occurs at Jackson Christian. This unwavering commitment to our Savior and His word will allow Jackson Christian to produce another 40 years of world changers.



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40 YEARS AND COUNTING

by Judith Humphreys,
Member of Inaugural Board

I feel pretty sure that everyone here is familiar with the expression, "Ignorance is bliss." Back in 1975 and 1976 that expression pretty much describes where a group of parents were when we decided it was time for us to start a Christian school in Jackson. We were a small group of Christians who were very concerned about the culture. There seemed to be a steady increase in troubled children and teenagers who were wrestling with getting a quality education and growing their spirituality.

Several of us began meeting to brainstorm about how developing a Christian school could be done and how it could be funded. We purposefully committed to reaching out to every congregation for participation in providing our children and children to come with a college preparatory education in an atmosphere where they could continue to mature in their spiritual growth. We were committed to the position that academics would be stressed over athletics, without omitting athletics as part of a healthy lifestyle. It was also our determination that all teachers and faculty would be faithful Christians in order that our children would be exposed the influence of those Christian educators and caretakers.

While there were many obstacles to our goal, we were convinced that God would have His hand in our efforts to educate and nurture our children and children to come. Obviously, finances were a major obstacle. Those of us who were determined to accomplish what we'd been told would be impossible, dug in and began the process of reaching out to Christian parents and grandparents. We visited every congregation that would allow us to speak about our dream goal. There was a great deal of positive response. However, so many of our potential supporters would tell us, "I can't give you money now, but when you get the school up and running, we may be able to



help support the school." I don't know how to express to you how frustrating that was. We needed the financial support in order to get the school started, but apparently many people were not confident that in spite of our personal lack of financial strength, God would have His hand in our efforts.

As you can see, His influence has made our dream into a very powerful reality! There is no way this school would have come to be without God's stamp of approval. One of the goals of our committee was that we could assure our parents and families that Biblical teaching would be a powerful centerpiece of the educational opportunities Jackson Christian would offer all students. We were not trying to instruct the children in doctrine, only in God's word and His will for every child and parent involved in the school. That continues to be the philosophy even today.

It's very important that we not forget that the steering committee and the early board of directors were standing on the shoulders of several Christian educators who had gone down this road before us. They were willing to help us have a clear view of what we needed to do in order to create an educational opportunity for our children that would enhance their relationship with God. One of the most generous advisors was Jerry Escue, who later became a critical part of the

everyday operation of Jackson Christian. He patiently met with us and advised us on how to maintain a positive direction in building what you see around you today.

Another outstanding Christian advisor was Floyd Daniel, a vice president from Harding University. He also spent time listening to our hopes and dreams and offered us invaluable advice on how to set goals and how to obtain what we needed to do to succeed in financing JCS. One piece of advice from Brother Daniel had to do with the actual fund-raising technique he had used in his efforts for Harding. With a smile and a twinkle in his eyes he said, "When you visit with someone to ask for financial help, always ask for at least twice as much as you think they will give. That way, they will be so grateful to give you half of what you ask that they will open up their billfolds and offer you assistance just to get you out the door."

Clark Cowart was our first board chairman. He was a very effective and capable leader and helped us grow into an effective board of directors. Some of you also know that Brother Walter Nelms was a valuable resource. As a Christian working in the world of education, he helped us in our compliance with educational requirement standards as directed by the State of Tennessee. We also owe a debt of deep gratitude to Christians like Paul Coffman, Kathryn Tyler, the W.H. Branch family, Warner Taylor, Murell Hasse, Leo Dickerson and his son, Barry Dickerson, Victor and Frances Sullivan, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Shelly, Gary and Sherilyn Martin, John and Alice Sawyer, and many more than we would be able to mention. (It would be mind blowing to think about how many barbeque chickens the Sawyers prepared for fund-raisers!) When I think about the Shelly/Martin families, I am aware they are in their fourth generation of supporting JCS. Because I'm fearful of accidentally failing to list all of our significant

supporters, I don't want to try and mention the names of every family and individual who made JCS possible. One of the characteristics of many of our donors was that they did not want or need public acknowledgment of the financial support they gave. In our history, we have many silent heroes who lifted up our cause and made Jackson Christian School a reality, not just a dream.

There was a time in our early history that each of the board members was required by the bank to make a personal commitment to "own" the very large debt that was part of starting the school. I have laughed and said that there were times I would wake up during the night and think, "Please God, don't let the bank call in the note – we don't have that much money!" I am aware that I was not the only one who had those same middle-of-the-night prayers.

In addition to our financial efforts, many of us invested a lot of what I call "sweat-equity" in Jackson Christian. Many times our first headmaster, John Carey, and I took our old farm truck and went "shopping" for furniture and equipment to stock the school. Unfortunately, at the time we were starting Jackson Christian, there were several private schools that were failing. Those schools were in the position of having to sell off their furniture. We bought and loaded, and then unloaded desks, book cases, fixtures, supplies and many of the items we needed to furnish our classrooms. The women of the Jackson Christian family became a catering

group to help with fundraising. Some of us cleaned the building and some of us served as substitute teachers. We also need to note the impressive leadership of Brother John Carey. He very carefully led us through the accreditation process. Even though we were a new and small school, under Mr. Carey's leadership we received accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools – a very complex process. We should also note that we received that very significant milestone before any other private school in Jackson!

It is with such gratitude that we have to acknowledge the loving generosity of the elders of what was then the Central Congregation. They very graciously allowed us to begin our first academic year in the building of what is now Campbell Street. In order to accommodate the necessary requirements of the fire department, those elders allowed us to kick out walls, add fire doors and make many more renovations that were required for the safety and well-being of the first students whose parents entrusted their children to Jackson Christian School. If you think about the leap of faith those parents made when they loaned us their children, maybe you can grasp the enormity of their trust in our faculty and staff.

Remember that expression, "Ignorance is bliss?" Sometimes I think that if we had understood in the beginning all that starting a school would entail, we might have cowered in fear of the enormity of the task we had

set for ourselves. We have to recognize that only God made Jackson Christian the reality that is today. It seems to me that those of our early teachers who gave up lucrative jobs in the public sector made serious sacrifices to be a part of a small, new school. Without those teachers, JCS would not have become the educational powerhouse it is today. We need to remember our debt to all those teachers and staff that took the leap of faith with us. I have to think of people like June Pipkin, Aneita Lentz, Linda Ruff, Julia Humphreys, Laura Jones, Pam Holmes and so many who took a chance on Jackson Christian. Without their dedication to our purpose, we would have never succeeded in the way that we have.

While ignorance might be bliss, Jackson Christian stands today as a beacon of light and hope that our children and grandchildren have a stepping stone into their future as Christian leaders in our homes, in our communities and in the future of God's church.



TYLER BUILDING RIBBON CUTTING

Jackson Christian hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony Friday, Sept. 23, 2016, for its 12,000-square-foot addition to the middle and high school. Guests toured the \$2.4 million expansion, as well as renovated areas of the existing middle and high school. The event was held during the school's 40th anniversary year.

"Today marks the celebration of 40 years of sacrificial giving, dreaming and trusting our heavenly Father. There's no doubt that today we are reaping a harvest that we did not sow. It is my heart's desire that this remarkable addition to Jackson Christian will further equip us in this eternal process of shaping world leaders for Jesus Christ," Dr. Mark Benton, Jackson Christian president said. "I am

humbled by God's rich blessings and deeply encouraged by the outpouring of love by so many. May Jesus Christ always serve as the cornerstone for Jackson Christian and his immeasurable love the capstone."

The addition was created to enhance the overall academic experience. It includes the gateway to the building (lobby area), dedicated space for the choral program, a robotics lab and three new STREAM (science, technology, religion, engineering, arts and math) learning centers. Additionally, renovated space in the middle school created a new life sciences laboratory.

Significant athletic upgrades include a soccer complex completed in spring 2016, a tennis complex to be completed in spring 2017 and improvements to the football field, including new lights, goalposts and video scoreboard. All existing learning and common spaces were refurbished with new flooring and paint. Additionally, the cafeteria was remodeled,

adding a lounge area for senior and faculty/staff dining.

In honoring the 40th anniversary, Judith Humphreys, a member of the inaugural board, and instructor Joan Gateley spoke. Humphreys' children and a grandchild are alumni of the school, and two other grandchildren are current students. Gateley has served the school for more than 30 years, continuing to teach mathematics.

