



Yesterday's Faithfulness. Today's Growth. Tomorrow's Hope.

TC Family,

I want to share something that encouraged me this week, not simply because of what is happening with our band program, but because of what I believe it tells us about God's faithfulness and the faithfulness of the people who make up Turlock Christian.

Kevin Smith, our new Director of Bands, sent me an update this weekend. Since their very first Chapel, eight new students have joined the worship band in just one week! Marching band has begun, with more students expressing interest. Concert band is going well, and the students are excited to learn. Elementary band is getting ready to begin, and Kevin wrote: *we're almost out of trumpets.*

But one line in Kevin's email stood out to me even more than the numbers:

"I have really enjoyed teaching these students and getting to know their families."

That is Turlock Christian.

But let's go back one year...

TC knew we only had a band director through December; after that, band class ended.

There was no guarantee of what would happen next.

Yet the Band Boosters stayed faithful.

Veronica continued to organize and plan for the ***Melody Market (September 19, 2026)***, not even knowing for certain if there would still be a band to raise funds for.

They kept organizing. They kept encouraging. They kept working to build enthusiasm for the band, even when the future was uncertain.

They planted seeds without knowing what the harvest would look like.

They simply kept the faith.

And now look at what we're seeing.

Eight new worship-band students in one week. A marching band beginning to take shape. More than 15 students expressing interest. Concert band growing. Elementary students preparing to pick up instruments. And a new band director talking not just about teaching music, but about getting to know families.

That's more than a growing band program. That's a growing community.

And I think there is something important for all of us to remember in this season:

We can be incredibly excited about where Turlock Christian is going without forgetting the faithful people who helped get us here.

God has been ever so faithful to TC.

And He has used faithful people - parents, teachers, volunteers, board members, students and families - to carry this school forward. People who kept believing when believing wasn't easy. People who kept showing up when they couldn't see the outcome.

Paul said it simply in 1 Corinthians 3:6:

"I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth."

That's what I think we're beginning to see at Turlock Christian.

Yesterday's faithfulness is becoming today's growth.

So, let's honor what has been planted. Let's celebrate what God is doing now. And let's have the courage to believe that the best days of Turlock Christian don't have to be behind us.

Sometimes God's faithfulness looks like a student saying, "I want to be part of worship."

Sometimes it looks like a parent continuing to serve when the future is uncertain.

Sometimes it looks like a new director stepping in and investing not only in students, but in their families.

And sometimes... **it's running out of trumpets.**

Thank you, TC family, for continuing to show up, serve, pray, give, encourage and believe.

Faith. Family. Future.

Let's keep moving forward together.

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