

A Word From the President

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT TTU?

Campus Improvements

This spring semester has brought wonderful improvements to our campus. A black, ornate, eight-foot fence has been placed around the campus. The fence helps define our campus and provides controlled, secure access to our university. Only Orchard Knob Avenue is open to through traffic. For a

number of years there had been a desire to have a fence around the campus. Yet because of the inability to have streets permanently closed the project stalled. Last fall, with the backing of the Highland Park Neighborhood Association and other city leaders, we were able to get the closures passed by the Chattanooga City Council. I believe that God provided us the favor we needed to see this accomplished.



Another improvement is the demolition of four houses on campus that were no longer viable to be utilized without cost prohibiting repairs. Their demolition will create a significant amount of green space and a new recreation area.

Students Serving

I continue to be so very proud of our students. They are mission minded and servant hearted. This was demonstrated recently when 65 TTU students participated in a city wide cleanup day. Our school had the most participants of any college or university in the city.

Spiritual Renewal

Most of all, I am grateful for the moving of the Holy Spirit on our campus. In February, we emphasized seeking God's blessing for our lives and our school.

Many students, faculty, and staff fasted. The volleyball team chose to fast from social media for the entire month. While we know we do not earn favor with God, we do believe God responds when we seek Him and ask. Our theme for this recent emphasis was James 4:2; "You do not have because you do not ask." We are asking God to bless our campus to the fullest measure so we can be a blessing to others.

Highland Park Baptist Church & TTU

As many of you are aware, Highland Park Baptist Church has relocated to Harrison, TN and has changed its name to Church of the Highlands. Chauncey-Goode Auditorium, Hancock Building, Phillips Chapel and the main auditorium have been sold to Redemption Point Church. During this transition, TTU by-law changes, prompted by current accreditation standards, were unanimously ratified by both the board of trustees of Tennessee Temple University and the deacon body of the Church of the Highlands. These by-law changes have ended the formal relationship between the two entities. Yet the heritage of Highland Park Baptist Church will remain an essential part of the lasting legacy of TTU. We are delighted to report that under the leadership of Dr. Jeremy Roberts, the Church of the Highlands has more than doubled their attendance since relocating. While the relocation of the Highland Park Baptist Church has been an immediate loss to the ministry of the TTU campus, we rejoice that it has resulted in a greater gain for the Kingdom.

Fall Enrollment Projection

We are excited about the enrollment trends for this fall. We are ahead of last year's pace, which was the highest percentage increase in many years!

May God continue to bless us as we work together for the advancement of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.



Dr. Steve Echols, President

Alumni Spotlight



On February 26th, Tennessee Temple University was honored to have guest speaker Dr. John Killian, the President of the Alabama Baptist State Convention and Chaplain of the Alabama Republican Party. Dr. Killian received his Bachelor of Arts from Tennessee Temple University and later earned his Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degree from New

Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He has been the pastor of Maytown Baptist Church, in Maytown, Alabama, since 1998. Dr. Killian is a three-time winner of the John Randolph of Roanoke National

Historical Oration Contest and serves on the Board of Directors for the Alabama Citizens Action Program. During the chapel service, Dr. Killian spoke from 1 Corinthians. His topic was understanding the difference between the world's wisdom and God's wisdom. He noted the integral relationship between wisdom and faith. "What you learn at this school is under the Lordship of Jesus Christ. You are leaning the truth." Dr. Killian closed by stating, "I have no regrets. I came to a school that teaches the word of God."

For his outstanding achievements in ministry, Dr. Killian was recognized at the 2013 Commencement Ceremony as TTU's Alumnus of the Year. The Alumni Department would like to thank Dr. John Killian for his many years of service and his continued support of Tennessee Temple University.

ASL Spotlight



TTU Alum Interprets for President

On February 13, 2013, Tennessee Temple University Alum Sherilyn Small-Castillo was given the honor of interpreting for President Barak Obama at a post-State of the Union speech in Ashville, NC. The President visited a local auto parts factory to speak about jobs and employment. Sherilyn said, "When I received the news I would be interpreting for the President,

I was speechless and couldn't believe it was real at first."

Sherilyn is originally from Bellingham, Washington. She graduated from TTU in 2005, with a Bachelor's Degree in Sign Language Interpreting. "The Sign Language Degree Program was exactly what I was looking for since it was one of few schools offering a four-year degree. Tennessee Temple University prepared me to work professionally as an interpreter." We are proud of Sherilyn's accomplishments. She is a great representative

of TTU!

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What's New

Happy Corner Reopens

TTU is proud to announce the return of the Happy Corner, now known as the Crusader Café. The Happy Corner was a favorite gathering place for many TTU students through the years. The Happy Corner had been closed for some time, and many alumni expressed their sadness when it closed. The Crusader Cafe is now one of several on-campus businesses operated by TTU students. The newly renovated cafe features coffee, cookies, muffins, bagels, and breakfast sandwiches for students to purchase on their way to and from class. The cafe also serves as an Internet hot spot, where students can gather together to study over a cappacino.



Crusader Athletics

Crusaders Win Regionals

The Crusaders' Men's Basketball team won the NCCAA Mid-East Regional Championship on March 9th, 2013. TTU defeated top seed Mid-Continent 80-72 for their 13th consecutive victory this season. First year Head Coach Brac Brady was named Mid-East Coach of the Year, leading the Crusaders to a record of 22-11. Coach Brady said, "It was nice to win, but I was more impressed with how the team represented the school with a Christian attitude." In addition to the regional win, several players received regional honors, including Player of The Year. Coach Brady also gives credit to his coaching staff for the Crusaders' winning season.



Ministry Teams

Spring Break Missions

Over Spring Break this March, TTU students traveled to Seattle, Washington to work with The Church of the Hollows and their pastor Andrew Aurthur. While there, students prayer walked, volunteered at schools, collected trash from an adopted street, and served the local church planters. The trip was led by Campus Pastor John Richardson. He stated, "My desire is to see our students engage a community that is different from the Bible Belt and expose students to different cultures." This is TTU's second trip serving at Church of The Hollows.



Congratulations Class of 2013

Graduation was held May 4 at Brainerd Baptist Church. Dr. Boulter was chosen as the commencement speaker. He has served as Temple's Chancellor for 15 years and will retire this year. Two members of TTU's Board of Trustees received honorary doctorates; Carey Brown, Chattanooga Businessman and founder of Covenant Foundations and Gary Jared, Pastor of Stuart Heights Baptist Church. TTU announced Dr. John Killian as Alumni of the Year and Miss Nancye Alloway as Trustee of the Year.

The class of 2013 graduated 10 Associate Degrees, 53 Bachelor Degrees, 48 Master Degrees, and 14 Doctorate Degrees. We congratulate the Class of 2013 on their outstanding academic accomplishments.

