



Summer 2021 Church Letter

Dear Sunnyside Family,

As the summer months draw nearer, I realized there are several things I wanted, and needed, to communicate with you, so we can continue to grow in our effectiveness as a church family. I'm calling this our **7 ways to Reset this Summer**.

Back in February the Lord spoke to my heart that He was beginning to do a "**Reset**" within our church community. I didn't know exactly what this meant, yet I knew I didn't need to be afraid because it was a work of God, from Him, and for God's purposes. The picture I had in mind three days later was of a desert where streams of water began to burst forth. It was an incredible sight! Later that same day in a prayer meeting God led me to this Scripture, which Jenny and I are claiming as a prophetic promise for our family and our Sunnyside Church family. The promise is found in **Isaiah 44:3** which says,

*"For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground;
I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring and my blessing on your descendants."*

I recognize "Reset" could mean something a little different to each one of us. Having said that, I encourage you that wherever you are in your life you need to reset on Jesus, His purposes, and His plan for your life. Please do it and watch the Holy Spirit give you fresh power to do it. We are going to see God doing unimaginable things in the days ahead, so let's humble our hearts, devote ourselves to prayer, and be ready!

Prayerfully consider a **reset** in your ...

1. FOCUS

For me, God is calling me to not focus on the desert or the wilderness, but rather on the *only* One who brings streams into the desert and makes a way in the wilderness. **Praise God over 100 people have gone through Rooted & we're seeing decisions for Christ almost every Sunday!** Let's reset our focus.

2. PRAYER LIFE

Please join us in prayer for our next Worship Pastor, Facility Manager, and Janitor. Jenny, my lovely wife, will continue to be our Interim Worship Leader until the Lord brings us the right person. We are committed to be patient for God's timing.

Pastor Randy and Laura Wrede will continue to lead Tuesday Prayer at 7pm in the Sunnyside Room. If you haven't gone yet I strongly encourage you to do so. Contact randywredeco@hotmail.com with questions. Let's reset our prayer life.

3. SERVICE

Many of our teams are still rebuilding as people become more comfortable coming back to church and being near people. Your help is needed. Will you say "yes" to God? To help, please let us know.



Kids Ministry shawna@sunnyside4.org / Production Team dennis@sunnyside4.org / Greeters, Prayer Team, Ushers, Safety Team, Campus & Facility linda@sunnyside4.org
Let's reset our service to God.

4. FINANCIAL GIVING

Jesus knew our hearts are usually closely tied to our wallets. He said, "You cannot serve both God and money." (Matt. 6:24) If Sunnyside is your home church and you don't give, please consider giving, if you give and don't tithe, please consider tithing, if you tithe, please consider how to live generously beyond that. Let's reset our financial giving.

5. CALENDAR

Please mark these dates on your calendar and participate in attendance and or in prayer if the target group does not apply to you. Let's reset our calendar.

- **Men's Promise Keepers Satellite Event July 16-17** /more details coming soon!
- **Summer Youth Camp July 27-29** Cost: \$100 - May 30th / Location: Camp Hope Battle Ground, WA
Questions: makana@sunnyside4.org
Register at <https://mybg4.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/46/responses/new>
- **Ministry Training Institute (MTI) June 25-26** / more details coming soon!
- **Kids Day Camp August 14** Contact shawna@sunnyside4.org / registration coming soon!

6. REST, RELAXATION, & RECREATION

Give your self permission to take a break! This last year has felt like more like two years with all that's happened, it's intensity, and all we've had to process. Take a break, breathe deeply, and do lots of fun stuff.

I have decided to take the month of August off to rejuvenate and rest. In over a decade of being a lead pastor (our church and our last church) I haven't had more than a week-long vacation at a time. Please know the team and I are planning a dynamic month of speakers and ministry for that month in which I believe the church will grow, while I rest in God. Let's reset as we rest.

7. COMMUNITY IMPACT

God continues to call each of us to have an outward focus. Months ago, my wife Jenny, and another coach at the gym where she coaches were asked by the current owner if they would like to buy the gym from him. After consideration and prayer our family and theirs said, "Yes!" This transition will be effective **June 1st**. This is a God size thing for sure! Bottom line, we believe this is divine opportunity created by God for us to continue to serve and impact our community with the love of Christ. How is God calling you to be more engaged in the community? Let's reset for community impact.

Experiencing a reset in God with you,

Pastor DJ

