

Dear RCS Family,  
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One of my favorite verses on prayer is Luke 18:1, "Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up." Jesus' emphases on relentlessness and persistence are instructive and invaluable. Without question, the spiritual discipline of prayer has had the most transformative impact on my faith and character. One of the reasons can be traced to a quote from Alan Redpath, former pastor of Chicago's Moody Bible Church. Pastor Redpath is attributed to saying, "The conversion of the soul is a miracle of the moment, but the manufacture of a saint is the task of a lifetime."

Over a lifetime, the daily discipline and rhythm of prayer manufactures many changes that cannot be achieved any other way. I am unable to convey all that God does when I kneel before Him. However, in prayer God returns to the throne, insurmountable things are put into perspective, vitality is restored, gratitude supplants grumbling, and God's wisdom is poured out in abundance.

I encourage you to pray regularly for students, families, staff, Board members, and our larger community. Thank you in advance for wrestling in prayer relentlessly and persistently. On that topic, there is one high-priority item to bring before the Lord concerning Rainier Christian High School.

As you may know, RCHS is in its final year of operation at Real Life Church. Real Life is experiencing growth related changes, and our lease with the church will expire on June 30, 2018. The RCS Board has actively begun a search for a new home, and is committed to finding the best option to meet the needs of our learning community. As developments unfold, the Board will share that information with the RCS community as soon as it becomes available. The Board invites you to pray and wait on the Lord for His provision. During this transition year, the Board welcomes your ideas and potential solutions. Any ideas or questions can be emailed to the Board at [RCS.board@rainierchristian.org](mailto:RCS.board@rainierchristian.org). We stand with you expectant and hopeful to see God provide. He is our faithful Jehovah-jireh.

God honored my prayer during last year's sabbatical. What was the prayer? "God would you take the 32 years of education experience, training, and personality and find a way to make it count for your kingdom and glory?" God provided, and I am thrilled and grateful to serve the RCS community as your new President. For those of you I have not yet had a chance to meet, I look forward to connecting with you soon. Shortly, my biography will be uploaded to the RCS website.

Sincerely,

Bruce Kelly