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My name is Kristen Blount, I am 18 years old and I attend the Lutheran Church of Atonement. I am a senior at Atlanta Classical Academy, a competitive tennis player, a violinist, and a dedicated youth in my church community to spread the word of God. I would like to say my service is being a prominent leader in my church community and also encouraging the youth in my neighborhood to experience the sport of tennis and understanding the role that having faith, humility and hard work will bring them peace and success that God is always by their side and is always rooting for them.

My favorite Bible verse is Proverbs 16:3 which reads “Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed.” This verse is my favorite because it assures me that when I’m getting frustrated about a tournament, school work, or fighting my own mental health, as long as I commit to the Lord and I believe that his abundant grace and miraculous power will propel me towards success I can be at peace. It reminds me that even when factors in my life are negative and hard to deal with God is always with me **WHATEVER** the circumstance is and I have to trust that God knows me better than anyone and will not let me fail as long as I continue to trust in him.

I have seen God every day in my community. I see God when my mom is happy/proud or disappointed, I see God in my sister’s dimpled smile, I see God in my dad’s loud laughter, and I see God within my entire community full of joy, love, grace and most impactful forgiveness and gratuity for the life I live.

I believe every aspect of my life is a blessing from God, including the bad because it shaped who I am and could not be more grateful for that. Without loss, grace, and success at worst points in life I knew that I would always overcome the hardships to make it to the rainbow. My blessings are abundant in my craft of tennis and violin but there is so much more. I have loving parents that encourage me to work hard and strive for the best, an annoying, but loving little sister who I get to watch blossom into a woman of God, my church family and their praise of encouragement that push me and love me are all abundant gifts of God and I receive his blessings everyday with the greatest gratitude.