The capital improvements are the result of the Lead Campaign, which launched October 2014 and stands at \$2.4 million in cash and pledges. Kathryn Tyler, who has been involved with the

school since its inception, serves as honorary campaign chair. Ken (retired faculty member) and Linda (director of elementary) Bradford chair the faculty/staff portion, and Clark and Mamie Converse serve as parent chairs.

"We've been blessed by the enthusiastic support of the entire Jackson Christian family," Chris Ramey, director of advancement, said. "Not only have they given their time and energy — but with virtually 100 percent commitment from the board, faculty and staff, they have contributed more than \$500,000 to this effort." With an overall goal of \$3.3 million, the Lead Campaign is set to conclude October 2017.



Lead

CAMPAIGN



\$3.3 M

\$2.4 M
as of 9/21/16

\$1.5 M

\$1 M

\$500 K

CAMPAIGN CHAIRS

Honorary Chair: Kathryn Tyler
Faculty/Staff Chairs: Ken and Linda Bradford
Parent Chairs: Clark and Mamie Converse

CAMPAIGN LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

Ray L. Dunn, Chairman
Dr. Mark Benton
Jeff Blankenship
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Chris Ramey

TOTAL CAMPAIGN FUNDRAISING GOAL: \$3.3 MILLION

Middle/High School Addition: \$2.3 Million
Athletics: \$900,000
Fine Arts: \$100,000

NAMING OPPORTUNITIES:

Baptistry: \$20,000
Canopy: \$200,000
Chorus Room: \$75,000
Classrooms: \$100,000
Gateway: \$150,000
Offices: \$25,000
Science Lab: \$75,000
Soccer Complex: \$200,000
Tennis Complex: \$45,000 (one court)
\$150,000 (four courts)
\$200,000 (six courts)

"The Lead Campaign's three-year initiative has clear goals: providing dedicated fine arts space, expanding our middle/high school and upgrading our athletic facilities for soccer, tennis and football," according to Dr. Mark Benton, Jackson Christian president. "The Lead Campaign will give our students even greater opportunities to become leaders on the field, in the classroom and, eventually, in the world."

"I look at the work we do on this campus as an eternal ministry. This ministry would not have been possible without the sacrificial giving of individuals such as Kathryn Tyler and others who have secured and continue to secure the future of our school," Benton said. He encouraged others to invest in families and students "who will carry the message of Jesus Christ long after they are gone."

Additional information on the Lead campaign, including the campaign video, may be found at jcseagles.org/giving.

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SENIOR HIGHLIGHTS



Hunter Allen is pursuing a career in athletic training at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

Kailyn Bentley is attending Harding University to study biology and become a veterinarian.

Shawn Blankenship is attending Bethel University, pursuing a career in wildlife management.

Grant Blurton is studying criminal justice at Jackson State Community College to pursue a career as a forensic investigator.



Devin Bowles is attending Middle Tennessee State University where he is majoring in theatre to pursue a career in musical theatre.



Claire Christensen is attending Freed-Hardeman University and studying nursing with plans to become a nurse practitioner.

Daniel Clegg is attending Union University and majoring in chemistry.

Christopher Clifton is attending Mississippi State University and studying industrial engineering.



Conley Clouse is attending Freed-Hardeman University where she is majoring in elementary education to pursue a career as an elementary teacher.



Bailey Coffman is attending Murray State University where she is majoring in farm and ranch management to pursue a career as a ranch manager.



Kayla Davenport is attending Union University to pursue a career in nursing.

Slayton Day is pursuing a career in architectural engineering at Jackson State Community College.



Cooper Dunn is attending Harding University and studying accounting to pursue a career in financial planning. He is also continuing his golf career.

Cole Forsythe is attending Jackson State Community State College where he is majoring in sports management to pursue a career as a coach.

Sofy Gneusheva is attending the University of Tennessee where she is majoring in communication to pursue a career as an art director.

Colton Graves is attending the University of Memphis and studying biology to become a microbiologist.



Amelia Grizzell is attending Harding University where she is continuing her soccer career and majoring in accounting and interior design.

Aspen Guy is attending the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga where she is majoring in elementary education to pursue a career as an elementary teacher.

Houston Hickerson is attending Harding University where he is majoring in engineering to pursue a career as a mechanical engineer.



Hunter Higdon is studying agricultural business at Tennessee Tech University.

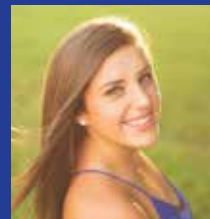


Garrett Hollenback is attending Harding University where he is majoring in nursing to pursue a career as a nurse anesthetist.

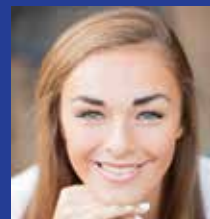


Miles Humphreys is attending Harding University, continuing his baseball career and studying business with a minor in exercise science. Miles plans to pursue a career as a business owner specializing in athletic training.

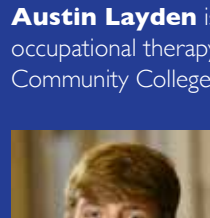
Brandon Jones is attending Austin Peay State University and studying music education with plans to become a band director.



Courtney Kiestler is pursuing a career in speech pathology at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville.



JuliaAnneLansdale is attending Jackson State Community College where she is majoring in biology to pursue a career as a biologist.



Austin Layden is pursuing a career in occupational therapy at Jackson State Community College.



Clay Lewis is majoring in business at Harding University.

Gabby Maxwell is attending the University of Mississippi and majoring in business.

Krislyn McDermott is attending the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga where she is majoring in biochemistry and plans to pursue a career in pediatric dentistry.



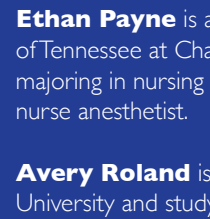
2016 graduates who have attended Jackson Christian since preschool or kindergarten.



Abby Mullins is attending Harding University where she is majoring in nursing to pursue a career as a nurse anesthetist.



Amelia Newsom is attending Freed-Hardeman University where she is majoring in elementary education to pursue a career as an elementary teacher.

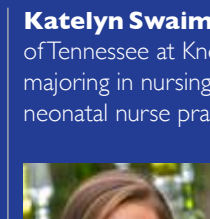


Ethan Payne is attending the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga where he is majoring in nursing to pursue a career as a nurse anesthetist.

Avery Roland is attending Lipscomb University and studying molecular biology to become a surgeon.

Dylan Snider is studying engineering at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

John Sparrow II is attending Jackson State Community College and majoring in general studies to pursue a career in nursing or physical therapy.



Katelyn Swaim is attending the University of Tennessee at Knoxville where she is majoring in nursing to pursue a career as a neonatal nurse practitioner.



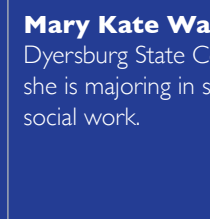
Blaire Taggart is attending the University of Alabama where she is majoring in biology to pursue a career in medicine.



Hayden Towater is attending Jackson State Community College to study medicine and plans to be an EMT or paramedic.



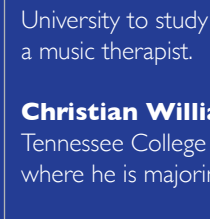
Dallas Walker is attending Middle Tennessee State University and studying computer science to become a computer analyst.



Mary Kate Walker is attending Dyersburg State Community College where she is majoring in sociology and minoring in social work.



Anna Wallace is attending Murray State University where she is majoring in pre-veterinary medicine to pursue a career as a veterinarian.



Jacob Weidner is attending the University of Tennessee at Martin to study computer science to pursue a career in information security.

Wesley Wester is entering the workforce to pursue a career as a deputy.

Chloe White is attending Belmont University to study music therapy to become a music therapist.

Christian Williams is attending the Tennessee College of Applied Technology where he is majoring in detail drafting.

Brooke Woodard is attending Union University and studying chemistry to become a dermatologist.

EAGLE AWARD

The Eagle Award is the pinnacle award at Jackson Christian, based on participation in school, community and church activities, strong academic performance, and spiritual influence throughout an academic career at Jackson Christian. The faculty selected 15 seniors as Eagle Award recipients.



