



## Equipping Students to Follow God's Call

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We know there are times when you make sacrifices so your children can remain at our school. Those moments remind us why what we do at Turlock Christian matters so deeply.

At Turlock Christian, chapel isn't just a weekly gathering, it's one of the clearest expressions of what sets us apart as a Christian school. Our junior high and high school students don't just receive strong academics or participate in sports, ASB, the Arts, STEM, or FFA. They're invited into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. They're encouraged to ask hard questions, to wrestle with their faith, and to trust God in their growth, transformation, and future. Chapel gives them a shelter from the world - a place where biblical truth is shared, tough questions are answered, and they're prepared to defend, walk in, and profess the truth. Our students don't simply hear about faith; they're challenged and equipped to live it out.

Every Tuesday, Anthony McLeod - a pastor, worship leader, and teacher - leads our junior high and high school chapel. This year's theme is "Go!", inspired by Isaiah 6:8:

***"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send?  
And who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I. Send me!'"***

Anthony is using this passage to show students that God has a mission for each of us and a place He wants us to go (Jeremiah 29:11). During the first half of the year, he's focusing on the "heart of the message" - the gospel message - teaching that God must first do a work in us before He does a work through us. Themes include cultivating a heart of worship, humility, obedience, and surrender, followed by a message of love, grace, and repentance. Students are being challenged to examine where they are in their belief and walk with Christ, and reminded they are seen and loved by their Creator.

The second half of the year will move into a mini-series with an external focus: "Go serve. Go pray. Go disciple." The gospel moves from the inside out. By first addressing the heart, students can then step into the world strengthened and filled with the Spirit and life of Jesus, ready to "Go." This is our mission for junior high and high school chapel this year.

We encourage you to attend a chapel (Tuesday mornings at 9:45), ask your child what they're learning, how they see God at work in their life, and pray for Anthony and our student body. Pray that God moves powerfully in their lives and that the evil one has no power over our students or our campuses.

Beyond chapel, Anthony also teaches Chapel Class, where students learn how to lead worship, share God's Word, and encourage each other in their walk with Christ. He teaches 8th-grade Bible, where his students dig into the word and build relationship, and every Monday at lunch many join with him in intercessory prayer, uniting staff and students as a family seeking God's presence.

This is the difference of a Christian education. We don't just prepare students for college or careers; we prepare them for life — a life rooted in faith, surrendered to Christ, and lived for the Kingdom of God.

At Turlock Christian, we don't just say "**Faith, Family, and Future**" — we live it.

Blessings,

*Johanna Fischer*  
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