



Celebrating 55 years of education-based ministry

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Dear RCS Family

January 2019

The new year marks a special celebration for some and another day for others. Either way, it is a chance to see the King of kings in a new way. Consider Isaiah—struck by a vision of the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted. Six-winged seraphs shook the temple and called to each other, *“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.”*

What was Isaiah’s response? *“Woe to me! I am a man of unclean lips and live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the king, the Lord Almighty.”* Is. 6:5. Accurate glimpses of God reorient us. Similarly, meditating on a passage or prayer can de-abstract scriptural truths. When prayer impacts us, changes our affections, relationships, and commitments, we experience the King of kings in a new way.

Dr. Ole Hallesby, Norwegian theologian, 1879-1961, illustrates the way prayer works from his understanding of mining operations. His description remains one of my favorites. According to Hallesby, demolition to create mine shafts took two basic kinds of actions. The first “which tries everyone’s patience,” is the time when deep holes are being bored with great effort into the hard rock. In contrast, the second action inserted dynamite into a bore hole and then connected it to a fuse. To light the fuse is easy and very interesting. A concussive blast follows, and pieces fly in every direction.

It takes trained workmen to do the boring. Anybody can light a fuse.

Some people prefer “fuse-lighting” prayers. However, the practice is easily abandoned when instant results are not observed. Hole-boring prayers require patience and perseverance. Commenting on Mt. 9: 38, Hallesby adds, “The reason why such a long period of time elapses between Awakenings is simply that the Spirit cannot find believers who are willing to do the heavy part of the mining work.”

I deeply appreciate all who mine in prayer for RCS. An Awakening for Christian education begins with us. Like Isaiah struck with a new vision, the Glory of the Lord must fall anew for RCS to prosper. As a staff, we work, innovate, and improve as if it all depended on us, and pray as if it all depended on God. The call to prayer is for everyone.

Current requests and updates—

- Grow RCS ministry to 440 students this year—*pray for 15 additional students/prospective families.*
- A community grant partner to supplement the Norcliffe Foundation grant application—*continue to pray.*
- Invitation to submit a full grant application to the Murdoch Charitable Trust. Our letter of inquiry sent with a \$658,000 request is now under review.

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New RCS website sneak peek

Over the last eight weeks, effort on our new website marched forward. A draft of the home screen appears on the following page. What's new appears as [blue](#) text below. Breaking down the home screen into three sections intends to aid understanding. There are additional images for each campus, but the basic outline is fixed.

Top Section

- [Google button to translate content into other languages](#)
- [Old and new logo designs](#)
- Dark blue bar links: [Athletics/Activities](#), [Auction](#), [Boosters](#), [Careers](#), [Staff Tools](#), [Parent Login](#).
- Light blue bar navigation menu: [About Us](#), [Admissions](#), [Alumni](#), [Donate](#), [Contact](#), [President's Page](#)
- The drop-down navigation menu items feature updated content for [About Us](#) and [Admissions](#), while the remaining menus remain fairly close to our current design.

Middle Section

- [All campuses show their respective calendars and bulletins linked from home page.](#)
- [The Five R's hover-over buttons.](#)

Lower Section

- [Raving Fans](#)
- [All District Calendar](#)

The expected release date is January 20.

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A screenshot of the Rainier Christian Schools website homepage. The page features a navigation menu at the top with links for "ABOUT US", "ADMISSIONS", "ALUMNI", "CONTACT", and "PRESIDENT'S PAGE". Below the navigation is the Rainier Christian Schools logo and a 55th anniversary badge. The mission statement, "Mission: Educating and Developing the Whole Person for the Glory of God," is prominently displayed. A large photograph shows a group of students and staff gathered outside a building. Below the photo is a headline: "RCS STARTS THEIR DAY HONORING JESUS AND OUR COUNTRY". The "Our Campuses" section includes four columns for LPPC, MVPC/MVE, KVE/RCMS, and RCHS, each with a "View School Bulletin" link and a list of placeholder text. At the bottom of this section are five buttons labeled "Relationships", "Relevance", "Rigor", "Research", and "Response". A testimonial section titled "Raving Fans" features a quote from a middle school parent and two buttons: "Read More Reviews" and "Submit Your Review". The footer contains a list of site links, a calendar for December 2018, and a copyright notice for 2018.

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A look back

After learning about complementary pest control service for the Maple Valley campus, I knew there must be a compelling story. Why would someone give so generously? **Scott and Lavonne Dideon** held the answer. May the reason behind their giving inspire and encourage all of us.

“Through our friends, we discovered Rainier Christian Schools as we were in the middle of adopting our fourth child. Little did we know how God would use the staff and the environment at Rainier Christian to bring a sense of stability for our children through some challenging circumstances.

The staff at Rainier Christian created a nurturing and building atmosphere for each child. As our children advanced up in their grades we saw them develop close friendships with other children, grow academically and most importantly grow closer in their relationship with Jesus. As we would interact with other parents, often we found our kids were more advanced academically compared to students in our local public schools.

It is because of the passion that Rainier Christian has to honor Christ in their ministry within a professional teaching environment that we wanted to support and serve them as the owners of Green City Pest Control.

Thank you for investing your lives and energy into all of our children and directing them towards our Heavenly Father. Scott and Lavonne Dideon, Reagan (16), Kaitlyn (15), Taylor (14), Winston (14).

“I do not cease to give thanks for you...that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ ... may give to you a spirit of wisdom ... so that you will know the hope of His calling...” Ephesians 1:16-19.”



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Scott and Lavonne, thank you for entrusting your kids to the ministry and staff at RCS. Remembering us with your time, talent, and treasure is a wonderful blessing.

My best,

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