Frontrow: **Miles Humphreys, Cooper Dunn, Amelia Grizzell, Blaire Taggart, Katelyn Swaim, Hunter Allen** and **Colton Graves**

Backrow: **Avery Roland, Kailyn Bentley, Courtney Kiestler, Conley Clouse, Abby Mullins, Claire Christensen, Chloe White** and **Kayla Davenport**

SENIOR SUPERLATIVES



Mr. and Miss JCS
Cooper Dunn and Conley Clouse



Most Respected
Miles Humphreys and Kayla Davenport



Most Likely to Succeed
Colton Graves and Katelyn Swaim



Best Leader
Hunter Allen and Claire Christensen



Friendliest
Hunter Higdon and Abby Mullins



Most School Spirit
Brandon Jones, Garrett Hollenback and Avery Roland



Best Smile
Slayton Day, Brooke Woodard and Blaire Taggart



Most Polite
Cole Forsythe and Krislyn McDermott



Most Talented
Devin Bowles and Chloe White



Most Athletic
Clay Lewis and Amelia Grizzell

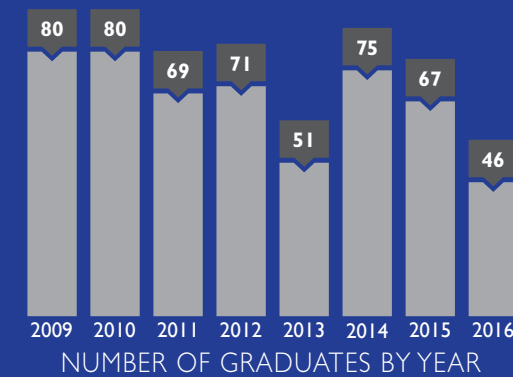
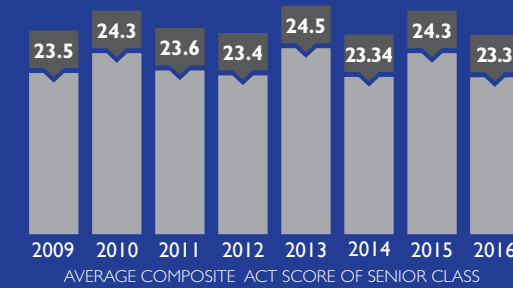


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Dallas Walker and Aspen Guy

ACADEMIC DATA

DID YOU KNOW?

THE **TOP 10%** OF SENIORS **SCORED** AN AVERAGE OF **28.5** ON THE **ACT** AND THE **TOP 20%** **SCORED** AN AVERAGE OF **27**



Members of the 2016 graduating class were awarded \$2,798,351.80 in scholarship money.

2016 Graduates Accepted by Diverse Colleges and Universities

- Austin Peay State University
- Belmont University
- Bethel University
- Dyersburg State Community College
- Freed-Hardeman University
- Harding University
- Jackson State Community College
- Lipscomb University
- Middle Tennessee State University
- Mississippi State University
- Murray State University
- Tennessee College of Applied Technology
- Tennessee Technological University
- Union University
- University of Alabama
- University of Memphis
- University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
- University of Tennessee at Knoxville
- University of Tennessee at Martin



National Honor Society - The Jackson Christian chapter of the National Honor Society has been active for 34 years. This year the group consisted of 73 members with 23 seniors. Anna Wallace and Abby Mullins have served as co-presidents. Each member is selected based on character, service and leadership and having a 93 grade point average.

Accreditation: Jackson Christian completed its five-year accreditation review through the National Christian School Association and AdvancED (formerly SACS). The external review is an integral component of AdvancED Performance Accreditation and provides the institution with a comprehensive evaluation. The evaluation is guided by the results of diagnostic instruments, in-depth review of data and documentation, and the professional judgment of a team of qualified and highly trained evaluators. A series of diagnostic instruments examines the impact of teaching and learning on student performance, the capacity of leadership to effect continuous improvement, and the degree to which the institution optimizes its use of available resources to facilitate and support student success. The results of this evaluation are represented in the Index of Education Quality (IEQ™). The AdvancED national average for the IEQ is 282.79. **Jackson Christian scored a 317.95 on the IEQ.**



GRADUATION 2016

“God never calls us to a task he will not equip us to accomplish. This chapter closes today, and a new chapter begins. The future for the class of 2016 is so bright.” - Chloe White, Salutatorian

“We have formed a bond that cannot be broken. No matter where we end up in the future, we will always be the class of 2016 and family.”

- Katelyn Swaim, Valedictorian

“One Small Voice” left parents and grandparents with tears in their eyes at the Campbell Street Preschool End-of-the-Year program. Thirty-six preschool students sang, recited scripture and entertained the audience to conclude their preschool experience. At the Jackson Christian Kindergarten graduation, 45 students received their diplomas and performed an entertaining program, “You Are My Sunshine.”

Forty-six high school seniors made up the 36th graduating class at Jackson Christian, who received their diplomas May 15, 2016.



AWARDS DAY



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1. Valedictorian Katelyn Swaim and **Salutatorian** Chloe White

2. High School Christian Living: ninth grade – Mary Claire Swaim, Sam Day and Jack Moore; 10th grade – Olivia Dunn and Mason Clanin; 11th grade – Katie Morris and Rufus Whitmore; 12th grade – Conley Clouse and Cooper Dunn



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3. High School Top Honors: ninth grade – 1st Mary Claire Swaim, 2nd Jack Moore, 3rd Emma Lunsford; 10th grade – 1st Emma Grace Humphreys, 2nd Emily White, 3rd Savannah Ewing; 11th grade – 1st Maria McConkey, 2nd Allie Myers, 3rd Reagan Bain

4. Middle School Christian Living: sixth grade – Abby Britt and Campbell Scott; seventh grade – Brooke Webb and Dakota Hylkema; eighth grade – Orchee Sorker and Blake King



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5. Middle School Top Honors: sixth grade – 1st Campbell Scott, 2nd Mia Morris and Andrew Pittman, 3rd Abby Britt; seventh grade – 1st Brooke Webb, 2nd Emma Vaughn, 3rd Alayna Hall; eighth grade – 1st Natalie Mathews, 2nd Will Bartel, 3rd Chris Goodrich

6. High School Seniors receiving honor cords. Honor cords are given for 30 or above composite score on ACT, Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, Summa Cum Laude, Service, Student Council, Leadership University, All-State Chorus and Band, Valedictorian and Salutatorian



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7. High School Seniors receiving the President's Education Award for 93 overall GPA and 25 or above on ACT Math or 27 or above on ACT Reading



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8. Eighth grade students who received the President's Education Award for 93 overall GPA and 85% or above on NWEA Math or Reading

9. Elementary students who won the Farm Bureau poster contest

10. Third Grade Christian Living – Ava Bates, Will Johnson, Riley Bradford, Preston Smith, Evan Farrar, Gracelyn Calvert, and Addison Goslee



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11. Third Grade Top Honors – Melton: 1st Tess Little, 2nd Josie Mansfield, 3rd Ava Bates, 4th Annaliese Khamapirad, 5th Braden Willbanks; **Darety:** 1st Patsy Lovelace, 2nd Jillian Ridley, 3rd Riley Bradford, 4th Blakely Melton, 5th Isaac Beard; **Broadway:** 1st Evan Farrar, 2nd Eli Terry, 3rd Molly Kate Overstreet, 4th Victor Meredith, 5th Caden Carmack



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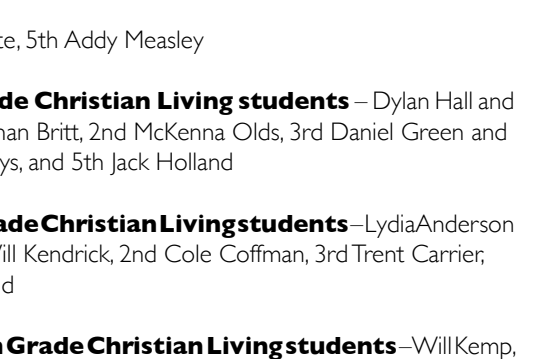
12. Fifth Grade Christian Living- Carpenter: Carolyn Thrower and Jackson Young; **Nicholas:** Molley Morris and Brady Webb; **Yenawine:** Katie Alexander and Braden Riddle



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13. Fifth Grade Top Honors – Carpenter – 1st Kyle Christensen, 2nd Evie Patrick, 3rd Caroline Thrower, 4th Jackson Young, 5th Ella McClain; **Nicholas** – 1st Ansel Khamapirad, 2nd Jude Taylor, 3rd Hunter Watson, 4th Emma Gaskill, 5th Lauren Day; **Yenawine** – 1st Katie Alexander, 2nd McKinley Arnold, 3rd Elijah Miller, 4th Matthew White, 5th Addy Measley

