

Laboring with Purpose, Resting in Christ

Dear TC Family,

Labor Day marks many things for many people.

In the late 1800s, it was a stand against long hours, harsh conditions, and exhausting lives. Today, for many, it's a reminder that summer has ended—a time to enjoy a last warm day(s) of summer at water's edge, barbecue, invite friends over, and watch football. And there's nothing wrong with that!

Here at Turlock Christian, Labor Day is also a reminder that the school year is now in full swing and that God's work is at hand.

Colossians 3:23 says,

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters."

This verse reminds us that it is not only *what* we do that matters, but *how* we do it. At TC, we are a community of many roles—teachers who faithfully instruct and disciple children in God's ways, parents giving time and talents for this mission to continue, leaders guiding efforts and offering direction, and students who strive to grow in character and knowledge. The roles may differ, but when carried out with all our hearts for the Lord, each one is essential and deeply meaningful.

We can see our daily efforts as burdens, or we can view them as acts of worship - done joyfully for the Lord. Just as we delight in watching our children give their best, our Heavenly Father delights when we commit our work to Him. And what greater joy can we bring Him than to daily place our children in an environment where they are taught truth, encouraged in faith, and challenged to pursue excellence?

Proverbs 16:3 reminds us,

"Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and He will establish your plans."

This Labor Day, as we rest and celebrate, let us also recommit ourselves to the work before us—the sacred calling of Christian education. Together, through service, generosity, and faithfulness, we shine as a light on a hill in the Turlock community.

We are TC—a community of Faith, Family, and a Future planned by Him.

Blessings,

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