



A Year of Growth. A Year of Building. A Year of Purpose.

Dear TC Family,

It's hard to believe another school year is almost here!

While our students are enjoying these last days of summer, our teachers and staff are already back on campus - preparing classrooms, planning lessons, and getting everything ready to welcome our students. There is a real sense of anticipation as we prepare for another year at Turlock Christian.

Last year, much of our journey together centered on Nehemiah, a season of rebuilding, strengthening walls, restoring foundations, and trusting God as He brought people together around the mission of Turlock Christian.

As I think about this new school year, I find myself reflecting on another story in Scripture: the walk to Emmaus in Luke 24.

The disciples had followed Jesus with joy and expectation. They thought they understood where He was leading them, but when things unfolded differently than they imagined, they became discouraged and began walking away from Jerusalem.

Then Jesus joined them on the road.

They didn't recognize Him at first. He simply walked beside them, listened, taught them, and remained with them. Later, as they sat together at the table, their eyes were opened, and they realized He had been with them all along.

And once they recognized Him, everything changed. They returned to Jerusalem with purpose and hope.

I believe there is something in that story for Turlock Christian.

We have been through a season of rebuilding. There have been difficult days, uncertainty, prayer, hard work, and many people faithfully doing their part. But I believe we are beginning to see a turning point.

It is time to move from rebuilding to building.

We begin this school year with a new Head of School, a revitalized Board, a strategic plan taking shape, and renewed energy around the future of TC. Most importantly, we begin with the assurance that Christ is with us.

Our mission remains the same: to be a place where students experience the transforming love of Jesus and excellence in academic education. We remain committed to developing students in faith, knowledge, and virtue and preparing them for lives of purpose and impact.

Our foundation is stronger. Our mission is clear. Our hearts are hopeful.

Now we get to build.

As our teachers and staff prepare to welcome students back, I am reminded that what makes Turlock Christian special is the people who show up every day and pour into the lives of our students. I am grateful for each of you who makes this community what it is.

I am excited about the road ahead, not because we know exactly what every part of the journey will look like, but because we know Who is walking the road with us.

"Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

Luke 24:32

May this be a year when our hearts burn again for the mission God has entrusted to Turlock Christian Schools.

In faith, family, and future,

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