14. Mrs. Groves Fourth Grade Christian Living students – Dylan Hall and Kallie Holloway; **Top 5** – 1st Nathan Britt, 2nd McKenna Olds, 3rd Daniel Green and Kallie Holloway, 4th Tess Humphreys, and 5th Jack Holland



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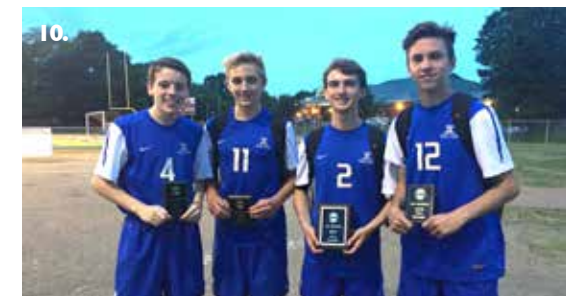
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15. Mrs. Philpot's Fourth Grade Christian Living students – Lydia Anderson and Will Kendrick; **Top 5** – 1st Will Kendrick, 2nd Cole Coffman, 3rd Trent Carrier, 4th Russ Woolfolk, 5th Mara Bezold

16. Mrs. Dahlstrom's Fourth Grade Christian Living students – Will Kemp, Ben Hurbis and Courtney Minton; **Top 5** – 1st Avery Holloway, 2nd Courtney Minton, 3rd Eli Gay, 4th Callie Bates, 5th Addie Taylor

Each day we strive to educate young minds and bodies, while nurturing young hearts.

EAGLE SPIRIT



1. - Junior **Logan Riddle** won the **men's regional cross country meet** in Memphis for the second year. **Logan Riddle** capped a great **track and field** season by finishing 6th in the 3200m run with a time of 10:18.69 in the state meet.

The **high school girls cross country** team improved throughout the season and came in 4th in the regional cross country meet in Memphis. Freshman **Cassidy Cooper** placed 9th in the regional meet, earning her a trip to the state cross country meet in Nashville.

Track athletes finished well in regions, with **Aspen Guy** coming in 4th in shot put and the girls 4x200m relay team coming in 4th and **Logan Riddle** finishing 1st in the 3200m run and moving on to sectionals. At sectionals, **Aspen Guy** came in 5th in the girls shot put. **Logan Riddle** came in 2nd in the 3200m run and competed at the state tournament.

Logan Riddle came in second in the 1600m run in with a time of 4:44.89 to set a new school record in track and field at sectionals. **Aspen Guy** came in first in the shot put with a distance of 31-06.5, beating her previous record and setting a new school record. **Amelia Grizzell** broke the school record for girls high jump with a 4'10" jump.

2.- **Elementary/MS XC varsity boys** team placed in the top four all six team meets with one 1st place win, two 2nd places, two 3rd places and one 4th place—including 2nd overall boys team in the district championship. **Braden Riddle** took 1st in the elementary regional meet, with **Brady Webb** placing 15th. Three boys qualified for and participated in the state meet in Knoxville as individuals, where **Braden Riddle** placed 3rd.

3.- **Middle School boys basketball** placed 2nd in the Blue Suede Tournament. **Caedan Clark** made the all-state team and **Dylan Arnold** was an all-state honorable mention.

4. - **Eagle basketball** players **Jeremy Stewart** and **Riley Ragan** were selected to the all-district team. **Josh Cole** was named to the all-tournament team. **Riley Ragan**, **Josh Cole** and **Jeremy Stewart** were also selected as honorable mentions to the All-West Tennessee team.

5. - **JD Byrd** was selected the District 15-A Basketball **Coach of Year**.

6. - District coaches selected **Amelia Grizzell** and **Kady Cook** to the all-district team for Lady Eagles Basketball. **Amelia Grizzell**, **Kayla Davenport**, **Kady Beth Cook** were selected to the All-West Tennessee Team as honorable mentions.

Eagles football ended the season tied for 2nd in the district and won their first playoff game in four years. Four players were named all-district: **Hunter Allen**, **Will Buehler**, **Miles Humphreys** and **Clay Lewis**. Miles also played in the West Tennessee All-Star game.

7. - **Middle School Eagles football** had their first winning season in several years, finishing the season 5-2.

8. - Senior **Brandon Jones** earned 3rd Chair Blue **Band** with the University of Memphis Honor Bands.

9. - **Eagles soccer** won the Eagle Classic, got runner-up at Best of the West, won district and the district tournament, won the regional tournament and advanced to the state tournament for only the second time in school history. **Clay Lewis**, **Christopher Clifton** and **Parker Finton** made all-district. **Marshall Davis** was named Defensive Player of the Year, and **Trace Haggard** was named Keeper of the Year. **Coach Jeff Lean** won Coach of the Year. **Christian Williams**, **Will Bartel** and **Ethan Bartel** made the All-Tournament Team. **Marshall Davis** was named the tournament MVP.

Trace Haggard and **Clay Lewis** made First Team All-West Tennessee Soccer and **Parker Finton** and **Christian Williams** were honorable mentions. **Marshall Davis** was The Jackson Sun's 2016 All-West Tennessee Boys Soccer Defensive Player of the Year, and **Coach Jeff Lean** was The Jackson Sun's 2016 All-West Tennessee Boys Soccer Coach of the Year.

10. - **Christian Williams** was named the **soccer** region MVP. **Sam Day**, **Parker Finton** and **Grayson Cary** were selected to the All-Region team.

Cameron Maners made the all-region team in **Middle School boys soccer**.

Lady Eagles soccer were district tournament champions, region champions and state quarter finalists. Regional tournament MVP was **Julia Anne Lansdale**. Making the All-Tournament Team were **Kelly Brown**, **Amelia Grizzell** and **Allie Myers**. Coach **Jeff Lean** was named Coach of the Year. **Amelia Grizzell** finished her career with 113 goals.

The **Eagles golf** team finished the year strong. **Cooper Dunn** placed 3rd in the district tournament and 2nd in the Region Tournament and had a top 30 finish in the State Tournament. **Blake Wolfe** placed 5th in the district tournament, Top 7 in region tournament, and a top 50 finish in the state tournament. **Emily Cisco** placed 4th in the district tournament, 5th in the region tournament, and a top 50 finish in the state tournament.

11. - **High School softball** finished the season with a record of 15-9 and a regular season district record of 9-3 finishing 2nd in the regular district season. **Jenna Arnold** and **Kacie Lynch** made the district all-tournament team. Making all-district were **Jenna Arnold**, **Kacie Lynch**, **Sophie Dunavant** and **Emma Grace Humphreys**.

Jenna Arnold and **Sophie Dunavant** were named to the All-West Tennessee First Team in softball, and **Kacie Lynch**, **Kayla Forsythe** and **Courtney Kiestler** were selected as Honorable Mentions.

12. - **Eagles baseball** won the district for the 4th year in a row, region for the 3rd year and made their third state tournament in four years. They made it to the semi-final game of state. Making all-district were **Hayden Love**, **Carter Holt**, **Wesley Wester** and **Miles Humphreys**. **Miles Humphreys**, **Hunter Higdon** and **Carter Holt** were named all-region. **Miles Humphreys** and **Carter Holt** were named to the 1st Team All-State Team. **Carter Holt** was also named to the TSWA All-State Team. **Hunter Higdon** was named to the 2nd Team All-State Team and was named the District 15-A Player of the Year. **Chuck Cooper** was selected the District 15-A Coach of the Year.

Carter Holt was named 2016 All-West Tennessee Baseball Player of the Year.

Hunter Higdon and **Miles Humphreys** were named to the All-West Tennessee First Team in Baseball. **Wesley Wester** and **Hunter Allen** received honorable mentions.

13. - **Dylan Snider** placed 2nd in district in **tennis** and advanced to the regional.

Middle school tennis had a great season, winning the majority of their matches. At the end of the season, they celebrated with a party/round robin matches with TCA, USJ, SMS and Augustine. We had a great season and are already looking forward to next year.

2016-17 ADDITIONS

ANNA DOYLE: Middle School Girls Basketball Coach



girls basketball assistant coach last season,

Anna Thompson Doyle is the head coach of Jackson Christian's middle school girls basketball team. A 2006 graduate of Jackson Christian, she served as the middle school

which was her sixth year to coach basketball. She has been a head coach for five of those six years, including a year as our middle school girls head coach. While she was head coach at Oklahoma Christian School, her team had a record of 17-1. She also will continue to serve as the middle and high school art teacher.

