

An Outlook, Not a Season

Good Evening TC Families,

The first quarter is behind us and parent conferences have just wrapped up. We are in full swing, and if your family is feeling the weight of it, you are not alone. This is a good moment to pause and reset.

Every school year begins as a season of learning, and not just in the classroom. Students, teachers, and parents are all finding a new routine: a new grade level, new expectations, and sometimes expectations that went unmet. As your new Head of School and the father of two TC high schoolers, I have felt every bit of it. There is a lot ahead for our school, but gratitude doesn't wait for the future. It happens right here, in the middle of the ups and downs.

Psalm 100 gives us six reasons to give thanks that have nothing to do with how our quarter went:

1. **The Lord is God.** (v. 3) Thanking Him for being God reminds us that we are not.
2. **He made us.** (v. 3) None of us is a mistake. Each of us was designed with purpose.
3. **We are His.** (v. 3) Through faith in Jesus, we are adopted into God's family.
4. **He is good.** (v. 5) His goodness does not change when our circumstances do.
5. **His steadfast love endures forever.** (v. 5) People will disappoint us. His love will not.
6. **His faithfulness is to all generations.** (v. 5) He was faithful to the families who helped build Turlock Christian, He is faithful to our students today, and He will be faithful to the generations still to come.

None of these depend on our grades, our schedules, or our circumstances. God is on His throne, and there is real freedom in that.

When our thankfulness starts with ***who*** God is, it changes how we see everything else. It shows up in how we talk about a hard week, how we respond when a plan falls apart, and how we treat the people around us.

Gratitude is not something we put on for a season. It is an outlook, and it reveals itself in how we live every day.

My prayer is that TC would be a community marked by gratitude, at home, in our classrooms, and throughout our campuses. We don't know everything this year holds, but we know ***Who*** holds it. That is enough to be thankful today.

With gratitude,

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