

Illuminating Our Community with Christ's Love

Dear TC Community,

At Turlock Christian, we emphasize *faith, family, and future* in all that we do. We teach our students that faith is not only something we believe, but something we live, and that through living it, we truly can make a difference in the world.

Our students and families actively participate in ministries that bring God's love to life. Through **Shoebox Ministries**, families fill shoeboxes with toys, school supplies, and hygiene items to bless children in over 170 countries as the Gospel of Jesus is shared. We partner with **Westside Ministry** to provide gifts, coats, and care to under-resourced children right here in our local community.

Our FFA program collects canned goods for the **Tri-River Food Drive**, helping to fight food insecurity in our region. Meanwhile, our **High School Christian Mission & Services class** serves by meeting people where they are-listening, praying, and offering care to those in need. Just recently, students visited Raley's and had opportunities to speak into lives and pray with those who were seeking hope and encouragement.

In addition, all high school students are required each year to complete community service hours, an expectation that continues to shape compassionate young men and women who serve as the hands and feet of Christ in our community. In all these efforts, our children learn that their actions, both small and great, can shine Christ's light locally and globally.

Sometimes, we underestimate the lasting impact of a single act of kindness. Nearly a century ago, an usher in Charlotte, North Carolina, quietly changed the world. Two curious 14-year-old boys came to a tent revival to hear evangelist Mordecai Ham. Finding no seats available, they turned to leave, until that usher stopped them and found them a place to sit. That night, both boys gave their lives to Christ. One of them was **Billy Graham**, who went on to share the Gospel with more people than anyone in history, second perhaps only to the Apostle Paul.

What if that usher had let them leave? His simple act of kindness changed the course of eternity.

The lesson for our children, and for us, is that every act of kindness matters. We may never see the full fruit of what we plant, but God does. Our role is to sow in faith, trusting that the seeds we plant today will grow in His perfect time.

"Let your light so shine before others, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."

Matthew 5:16 (NIV)

At TC, we desire to be the light of Christ in our community. If you see a need, please share it with our administration or staff. As Romans 10:15 reminds us,

"How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news."

For we are TC-rooted in faith, family, and future.

With thankfulness for our TC family,

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