Coach Doyle sees the hand of God in this move. "I am blown away by the way God allows things to come full circle. I cannot wait to see why He has reopened this door

for me to be the head middle school girls basketball coach at Jackson Christian. Last season I grew to love the girls on the team, and when the opportunity presented itself, God placed a sense of peace in my heart and I knew what He wanted me to do. I cannot wait to get to work!"

Anna is married to Seth Doyle '07, who works as a nurse practitioner for Professional Health Services of Jackson.

ANGIE NEWSOM: Middle/High School Cafeteria Manager

Having served full time at Jackson Christian for six years and as a substitute for four years, Angie Newsome was a full-time mom and worked part-time selling crop insurance and working with farmers.

Angie stated, "I am very excited to make the change to the middle/high school for this next

school year. I have quantity cooked at church for the past 15 years for fellowship meals, Primetimer meals and youth events and enjoy preparing the same meals on a large scale that I prepare for my family at home."

Angie has three children. Mallory (Newsom) Thomason and her husband, Trent, were

married June 4 and live in Columbia; Amelia graduated in May and is a freshman at Freed-Hardeman University, Colin a junior at Jackson Christian.



DEANNA REID: STREAM Coordinator

Deanna Reid has rejoined the elementary faculty as the STREAM Coordinator, 4th and 5th grade science teacher and director of instructional technology. This will be her

10th year of service at Jackson Christian. She graduated with a B.B.A. from Memphis State University in Business Management with a concentration in Human Resources and received an M.A.T. from Freed-Hardeman University in Elementary Education, Curriculum and Instruction.

"If I were to write a dream job description (and I can't work for NASA), it would be exactly what I am doing at Jackson Christian this fall: combining science, technology, innovation and exploration with our bright students and watching what emerges. Add the blessing of being able to tie all of this in with biblical principles and make real-

life connections to learning, and this new STREAM program provides students with a powerful foundation upon which to become life-long learners who love God."

Reid is married to Larry, who is an engineering manager with Williams Steel Company and president of WDE Engineering. They have two daughters who graduated from Jackson Christian. Ashley '10 lives in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, where she is an R.N. in the Critical Care Unit at St. Thomas Hospital-Rutherford. Morgan '13 will graduate next May from Tennessee Tech with a bachelor's degree in wildlife biology and fisheries.



JEANNA RICE: Director Of The Early Learning Village

graduated from Freed-Hardeman University with a degree in elementary/early childhood education in 1987 and then graduated from MTSU in 1992 with masters in education

Jeanna Rice has assumed the role of director of the Early Learning Village (ELV). Rice has taught for five years at Jackson Christian. She

in administration and supervision. She has taught in elementary and early childhood education for 20 years and directed the Sunshine Day School in Franklin, Tennessee for two and a half years before joining the faculty at Jackson Christian.

"I am so excited about the upcoming year and the opportunity to serve as director of the ELV. Children truly are a gift from God, and I am extremely blessed to work with

them each day. I look forward to meeting and welcoming all the new parents and eaglets into the Jackson Christian family!"

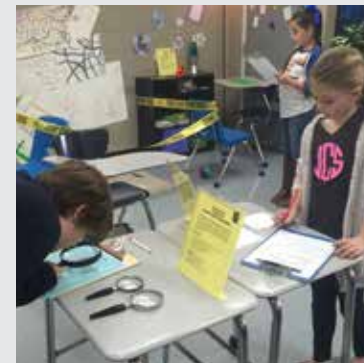
Rice is married to Walter Rice, who is a self-employed peanut farmer. They have four children, Caleb and Zach sophomores at Mississippi State University, and Kelsey, a senior and Jake, a junior, both at Jackson Christian.



Soar students at Brewster Gardens in Plymouth, MA.



Ethan and Will, presenting their independent study findings



Forensic science



Will Bartel and Burch Weems, sifting through freshly ground grain at the Plymouth Grist Mill



Trip Day with Ebenezer Hancock, John Hancock's brother, and the group's tour guide along Freedom Trail



Sadie Johnson and Emma Vaughn, building a structure to hold a tea bag over water without getting it wet

Gifted Students Soar

Soar, Jackson Christian's program for gifted students, challenges students to explore their abilities and work together to achieve a goal. In the first year of the program, students visited Jackson Escape Room, where they learned the importance of communication in problem-solving. While studying Tennessee history, students toured the state capital to see first-hand what they had been learning.

To prepare for their trip to Boston, the group studied the timeline of the Revolutionary War, looked at stops on the Freedom Trail, and completed a STEM challenge requiring them to design and build a device that would float a tea bag without it getting wet. Their materials were popsicle sticks, glue, waxed paper, masking tape, yarn and one tea bag.

High school students used their design and math skills to create games and a duck blind. They presented their scaled down projects to the Jackson Christian Board of Trustees. Students received an elective credit for the independent study project.

Soar is open to students in fourth-12th grade who meet the requirements for giftedness. Activities focus on personal power, creative thinking, critical thinking and perspective. Activities in 2016-17 are focusing on the life and work of Mark Twain. The semester will culminate with a trip to Hannibal, Missouri, to tour the cave that inspired "Tom Sawyer" and meet Mark Twain via a professional impersonator. Parent meetings to explore the social and emotional sides of giftedness have also been added to the program.

NEWS AND NOTES

Tyler Building Reception and Ribbon Cutting September 22-23, 2016



Dr. Benton Named Chairperson for the National Christian School Association

Jackson Christian president, Dr. Mark Benton, assumed the role of chairperson for the National Christian School Association Board of Trustees on July 1, 2016. Dr. Benton has served on the board since 2001. The NCSA is an educational association of 98 secondary schools in 26 states, serving more than 30,000 students. Most NCSA schools are independent

and governed by a self-perpetuating board. A few are a ministry of a particular congregation, children's home or university. All of the schools have a historical relationship with the churches from the Restoration movement and most have a tie to the Churches of Christ. Students of all faiths are welcome at member schools of the National Christian School Association.

Alumni and Friends to Celebrate 10th Anniversary of Jackson Christian's Football State Championship Season

Ten years ago Jackson Christian Eagles intercepted six passes to win Jackson's first state championship in football. Alumni and friends are invited to homecoming on October 21 to celebrate.

Guests are welcome to attend several events during homecoming week. In chapel Monday at 9:30 a.m., Coach Brian Stewart will address the students. The alumni basketball game will be at 6 p.m. Thursday. Matt Hudson will speak to the students Friday during chapel.

Homecoming game festivities begin at 6:30 p.m. with the coronation of the 2016 queen. The Eagles will kick-off against Gibson County at 7 p.m. At halftime, the 2006 state championship team, coaches and cheerleaders will be honored at mid-field. Following the ceremony, all alumni are invited to a reception under the tent on the softball field.

LEADER 2016



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AROUND CAMPUS



Chloe White was crowned the 2015-16 Homecoming Queen.



Ten seventh grade students were selected to participate in the DUKE Talent Search based on their NWEA test scores. They were Lexie Bell, Lily Carothers, Sydney Christensen, Owen Gibson, Alayna Hall, Tripp Hearn (not pictured), Nathan Minton, Emma Vaughn, Brooke Webb, and Burch Weems.



The Jackson Christian Student Council earned a four-star council award again this year.



Fifth grade Duke Talent Search based on their NWEA test scores were Kyle Christensen, Lance Franks, Wesley Grantham, Emma Kate Hughes, Ella McClain, Evie Patrick, Caroline Thrower, Zane White, Jackson Young, Gracie Brasher, Lauren Day, Emma Gaskill, Jack Guthrie, Ansel Khamapirad, Ryder Lewis, Lizzie Moore, Harrison Spence, Jude Taylor, Hunter Watson, Katie Alexander, McKinley Arnold, Will Barnett, Trey Bridger, Aiden Childress, Ryder Hendry, Sara Hoppers, Elijah Miller, Matthew White and Leighla Wood.



Service Award - Mrs. Joan Gateley pictured with her husband, Bill, has served Jackson Christian for 30 years.



Students presented Mrs. Helen with money, a quilt, cards and lots of love to show how much they care as she battles cancer.



Reagan Bain and Sara Maners were Jackson Christian representatives at Girls State.



