



Leading with Faith. Listening with Purpose.

Dear TC Family,

*"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;
in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."*

Proverbs 3:5-6

One of the things I love most about Turlock Christian is watching how faithfully God provides for our school. Throughout our history, He has brought the right people at the right time to lead, serve, and strengthen this community. As we begin a new school year, I believe He has done that once again in bringing Matt Millet to serve as our new Head of School.

Whenever someone steps into a role like this, there are a few questions we all naturally ask. Why Turlock Christian? What's his heart for our students? Where does he believe God is leading our school?

I asked Matt those very questions.

Why Turlock Christian?

"What was it about Turlock Christian that made you say yes?"

"What drew me to Turlock Christian was the opportunity to serve a school with deep roots in this community, a place where generations of families have chosen Christian education and where faculty genuinely care about students.

"One of my first opportunities was spending several days at the Stanislaus County Fair watching our FFA students show their animals. I was struck by the patience, responsibility, and discipline they demonstrated, qualities that reflected months of hard work and

commitment. It gave me a small but meaningful glimpse into the kinds of programs that help fulfill our mission of developing the whole student.

"I've also been incredibly encouraged by the people. Teachers, staff, and families have gone out of their way to welcome me, answer questions, and help me understand what makes this community so special. That spirit of partnership has made these first weeks both enjoyable and inspiring."

What do you hope God has in store for Turlock Christian?

"As you look ahead, where do you believe God is leading our school?"

"I'm excited about the opportunity to build on an already strong foundation with intention. My first priority is to understand the heartbeat of this school. From there, I look forward to working alongside our board, staff and families to discern where God is leading Turlock Christian.

"That means continually strengthening how we challenge students academically, how we communicate with families, and how we create opportunities for every child - regardless of where their gifts lie - to belong, grow, and excel.

"More than anything, I hope every student who walks across our graduation stage leaves rooted and equipped. Rooted in their faith and confident in who God created them to be. Equipped with the character, wisdom, and resilience to lead wherever God calls them next. To me, that's the lasting mark of a Turlock Christian education, and it's what I hope every family experiences with us."

What's one thing you'd like every TC family to know?

"How can we best partner with you this year?"

"Every family who has chosen Turlock Christian has entrusted us with something incredibly precious, their child. That trust isn't something I inherited; it's something I intend to earn every day, and that begins with communication.

"I'd love to hear what you love about Turlock Christian. Tell me what first brought you here, what's kept you here, and where you believe we have opportunities to grow. Those conversations will help shape the future of our school.

"To make that easier, I'll be hosting a series of **Coffee with the Head of School** gatherings throughout the year. There won't be an agenda beyond conversation. I'd love for you to come, bring your questions, your hopes, and your honest feedback. Building a strong connection between our families and school leadership is one of my highest priorities, and I believe it starts with conversations like these."

As I read through Matt's responses, one thing stood out to me: before talking about plans, he talked about people. Before talking about strategy, he talked about listening. I appreciate that posture because that's how healthy leadership begins.

As we begin this new school year together, my prayer is that we continue to trust the Lord's leading, just as Proverbs reminds us, to lean not on our own understanding, but to acknowledge Him in all our ways. Please join me in praying for Matt, his family, and our entire leadership team as we seek God's wisdom and faithfully pursue the mission He has entrusted to Turlock Christian.

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