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HF Kids

## Dinner and Darts

- **WHO:** ELEMENTARY AGED KIDS AND THEIR FAMILIES
  - **WHAT:** Hot dogs, fellowship and nerf gun battles!
  - **WHERE:** The Harborview Fellowship Field
  - **WHEN:** August 27, 6:15pm-8:00pm
  - **HOW:** Bring a side or dessert to share.
- REQUIRED: Bring your own nerf guns and eye protection



Learn more, or register here:

<https://harborviewfellowship.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/455/responses>

## Living Set Free for Families

Designed for families with children elementary age or younger, HF Kids will be hosting a weekly Living Set Free class just for you. We will be meeting on Monday nights from 6 to 8:15pm from September 22nd to November 3rd. \$35 per parent, \$35 per child with a max \$105 per family for childcare.

Learn more, or register here:

<https://harborviewfellowship.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/457/responses>



## Original Design Prayer

On September 21st HF Kids will be hosting Original Design prayer for your children Pre-K through 12 years old. It will be here at harborview from 5-6pm. Free to sign up.

Learn more, or register here:

<https://harborviewfellowship.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/454/responses>



## Volunteer Training

Hello HF Kids' Min Volunteer,

Our annual volunteer training is quickly approaching!

**WHAT:** Our ONLY REQUIRED HF Kids volunteer training for the entire year!

VERY important for not only our children's safety and growth, but for our volunteers as well!

Enjoy lunch and prizes on us!

This will be a valuable time of fellowship and collaboration for all grade level teams!

**WHEN:** September 14, right after the second service  
(12:45-2:30pm)

**WHERE:** Harborview Fellowship Fireside Room



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## Men

### Men's Fall Breakfast

Join us for a hearty, now legendary HF men's breakfast and straight talk from a warrior-saint: **Retired Three-Star General William G. "Jerry" Boykin**—Green Beret, Original Delta Force commander, and bold voice for biblical manhood.

**Retired General Boykin** is one of the most accomplished and decorated warfighters of the US armed forces. Boykin's decorated 36-year military career included 13 years as a commando in Delta Force, the United States Army's elite special operations, counter-terrorism unit. He was one of the elite warriors chosen in 1978 to form the first unit in America's ultra-secretive and deadly Delta Force.

As one of its founders, he served two years as commander of Delta Force and participated in some of its most high-profile missions, including the Iran hostage crisis in 1980, the hunt for drug lord Noriega in 1989-90, and the "Black Hawk Down" firefight in Mogadishu, Somalia, in 1993, to name a few.

Come hungry for a famous HF men's breakfast *and* fearless truth. No excuses, now is the time for bold men of faith to stand strong!

- Cost: \$15
- 7am to 9am
- Bring a friend. Bring your son(s)
- Great fellowship

Great encouragement

Learn more, or register here:

<https://harborviewfellowship.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/453/responses>



## Seven Pillars - for men struggling with add

Tuesday Evenings Starting October 7th, 7-9pm.

Participants will be responsible for purchasing their own books. The required materials are the Seven Pillars of Freedom Kit (physical copy), which should be purchased from Pure Desire here: Pure Desire Shop

This group will walk through the Seven Pillars of Freedom by Pure Desire-- a proven biblically-based curriculum designed to help men break free from the cycle of unwanted sexual behaviors and establish a foundation for lifelong integrity.

This is a structured, confidential group where consistency and commitment are key. The process is intentional and requires honest participation, weekly reading and homework to fully engage with the material and the group experience.

If you need help obtaining these resources, please let us know--we're happy to assist.

For more information contact:

Jason Lerew - jlerew@gmail.com or 253-225-0373

Learn more, or register here:

<https://harborviewfellowship.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/451/responses>



### Prayer

#### Freedom Prayer

We provide a prayer opportunity for anyone who feels the need for increased freedom and personal breakthrough in their lives. You will be walked through a process of Freedom Prayer by 2 or 3 of our trained Ministry Team Members.

Come with an expectant and receptive heart for the Lord to powerfully minister to you!

Learn more, or register here:

<https://harborviewfellowship.org/prayer>



#### Intercessory Prayer

Join us for Intercessory prayer, Tuesday nights at 6:30pm, or Thursday mornings at 6:30am.

Learn more, or register here:

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## Small Groups

Small Groups exist to help each one of us grow up into the life of God within us.

They are a primary mechanism for shepherding through relationship + discipleship.