Sixth grade student, Taylor Roberson had a drawing selected for the Challenger Learning Center's 2016 calendar. Each year students submit drawings for the contest at the Challenger Learning Center at Paducah with twelve selected to be in the calendar.



Chloe White, Blaire Taggart, Katelyn Swaim, Amelia Grizzell, Avery Roland and Miles Humphreys were selected as Jackson Rotary Students of the Month throughout the school year.



Congratulations to Madison Butcher, Allie Myers, Emma Guthrie and Kacie Lynch for graduating from Leadership University.



Jude Taylor took first place in the Jackson Christian Spelling Bee. Tolani Agbetoyin was the runner-up. Jude finished 2nd in the West Tennessee Regional Spelling Bee at Union University. Jude won a trophy and a Merriam-Webster Collegiate Dictionary.



The spring consignment sale was the largest sale in school history, grossing more than \$122,000.



Jackson Christian students competed in the TMTA Math Contest at Dyersburg State Community College. Those who finished in the Top 12 were - Geometry: Hal Carter-7th; Algebra II: Adaline Carter-12th; Statistics: Claire Christensen-4th; Pre-Calculus: Shane Elder-1st, Maria McConkey-9th, Sara Maners-10th; Calculus: Blaire Taggart-1st, Avery Roland-11th.



Chloe White was selected for the Old Hickory Rotary Scholarship.



Shane Elder represented Jackson Christian at Boys State this summer.



Blaire Taggart was selected for the Jackson Rotary Scholarship.



Megan Sides was selected to represent Jackson Christian at Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY).

FROM THE CO TO SILICON VALLEY

Two Jackson Christian School students won awards and a trip to San Francisco as a result of their participation in the CO:de Catalyst Coding program sponsored by The CO in Jackson. Junior Maria McConkey finished in the top 10 and was named a Code Champion; senior Colton Graves was among the top 24 and was designated a Code Leader.

The competition included the top students selected from more than 500 students who represented 16 West Tennessee schools participating in the program. Competitors were required to design a five-page website and code it. They also participated in an online interview.

The all-expense-paid trip to San Francisco included visits to Google, LinkedIn, Apple and Pivotal Labs Software. At Pivotal Labs, students participated in a UX (User Experience) Design Workshop and learned about experiments and predictions, brainstorming techniques using stickers and Sharpies, and software development at Pivotal.

Donna Newberry, Maria and Colton's web design/coding teacher, accompanied them on this trip. Newberry stated, "This trip was incredible! The folks at The CO do things first class, and I am so happy to be in partnership with them. It was interesting to me that every company we visited encouraged the students to learn how to work well with others. Collaboration is a word we heard over and over. We were also told to learn to face setbacks. Embrace it. Learn to keep going!"

A Googler in the "People Department" gave students a private tour. The group learned that Google employees do not get their own office or cubicle; instead, they sit close together to promote idea sharing and collaboration. Google looks for employees with humility, an idea that is reinforced by having new personnel wear a "Noogler" cap during their first week to remind them not to take themselves too seriously.

At LinkedIn, students learned that the company looks for learning potential and passion. They said they are interested in hiring problem solvers who love to learn. They urged students to demonstrate passion and create a positive online presence.

McConkey commented, "Even though touring Pivotal Labs, Google and LinkedIn was really cool, my favorite part was interacting with other students from different schools. As for the tech visits, I learned I should keep putting out work, even if it is not good. I should also keep trying to find ways to improve old work."

The group also toured China Town, Alcatraz, Golden Gate Bridge, Fisherman's Wharf, San Francisco Computer Museum and Ghiradelli's Chocolates. In addition, they rode a San Francisco trolley.



"This trip gave me an opportunity to meet professionals and learn from their experience. I had a lot of fun visiting some of the tourist spots such as Alcatraz, while also learning a lot from such businesses as LinkedIn and Google." - Colton Graves



A Year At PRESCHOOL

FINE ARTS



Natalie Matthews, Orchee Sorker, Abby Klutts, Kelsey Montgomery, Tolani Agbetoyin, Chandler Smith, Chris Goodrich, Trevor Wilson, Lucas Patterson, Jack Joiner, Austin Carnell, Hal Carter, Austin Brooks and Zach Shelton were selected to **Jr. High All-West Choir.**

Abby Bowen, Devin Bowles, Ethan Brasher, Collin Cantrell, Josh Cole, Will Crowe, Olivia Dunn, Alex Hastings, Emma Grace Humphreys, Julia Anne Lansdale, Kacie Lynch, Sara Maners, Katy Mullins, Maggie Nash, Amelia Newsom, Lucas Patterson, Jonathan Richardson, Brennan Riddle, Lawson Rudd, Jacob Shelton, Megan Sides, Emma Smith, Sarah Jon Taylor, Daunte Walker, Sydney Watson, Carly White, Chloe White and Ben Woodard were selected for **Sr. High All-West Choir.**

Nine students were selected into different choirs at **All-State Chorus.** This was the third highest number in West Tennessee and the highest per student ratio in the state. Students from Jackson Christian were selected across six different voice parts:

Soprano I - Julia Anne Lansdale and **Sarah Jon Taylor; Alto I - Abby Bowen,** 3rd chair; **Chloe White** and **Amelia Newsome; Alto II - Kacie Lynch, Maggie Nash, Emma Grace Humphreys; Tenor I - Devin Bowles,** 3rd chair; **Will Crowe** (2nd alt.); **Bass I - Collin Cantrell** (1st alt.); **Bass II - Jacob Shelton,** 2nd chair

Students who received awards from **WTVMEA:**

Five years of making **All-West Honors Choir: Jacob Shelton**

Four years of making **All-West Honors Choir: Devin Bowles, Ethan Brasher, Emma Grace Humphreys, Maggie Nash and Chloe White**

Three years of making **All-West Honors Choir: Emma Smith, Megan Sides, Sarah Jon Taylor, Daunte Walker and Carly White**

Chloe White competed for the **All-State Orchestra** and was awarded **first chair** in **flute**, which is a tremendous honor. She was chosen both **first chair band** and **first chair orchestra** at the **2016 All-West Honor Band.** Having sat first chair band last year at the 2015 All-West Honor Band, she chose to perform in the All-West Orchestra this year. Placing 1st in orchestra places Chloe in the All-State Orchestra.

Additionally at **All-West** this year, **Chloe White** was awarded the **Ralph Hale Scholarship.** This scholarship is awarded to a senior first chair player for their musical involvement and honors, academic achievements and extracurricular activities.

Chloe White was also chosen for the 2nd year in a row to perform a solo for the Tennessee Bandmaster Association Honors Recital at the All-State Tennessee Music Association Conference. She and two other flautists from Jackson, who all study in the same flute studio, also performed a trio for this recital.



A cast of 97 theatre students, ranging from second grade through 12th grade, performed **"Oliver! The Musical"** for a full weekend of sold-out crowds at the Ned McWherter Performing Arts Center. Oliver! The musical was nominated in five categories by the Memphis Orpheum Music Theatre Awards. The nominations included Outstanding Chorus, Outstanding Large Ensemble, Outstanding Set, Sutton Fallert as Oliver for the Bravo (Young Actor/Actress) Award, and Will Crowe as the Artful Dodger for Outstanding Supporting Actor.



The **High School Band** received all **superior** ratings in both prepared and sight-reading pieces at the **WTSBOA Concert Festival.**

Marching Band and **Percussion** received **Excellent Ratings** at the **WTSBOA** marching contest. **Drum Major Katie Morris** received **Superior Ratings.**



Middle School Band students, **Britt Holland, Owen Gibson, Presley Dean, Morgan Brasfield and Katie Waldrup** all received **superior** ratings at Solo and Ensemble.



Art: Only 180 entries out of 348 total entries from both public and private schools across West Tennessee were chosen to be on exhibit at the **West Tennessee Regional Art Center** in Humboldt. **Sofy's Gneusheva's** "The Wave" and **Harper Lee's** "Musicians by the Light" were selected.



NICARAGUA CONTINUING THE MISSION

written by Judy Bentley



This year 12 students, one alumnus and five sponsors made our annual spring break trip to Nicaragua Christian School. It was a wonderful trip! It is amazing to see how God continues to work at the school. Our group helped conduct youth events at the school. On the last night, the students exchanged letters with their parents, which was very touching to watch. Each year we take school pictures, and this year was no different. We set up two cameras and took pictures of 500 students in half a day. Our library continues to grow, as we brought 500 new books with us and introduced a new method for students to check out books. The library is very unique, as no other libraries in Nicaragua allow students to check out books, except at the university level. This is a huge blessing to the students. Our team also painted a mural on the preschool building to make a fun atmosphere for learning.

