



Faithful Today, Strong for Tomorrow

Dear TC Family,

I don't know if you've noticed, but on Instagram, we have begun sharing a TC Community Prayer each week. It has become a meaningful way to bring our TC family together in shared prayer, and a beautiful opportunity to show the broader community who we are and what we are bringing before the Lord.

As I reflected on this week's prayer, it served as an important reminder.

Here at TC, we have a sacred responsibility to protect the gifts the Lord has entrusted to us. We have our Savior, and we are called to guard His gifts in our hearts. We have our children, and we are called to protect them from a fallen world. And we have one another, what I intentionally refer to not just as a community, but as our family.

That distinction matters.

Community is chosen. It forms around shared values, purpose, proximity, or mission. It is built on participation and sustained through mutual encouragement and accountability. Community requires care, investment, and intentionality, and it can change over time.

But family is given. Family is defined by covenant. You don't audition for it, and you don't easily opt in or out.

- Built on belonging
- Marked by unconditional commitment
- Endures even when it's messy, strained, or difficult
- Responsibility comes before preference

Family says: *"You are mine, even when it's hard."*

As Christians, being fellow believers means we are family. Through Christ, we have been saved, welcomed, and adopted into the family of God - a family that cannot be broken.

Each of us holds a unique and God-ordained purpose within His family.

Because of that truth, being part of TC is far more than community.

It is covenantal.

It is rooted in faith.

It shapes our future.

Here at Turlock Christian, faith anchors us in Christ. Family binds us together through Him. And our future is built as we faithfully steward what God has placed in our care- our hearts, our children, and one another.

As Christians here at Turlock Christian, we belong. We are unconditionally committed. We endure. And we value responsibility over preference.

Let us continue to pray this prayer together:

Lord,

Thank You for the gift of community, the people You place around us to encourage, strengthen, and walk beside us.

Help us to love one another well, to serve with humility, and to build each other up in every season.

May our words bring life, our actions reflect Your grace, and our unity point others to You.

Amen.

"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near."

Hebrews 10:24-25

In faith, family, and future,

Johanna Fischer
TC Chair of the Board