Learn more, or register here:

<https://harborviewfellowship.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/368/responses>



## Freedom Intensive

The Freedom Intensive Plus Fall 2025 conference will offer four training tracks: *Living Set Free* (LSF), *Hearing God's Voice* (HGV), *Freedom Prayer Training* (FPT), and *At the Heart of Generosity* (AHG).

The conference will be on Thursday-Saturday, October 2-4, 2025.

\$95 per person Early Bird Registration by September 19, 2025  
(the price will be \$80 if you already own a manual).

\$125 per person for Registration after September 19, 2025  
(the price will be \$110 if you own a manual).

Have children? We have a special session of Living Set Free just for Harborview Families offered separately this Fall. Details to come!

Learn more, or register here:

<https://sycamorecommission.org/events/events-at-harborview>



## Summer Movie Night

Summer's not over 'til the credits roll! Join us for an epic outdoor movie night under the stars as we say goodbye to sun-soaked days and hello to cozy fall vibes. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs—we'll provide the popcorn and snacks! It's the perfect way to wrap up the season with laughter, friends, and fun. See you there!

### DETAILS:

**Date:** Wednesday, August 27th

**Time:** 7:30-10:00pm

**Place:** The Harborview Fellowship Field

**Cost:** \$5

**Movie:** TBD – we are still screening movies, but rest assured, the movie will be both entertaining and appropriate for both middle and high schoolers.

**Food:** We will *not* be serving dinner, but we will have plenty of movie snacks!

**What to Bring:** Bring a camping chair or blanket to sit on, and a sweatshirt or jacket to wear as the evening cools off.

Learn more, or register here:

<https://harborviewfellowship.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/458/responses>



## Whole Church

### Giving

Thank you for being a part of Harborview Fellowship Church. Your donations are used to support, grow, and advance God's kingdom through a number of ministries at Harborview Fellowship including Children and Youth ministries, Outreach, Missions, Operations, and Jesus Ministry training both locally and globally.

You can mail a check, or give online to the link below.

Harborview Fellowship  
4819 Hunt Street NW  
Gig Harbor, WA 98335

Learn more, or register here:

<https://harborviewfellowship.org/give>



## Ladies movie Night

Welcome back to our Fall Schedule starting with Women's Movie Night! Time to get together and meet new ladies and start our year out with an Uplifting Movie! Invite your friends. Teenage daughters are also welcome!

**When:** Friday, September 19, 2025

**Time:** Doors Open at 6:00, Movie at 7 PM

**Cost:** \$10.00, Includes Coffee or Italian Soda, theater popcorn and treats.

**Attire:** Comfy! Come in your fall jammies if you want and bring a blanket too!

Learn more, or register here:

<https://harborviewfellowship.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/460/responses>



## Women's Fall Bible Study

### Heaven - When Faith Becomes Sight by Jennifer Rothschild

Heaven. Who goes there? Where is it? What will we do there? Questions like these arise when we consider an eternal future beyond this physical life. How can we know the truth about what comes next?

In this 7-session video-based study, Jennifer Rothschild explores the subject of Heaven from a biblical perspective. She will separate what's true about Heaven from what's based on legend, media depictions, and hopeful guesses. As you walk through the study, you'll not only gain a deeper understanding of what God has prepared for His children, but also learn how to live with confidence today as you look forward to the glorious unending that awaits. Don't just wonder about Heaven—embrace it with a faith that turns anticipation into excitement and peace.

**Dates:** October 9th - November 20th, 2025

**Morning Class:** 9:30-11:30 am . The coffee is on and ready by 9 am.

**Evening Class:** 6:30-8:30 pm Coffee and tea is provided.

Invite a friend or two who would love to get out and fellowship with other Christian ladies.

Cost: \$25.00

Learn more, or register here:

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## JESUS ON PRAYER

### Matthew 6:5-8

#### \*REVIEW



#### \*INTRODUCTION

- One of the most unbelievable opportunities and privileges afforded to mankind is often treated indifferently and basically ignored by so many, even true Christians.
- Found in this privilege is supernatural power, peace, comfort, direction, and understanding.
- This issue is misunderstood, misapplied, and misused by the non-Christian world and also by those who are Christians.
- This privilege we are talking about is prayer. Many Christians are missing out on a dynamic life, the joy of divine intervention in their lives, peace, confidence, direction, and the greatest power and liberation known to humanity.
- Jesus is illustrating religious righteousness, which appears to be rendered for and to God; however, it is actually rendered instead to mankind for the benefit of the one offering the activity.