I wish everyone could watch our students interact with people in another culture, play with the kids and work on the different projects. We appreciate so much everyone who prays for our trip, sponsors a child at the school, or helps with donations of books or Christmas boxes. Each of you makes a difference!



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- Judy Bentley, Sponsor



Jackson Christian students began taking mission trips during the 2009-10 school year. This was our first trip to Bulawayo, Zimbabwe. Fourteen seniors made the trip to experience a life-changing encounter with the people of Zimbabwe. Although the students started preparing for the trip in September, nothing could have prepared their hearts and minds for the palpable demonstration of God's love. Abby Mullins remarked, "Everywhere we went we would get smiles, nods, greetings, handshakes, hugs or all of the above. These people didn't know our stories, what we had done, what we had been through, or where we came from...but they didn't care. They knew that we were all brothers and sisters in Christ and that brought us together." It is amazing to experience how God's love transforms people. From the widows that we met who were eager to share whatever they had with us to the love of poverty-stricken orphans, God's love seemed to be ever present. Conley Clouse proclaimed, "How powerful it is to realize God deeply loves each one of us and is eager to use us in His kingdom work." Avery Roland commented, "Watching children who are hungry share their food with each other showed me what it truly means to love one another."

Not only did they encounter God's love, they experienced what it was like to fully depend upon Him in every situation. From encounters with complete strangers to experiences with inner city people, God's presence was evident. On our return flight from Zimbabwe to South Africa our plane experienced significant mechanical issues with the flaps. We went through the crash landing procedures in the event the plane ran off the runway or flipped after making impact. Clay Lewis shared his perspective on that event of the trip stating, "Many of us were fearful something was going to happen and we weren't going to make it home. We started our descent and the flight



attendants started yelling 'Brace, brace; bend over; put your heads down' over and over again. Many were crying and praying out loud. At that moment, I realized this was real. I was watching out the window as we were getting closer and closer to the ground. I began praying 'Father God surround this plane with your angels.' I repeated that prayer as fast as I could and as many times as I could. Right before we landed, I had this complete peace come over me, and I told the girls beside me that we were going to be all right. It was truly amazing to feel His presence during those few minutes."

Words fail to adequately describe the experience. However, Amelia Grizzell was willing to share a portion of her journal – "There is a stirring deep within me. Could it be my time has come? The phrase, this

song that we have sung so many times since we arrived, stirs an emotion I can't describe. We've echoed it under a tin roof sitting on a dirt floor, we've taught it to the frail and to the pure. We've sung it underneath an untainted sky of stars and a full moon. My heart has experienced it – this stirring – when I embrace His people, when my skin draws chills when I hear these people praise our Father; when my chest feels an ache of warmth, when an angelic smile goes across a brown face. There is a stirring within, and my time has come. I can only pray that I may experience this stirring again as I share the love of Christ back home. Praise God, Bwana Asifiwe, for my time here." And perhaps that is the primary goal of such mission trips – to experience God in such a powerful way that we are motivated to share His love with all we encounter.



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ALUMNI CORNER



Bradley Hayes '92 was promoted to Major in the United States Army Reserves. He is a member of the 377th Theater Sustainment Command at Belle Chasse, Louisiana. He lives in Covington, Louisiana with his wife, Sarah, and three children and works in New Orleans as an attorney for the United States Army Corps of Engineers. They reside at 210 Turnberry Drive, Covington, LA 70433. bthayesesq@yahoo.com



Jason and Julie (McDonald) '00 Orr welcomed Coleman Briley Orr 9/22/16.

Chris ('02) and Katherine Fowler had Katherine James Fowler 12/28/15. Kate was welcomed by big sister Liza, who is three. They reside at 1712 Stokes Lane, Nashville, TN 37215.

Christy Powell '02 and Stephan Irvin '02 were married 2/6/16.



Wade and JoBeth (Shelton) '02 Peace welcomed Charles Wyatt born 10/23/15. Wade is a nurse anesthetist at Baptist Hospital, and JoBeth is a physician assistant with Arkansas Dermatology, both in Little Rock, Arkansas. They reside at 8 Leeward Court, Maumelle, AR 72113. jobethshelton@hotmail.com

Jonathan and Ashley (Bradford) Warrington '02 and big brothers, Cade and Eli, welcomed Ty Bradford Warrington, born 10/13/15. They reside at 799 Windy City Road, Humboldt, TN 38343. ashley.warrington@jcseagles.org



Jonathan and Ashley (Bradford) Warrington '02 and big brothers, Cade and Eli, welcomed Ty Bradford Warrington, born 10/13/15. They reside at 799 Windy City Road, Humboldt, TN 38343. ashley.warrington@jcseagles.org

Chris Harris '03 is the media director and radio voice of the Biloxi Shuckers, the new minor league baseball team on the gulf coast, a Double-A affiliate of the Milwaukee Brewers. He resides at 1955 Poppys Ferry Road, Biloxi, MS 39532.



Wes and Audrey (Miller) '03 Broadway and big brother Aaron welcomed Hutson Kay born 6/2/15. Wes works for Broadway and Sons Trucking, and Audrey teaches at Jackson Christian. They reside at 34 Birch Hollow Lane, Jackson, TN 38305. audrey.broadway@jcseagles.org

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Brooks Gatlin '04 and wife, Mallory, announced the birth of Betty Jane 1/23/16, weighing 7 lbs. Brooks and Mallory both teach at Harding Academy in Memphis. They reside at 1229 Wilmore Road, Memphis, TN 38117. brooks.gatlin@gmail.com

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CPT Tyler McAnally '04 and wife, Brittney, and boys, Nolan and Heath, currently reside in Monterey, California where Tyler is learning the Serbian and Croatian languages in preparation for his new job at the U.S. Embassy in Ljubljana, Slovenia. They will move to Slovenia in November and will be stationed there for one year. During that time, Tyler will receive on-the-

job-training as foreign area officer. His job will require him to serve as a military liaison with our NATO and European Union allies. They will return to the U.S. in 2018 for graduate school before returning overseas in 2019. They currently reside at 371B Bergin Dr. Monterey, CA 93940. jonathan.t.mcanally@mail.mil or tylermcanally@icloud.com



Landry and Kristina (White) Allen '05 welcomed Finley Haven 1/13/16. Landry works as a sales rep for Verizon Wireless and with the youth at the church they attend.

Kristina is a stay-at-home mom and works part-time with her sewing handbag business. They reside at 94-1404 Polani Street Unit 29R Waipahu, HI 96797. kristina1286@gmail.com



Brent and Molly (Neilson) Inmon '06, along with Kenley Grace and Riley Marie, welcomed Madelyn Jane. Brent works at Williams Equipment and Supply and Molly is a stay-at-home mom. They reside at 39 Winston Place Jackson, TN 38305. mollyinmon@yahoo.com



Laura Kendrick '06 married Justin Christopher Miller in October 2015.



Travis and Whitney (Carter) '06 Young welcomed Camille Eden Young 8/27/15. Travis is the district sales manager at IWC Foods, and Whitney is a stay-at-home mom. They reside at 8321 Block House Way, Apt. # 613 Knoxville, TN 37923. wyoung31@gmail.com

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Seth '07 and Anna (Thompson) Doyle '07 live at 5 Hunters Green Cove, Jackson, TN 38305. Anna is the middle school basketball head coach at Jackson Christian and teaches art. Seth graduated from Tennessee State University with a Master of Science in Nursing and works as a nurse practitioner at Professional Health Services of Jackson.



Alex Groves '07 married Sarah Mathews 2/27/16 at the Ribault Club in Amelia Island, Florida. Alex works at Athleta, a clothing company owned by Gap, Inc., and Sarah works as a nanny, server at a local restaurant and is in school full-time. They reside at 8680 Baymeadows Rd E # 1610, Jacksonville, FL 32256. alexgrvs1@gmail.com

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Kristen Mitchell '07 married Ryan Wood 7/2/16 in Humboldt, Tennessee.



Morgan (McCall) '07 and Mark Van Horn were married 9/26/15 in Ward, Arkansas. Morgan is an operations specialist with the Department of Justice. They reside 13402 Prinedale Drive, Woodbridge, VA.



