



Faith That Holds

Dear TC Family,

This week is always a tender one for me as I remember 9/11. So many lives were changed that day; families were forever altered. I don't know if you recall exactly where you were, but I do. I was on a flight just an hour out of Newark, NJ, heading home from Portugal. Our plane—one of 40—was diverted to Halifax, Canada, after all U.S. airspace was closed. In those moments of fear and disruption, I was met by a community of people who offered assurance and love to more than 8,000 displaced travelers.

“Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.” —Hebrews 11:1

Yesterday also etched new memories on our hearts as we heard the news of a school shooting at Evergreen High School in Colorado, the assassination of Charlie Kirk at UVU in Utah, and the continued movement of AB495 in the CA Senate, and now, moving forward to the CA Assembly. (CALL your Assembly Member.) Thankfully, as Christians, we can cling to Hebrews 11:1, knowing that God goes before us and that our Christian community can hold one another steady in times of fear and disruption.

Living Proof

As a parent, these TC community stories touch me deeply and remind me of how important and what a blessing our community can be:

In 2023, Dezi began her first year at TC as a 7th grader and absolutely loved it. While our family had always instilled the love of God in her, attending TC strengthened her faith even more. Dezi quickly was surrounded by an amazing group of friends who encouraged and supported her.

On May 22, 2024, we heard the words no parent ever wants to hear: ‘end-stage kidney failure.’ In that moment, our hearts sank. Yet even as fear closed in, faith rose up. We felt God’s presence, steady and near, reminding us that we were not walking this road alone.

Day after day of dialysis tested our strength, but faith kept us praying. When the wait for a donor stretched on, faith reminded us to trust God’s perfect timing. When the call finally came on December 29, 2024, that a kidney was waiting at Stanford,

faith overflowed into tears of gratitude. That very night, God answered, and Dezi received her transplant.

Today, Dezi is back to laughing, playing volleyball at TC with her friends, and growing in her walk with Christ. Her journey is proof that faith is not just believing in good outcomes—it is clinging to God when the outcome is still unseen.

And another story of faith:

It is a blessing to know that our children can grow their faith in Jesus at TC, just as we did. The biblical truths learned in a classroom years ago became the very foundation that carried our family through the hardest season of our lives.

In December 2022, our son Jaxon, then in 7th grade, was diagnosed with a rare kidney disease after emergency surgery. The diagnosis turned our world upside down. Yet in the middle of fear, God's presence never left us. His provision was clear: He gave us strength, and He surrounded us with a praying community that lifted us when we could not stand on our own.

Then, in God's perfect timing, a stranger named Sarah, moved by Jaxon's story, stepped forward. She was a perfect match. On December 20, 2022, Jaxon received his miracle kidney, which began working immediately. Today, he is thriving—serving at church, volunteering with youth and children, and even running track at TC.

We do not always understand the twists and turns of life. But we know this: if we turn to our Heavenly Father, He will carry us through the impossible. His grace is enough, His timing is perfect, and His presence is overwhelming.

Faith doesn't remove the trial, but it transforms how we walk through it. Here at TC, we face challenges every day, yet we strive to be that community of assurance and love—reflecting the trust we have in Jesus. We persevere, believing that **Faith, Family, and Future** are more than slogans; they're the path we walk, the hope we hold, and the promise we live out together.

Blessings,

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