#### \*BACKGROUND TO JEWISH PRAYING

1. Ritualized Prayers –
  - Their prayers had become routine, semi-conscious religious exercises.
2. Prescribed Times -
  - This was done 2 or 3 times a day. Usually at the 3rd, 6th, & the 9th hours.
  - Example of Daniel and the apostles of the Early Church.
3. Prescribed Prayers - There was a prayer for every occasion and for every purpose.
4. Prescribed Postures & Places - Ancient Rabbis said, *“These things are required in prayer; that he that prayeth stand; that he turn his face to Jerusalem; that he cover his head; that he fix his eyes downwards.”*
5. Prescribed Long Prayers -
6. Prescribed Repetition -

#### Structure of Jesus' Instruction

- In all 3 examples, *giving, prayer*, and *fasting*, we see Jesus instruct in the “what not to do” & then in the “what to do”.
- Regarding prayer it is "what not to do " in vs.5-8 and "what to do" in vs.9-15.

## \*JESUS ON PRAYER

**Matthew 6:5–8** (NKJV) *“And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. 6 But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly. 7 And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do. For they think that they will be heard for their many words. 8 “Therefore do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him.*

## \*HOW NOT TO PRAY

vs.5-8

### In Hypocrisy

- Just as Jesus warned them about theatrical giving, He now condemns theatrical praying.

### For Vain and Temporal Rewards

*. . . that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward.*

- “Reward” translates the Gk Wd *misthos* which was a word used in commerce of the day signifying a debt paid in full with nothing owing.

### Pratingly

- Jesus says don’t babble, don’t speak in meaningless repetition, or in an unnecessary abundance of words.

## \*HOW TO PRAY

vs. 6

**Matthew 6:6** (ESV) *But **when** you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.*

### Shuttered Prayer

- “. . . go into your inner room, shut the door, and pray to your Father in secret.”
- The key was being concerned with God’s presence, and conscious of God; not being conscious of people and making sure of their presence.

### For Eternal Reward

- “. . . And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.”
  - The promise is again, God rewards! God will reward you!

## \*APPLICATION

### **"When"**

- Once again, Jesus assumes that those who will be in His kingdom will pray, just as He assumed that those in His kingdom will give in vs.2.
- What does our “When You Pray” look like?



- If it is assumed that God's kingdom people will pray; Do we? How often? How effectively?

### **\*Prayer's Necessity**

**"Prayer is God's ordained means to bring His purposes and promises into reality."**

Our Lord has sovereignly chosen to govern His Kingdom by the simple law of asking and receiving.

**\**You have not because you ask not . . . James 4:2***

**Prayer is not some human contrivance or scheme; it is the anointed strategy of God.**

**\*Jesus said, *"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives" (Matt. 7:7-8)***

**"Satan laughs at our toiling, mocks our wisdom, but trembles when he sees the weakest saint on his knees."** Prayer is God's appointed way of doing God's work.

### **\*Prayer's Quality**

***You ask and do not receive because you ask wrongly to spend it on your passions . . . James 4:3***

**It is not to be prayers that feed our sensual pleasures (passions)**

**It is to be**

- out of loving God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength
- in whatever we do to glorify God
- seeking first His kingdom and all our needs will be supplied to us

**Elijah** is used as an example by James.

**\**"The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. Elijah was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months. And he prayed again [7 times], and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit" (James 5:16-18)***

His prayer was successful, powerful, effective...in that it was faith-filled, fervent, and relentless.

### **Fervent Prayer Matters**

- It was intense and purposeful!

**\*Jesus modeled intense and fervent prayer.**

*"During the days of Jesus" life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with loud cries and tears....." (Hebrews 5:7)*

- Jesus prayed with tears
- Jesus prayed with loud cries
- Jesus petitioned (He appealed, He lobbied, He implored, He pleaded)

Was Jesus faithless? Was He mourning over His sin? Was He trying to overcome unworthiness? Was He praying out of religious legalism?

- He was in touch with His Father's heart for this world, His mission, and the plight of humans in general and persons in particular.