Josh Aldridge '08 and wife, Jessica, welcomed Braxton to their family 12/3/15. Josh is the defensive line coach and assistant recruiting coordinator at the University of West Georgia. Jessica is a registered dietitian at Wellstar Hospital. They reside at 101 Millstream Ct., Carrollton, GA 30117. jaldridg@westga.edu

Megan Hale '08 received her Bachelor of Science from Freed-Hardeman and is studying for her Masters to become a licensed clinical counselor. She is also working as a victim advocate at the Carl Perkins Child Abuse Center.

David '08 and Shelley Payne have moved to 5075 Oliver Grove Lane, Arlington, TN 38002.



Spencer and Brittany (Forbis) Savage '08 welcomed James "Callen" 5/26/16. Brittany is a Disney Vacation Planner with Wish Upon a Star with Us, and Spencer is a pharmacist. They reside at 220 Indian Park Drive, Apt. 1306, Murfreesboro, TN 37128. brittanygailsavage@gmail.com

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Blake Carden '09 and Jesse Hensley were married 4/25/15. Blake is the superintendent for King Bradley and Jesse is the administrative support Assistant at UT Martin Jackson Center. They reside at 329 Barnes Rd, Medina, TN 38355. bedwardc90@gmail.com

Bryan Moyers '09 and wife, Kayla, welcomed Sara Kaye 2/8/16.



Emily (Helton) '09 and David Westberry were married 12/19/15. Emily and David teach at Sulphur Springs High School. They reside at 920 Rockdale Rd. Apt. 15 Sulphur Springs, TX 75482. emilyghelton@gmail.com

Heath Thompson '09 and Carissa Boring were married 9/24/16. Heath received a physician assistant degree from Bethel University and is working at North Jackson Family Care. They reside in Jackson, Tennessee.

MATT ABERNATHY

Matt Abernathy was inducted into the 31st Jackson-Madison County Hall of Fame, he was also recognized for his outstanding high school, college and professional baseball career. He was the first Jackson Christian graduate to be inducted, the first Jackson Christian student to earn an athletic scholarship for college, first to play an SEC sport and the only graduate to play professionally.

Abernathy played baseball, football and basketball for the Eagles. He lettered in all three sports and was named All-State in baseball and football and All-District in basketball. During his five years playing high school baseball, Abernathy only struck out five times. His batting averages were .410 in eighth grade, .400s in ninth and 10th, .563 in 11th and .536 in 12th. During his senior season, he hit eight home runs and 48 RBIs in 24 ball games. On the football field, Abernathy led Jackson Christian to the first winning season his senior year (9-2) and won the Lions Sight Bowl. He was second in West Tennessee in rushing yards that season with close to 1,500 yards. On the basketball court, Abernathy helped lead the Eagles to a school record in wins with 23.

Upon graduation from Jackson Christian in 1991, Abernathy continued his baseball career at Pensacola Junior College where he set a school single season record for home runs (11) and RBIs (58). This record landed him the title of Florida Junior College Freshman of the Year and was afterward drafted by the Detroit Tigers in the 35th round. Rather than going pro, he was recruited by the Ole Miss Rebels and had two excellent seasons. His team set a school record for wins at that time and was one game away from the college World Series; Florida State beat them in the regional championship game, and Abernathy hit over .500 and had two home runs.



He led the SEC in home runs per bat his junior year with 11. After his junior season, he was drafted in the 23rd round by the San Diego Padres and signed with them. During his rookie pro season, Abernathy hit .298 with nine home runs. He ranked third in home runs and fourth in RBIs in the Single A Pioneer League that year. His professional career ended with Tommy John surgery during his second season.

"Matt Abernathy has ascended higher and achieved more in post-high school athletics than any other member of the Jackson Christian family. Though injuries ended his career early, Matt is humbly using those experiences to God's glory in his testimony of God's faithfulness throughout his career. We could not be more proud of Matt and his role in the Kingdom today," Scott Gatlin, director of athletics, said.

Hunter Creasy '10 married Allison Spray 6/25/16 in Jackson.



Klyne '10 and Brittney (Johnson) '10 Fawcett welcomed Ledger in November 2015. He was welcomed home by big brother, Channing. Klyne is in dental school in Memphis. They reside at 7470 Overcreek Lane, Bartlett, TN 38133. klyne.fawcett@gmail.com bdfawcett12@gmail.com

Ethan and Hollye Beth (Brooks) Griffin '10 have moved to 35 West Georgia Avenue, Apt 103, Memphis, TN 38103. Ethan works as an intern architect at The Crump Firm, Inc. Hollye Beth graduated in May 2016 with a Master of Science in Social Work from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville and is a paralegal at EH Law Group.



Josh and Emily (Hartley) Holt '10 welcomed twin girls, Harper Caroline and Ellie Jo, 5/11/16. Josh is a football and baseball coach at Crockett County High School. They reside at 1921 Nance Road Alamo, TN 38001. eholt1219@gmail.com

Ben Carden '11 graduated from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga in 2015 and is attending the Southern College of Optometry in Memphis.



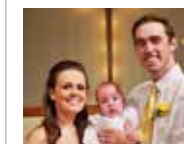
Noah Chandler '11 married Kristen Lester 6/4/16. Noah graduated from Harding University and is working at State Farm in Searcy. Kristen will graduate in December. They reside at 1848 N. Main, Searcy, AR 72143.



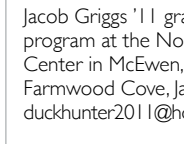
Jackson Clouse '11 married Kayla Neal 1/2/16. Jackson works at Redden Total Therapy, and Kayla teaches at Jackson Christian. They reside at 19 Dunn Ridge Drive, Apt. D, Jackson, TN 38305. jackson@reddentherapy.com



Carmen Dewberry '11 married Anthony LeMaster 10/8/16. Carmen works at West Jackson Baptist Church Child Development Center in Jackson, and Anthony works at Triple S Enterprise in Finger. They will reside at 1025 Wesley Cove, Apt. B, Henderson, TN 38340. carmen.dewberry@hotmail.com



Hayden Ellis '11 and Kelsey welcomed Graham 8/28/15. Hayden works at the Ellis Insurance Agency selling personal and commercial property and casualty insurance through Erie. Kelsey is the vitamin and supplements manager at Grubbs Grocery. They just celebrated their first wedding anniversary by having a Vow Renewal. They reside at 47 Parchman Drive, Jackson, TN 38305. l6hayden.ellis@gmail.com



Jacob Griggs '11 graduated from the pre-apprentice program at the North American Lineman Training Center in McEwen, Tennessee. He resides at 19 Farmwood Cove, Jackson, TN 38305. duckhunter2011@hotmail.com



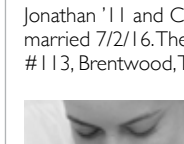
Karley Smith '11 and Tyler Helton '11 were married 5/14/16. They reside at 1014 Crawford Springs Road, Beech Bluff, TN 38313. karleyjean14@gmail.com



Kenneth '11 and Ashlyn Lilly welcomed Madison Grace 7/1/16. Kenneth and Ashlyn graduated from Freed-Hardeman University with degrees in criminal justice. Kenneth works at McKellar Sipes Airport as a lineman and also at Poplar Corner Exxon. Ashlyn plans to be a stay-at-home mom. They reside at 6 Franwood Cove in Jackson.



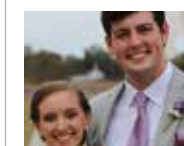
Taylor Jane Mansfield '11 and Jacob Fuller were married 8/13/16. Taylor works as an accountant with West Tennessee Healthcare and Jacob works at Gerda. They reside in Medina, TN. Mansfield.taylor@yahoo.com



Jonathan '11 and Christy (Roby) '12 Payne were married 7/2/16. They reside at 601 Old Hickory Blvd # 113, Brentwood, TN 37027.



Miciah and Kayla (Brown) Clay '12 welcomed Adeline 4/4/16. They have recently moved back to Jackson. 4kbrown@gmail.com



Coltyn and Haylee (Brooks) DeLoach '13 were married 10/23/15. Coltyn is studying computer science at Freed-Hardeman University. Haylee graduated from Freed-Hardeman University in May 2016. She is teaching 4th grade math and science at South Haven Elementary in Lexington, Tennessee. They reside at 102 Murray Guard Dr., E-34, Jackson, TN 38305. ColtynDD@gmail.com, hayleeshay@gmail.com

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