

Building with Purpose. Growing in Hope.

Dear Turlock Christian Family,

Over the past several months, we have reflected on Nehemiah and his calling to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. One verse continues to resonate with me:

"Let us rise up and build."
Nehemiah 2:18

What I love about this passage is that the people didn't simply agree that something needed to be done. They rolled up their sleeves and got to work. Each had a part to play, and together they accomplished what God had placed before them.

I see much of that same spirit at work here at Turlock Christian.

I thought I would give you a little glimpse into what happens behind the scenes with our Board of Trustees. Our meetings begin with a devotion and prayer, grounding our work in the One we ultimately serve. We hear from Matt, our Head of School, about what is happening on our campuses, the opportunities and challenges before us, and the relationships he is developing with our students, teachers, and staff.

At our most recent meeting, for example, we heard how Matt continues to meet with our teachers, administration, and parents, and most recently spent time with our junior high and high school teachers, listening and learning more about TC's culture. We also heard how our K–12 staff was introduced to the Strategic Plan, its five areas of focus, and the opportunity to participate in the work ahead. We reviewed financial reports and our budget with information prepared by our CFO, and received updates from our three Board committees. Not necessarily exciting dinner conversation, but important work as we plan for the future of our school!

Much of our work right now centers on putting our **Strategic Plan** into motion. The plan identifies areas where we believe Turlock Christian can grow and become stronger, and

we are now developing specific, actionable goals to help us get there. We intentionally chose 2030 as a point to measure our progress. It gives us enough time to make meaningful improvements, yet is close enough that our students and families can actually see and experience the results. This is not a document we intend to put on a shelf! Our Board committees are working alongside Matt and his team, each taking responsibility for their respective areas as we move from planning toward action.

I share all of this because I want you to know that we are moving forward with purpose. Our Board is responsible for providing leadership and oversight, and faithfully stewarding what God has entrusted to Turlock Christian. Matt and his team carry out the daily work on our campuses. But the future of TC belongs to all of us. Our families, teachers, staff, churches, and supporters each have a part to play, and it is through that shared commitment that I believe our school will continue to grow and thrive.

One of the beautiful things about Nehemiah's story is how God brought people together for a common purpose. We see that same spirit of unity and generosity in our own TC family as we look toward this Friday's **Season of Hope Gala**.

At our last Board meeting, we learned that 202 tickets had been sold. As I write this, **we are SOLD OUT! Praise Jesus!**

What a blessing to see our community come together in such a wonderful way. I look forward to seeing so many of you Friday evening as we enjoy one another's company, celebrate what God is doing at Turlock Christian, and look with hope toward all He has yet to do.

Our gala also marks the beginning of an important season of philanthropy for TC. While tuition provides much of the foundation for our school's operations, charitable giving allows us to go further, investing in our students, and strengthening our programs. Every gift, large or small, is an investment in the mission of Christian education and the young lives entrusted to our care.

My prayer is that Friday evening will be about more than a successful event. May God use it to open doors, strengthen relationships, and create new opportunities for Christian education throughout our greater Turlock community. For those unable to join us, would you join us in praying for the evening, for those attending, and for God's continued provision and direction?

Galatians 6:9 reminds us,

"And let us not be weary in well doing:
for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

There is much good work happening at TC, and much still ahead of us. Each of us has an opportunity to be part of that work, whether through involvement in our children's education, volunteering, encouraging our teachers and staff, giving financially, or keeping

TC in our prayers. These acts of faithfulness, both large and small, make a lasting difference.

Together, we are preparing the next generation to know Christ, grow in wisdom, and make a difference in the world around them.

Let us rise up and build!

In Faith, Family, and Future,

Johanna Fischer
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