



## A Faith That Is Woven, Not Wished

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Dear TC family,

At TC, we often return to a phrase that anchors our mission: **faith, family, and future**. When we pause to reflect on what that truly means for our community, one truth becomes clear: we exist for our children. We exist to help shape a future for them that is firmly rooted in Christ.

But we cannot do this work alone. That is why the word family matters so deeply.

The Turlock Christian family is made up of three essential partners: **the school, the parents, and the church**. Scripture gives us a helpful picture for this partnership: “*A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.*” Each strand is distinct, yet when woven together, they provide strength that no single strand could offer on its own.

Parents are the primary strand in this braided partnership. By both design and calling, mothers and fathers are entrusted with the leadership of their children - not as followers of cultural trends, but as steady guides formed by truth, wisdom, and love. In a world that increasingly encourages children to lead themselves, or invites parents to defer to peers, preferences, or screens, Scripture calls families to something steadier and far more enduring: to lead, to model, and to lovingly shape the hearts entrusted to them.

This calling matters because of influence. Schools account for only a portion of a child's life (research suggests roughly fourteen percent). Churches, by time alone, represent even less. Parents, however, shape nearly a third of a child's lived experience. Faith formation is most powerfully influenced by what children see modeled and lived out daily at home: how time is prioritized, how challenges are met, how truth is spoken, and how loving authority is exercised. Much of the remaining influence comes from peers and screens - voices that are constant, persuasive, and not always aligned with Christ.

Research consistently shows that schools shape academics, culture, and peer interaction. Families shape identity, values, habits, and long-term outcomes. Churches, while not the

primary influence by time, are vital by nature, providing spiritual grounding, formation, and reinforcement rooted in God's Word.

Scripture reminds us of this shared responsibility:

**“Train up a child in the way he should go,  
and when he is old he will not depart from it.”**

***Proverbs 22:6***

At Turlock Christian, we want to strengthen this partnership intentionally. We desire to invite pastors into our chapels, welcome them regularly onto campus, and walk together as we support our children's spiritual journeys. As we build our students' faith lives, we want to do so alongside the churches that shepherd our families week by week.

When **school, home, and church** work together, the impact is multiplied. Together, we magnify the difference we are seeking to make in the lives of our children, and ultimately advance Kingdom work in the world.

Blessings,

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