**\*Jesus Model**

*"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one." Matthew 6:9-13*

- In prayer we first align ourselves with God's will and not the other way around.
- According to Jesus, prayer is not about getting God to do what we want as much as it is figuring out what he wants.
- When Jesus' disciples asked him to teach them how to pray, Jesus said to start by recognizing who God is, praising him, and submitting to his will.
- Pray this way first before moving on to other things.
- Connect with the Father's glory, the Father's heart, the Father's will!
  - Jesus had a vision of the Father's glory
  - Jesus had a vision of the Father's heart for this broken world
  - Jesus had a vision for the destiny of the unredeemed, the unsaved
  - Jesus wept over the lostness and rebellion of human beings

Jesus modeled prayer in His life

**\*Luke 5:16** (NLT) *But Jesus often withdrew to the wilderness for prayer.*

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- **\*He prayed early, late, & often**
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### **\*PRAYER MATTERS**

- **Prayer opens** the access to the heavenlies
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“Action in heaven is unleashed when someone on earth prays.” Max Lucado

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## PRAY WITH CONFIDENCE

### 1) Abide:

*John 15:7 "If you abide in Me and My words abide in you, ask whatever you will and it shall be done for you."*

### 2) Ask:

*Matthew 7:7, 8 "Ask, and it shall be given to you; seek and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened to you. For every one who asks receives; and he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks it shall be opened."*

### 3) Believe:

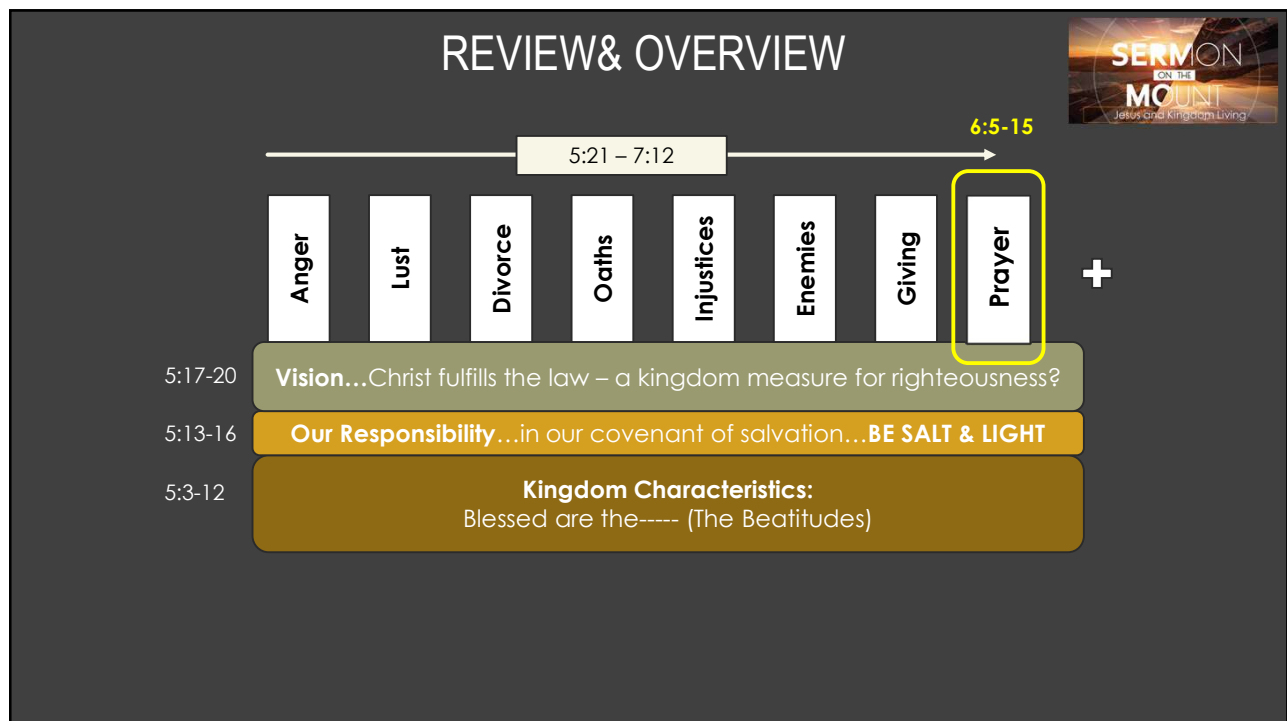
*Matthew 21:22 "Everything you ask in prayer, believing you shall receive."*

### 4) Receive: If you are abiding in Christ, and if you have asked believing, get ready to receive the answer.

*John 16:24 "Ask and you will receive, that your joy may be made full."*



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