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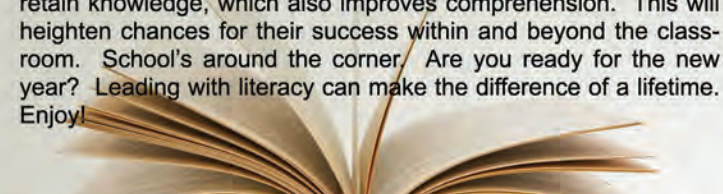
Leading with **Literacy**

Are you a parent who's getting ready to get back into the swing of things? Did your son(s)/daughter(s) spend the summer in a good book? If not, don't worry. There's still time – and leading with literacy is among the best gifts you can give them to prepare for the upcoming school year.

We often limit our thoughts on reading to diving into a great page-turner, but literacy isn't just about a reading hobby. Not only does literacy reference reading a wide variety of genres, but it also includes listening, speaking, writing and comprehension.

When your children read – or when you read to them (which they can never outgrow), take advantage of opportunities to discuss what was read! Making connections (i.e., relating what is read to what has been seen, heard or experienced) is a key way to deepen understanding.

Additionally, reading across subjects is a great way to help children retain knowledge, which also improves comprehension. This will heighten chances for their success within and beyond the classroom. School's around the corner. Are you ready for the new year? Leading with literacy can make the difference of a lifetime. Enjoy!



7 Ways to Celebrate **National Wellness Month**

August is National Wellness Month, and many of us are overdue for prioritizing self-care. Here are seven ways you can take better care of yourself and be a greater blessing to those around you because of it!

1. Drink more water! From lubricating your joints to recharging your energy, adding those glasses can make a world of difference.
2. Get outside and exercise. Sure, we can exercise indoors, but it's so much better with a dose of sunshine, breezes, and nature's organic fragrances!
3. Manage your snacks effectively. You don't have to cut them out completely, but make sure they're not in excess – and that the ones you do consume are healthy!
4. Reduce your sugar intake. This may be challenging, but your body will thank you for it! Explore natural sweetness that doesn't include refined sugar, and you'll feel the lift before you know it.
5. Treat yourself (or someone you love) to a good spa treatment. Placing the body in a calm, soothing, relaxing environment can easily provide well-needed relief.
6. Stretch! This under-utilized activity can start your morning off right or ease muscle tension before you go to bed. Nearly any time is a great time to give attention to your limbs.
7. Pay attention to ingredient descriptions. You are what you eat, and you owe it to yourself to put great things inside of your body. Read the labels, and treat yourself to wholeness.

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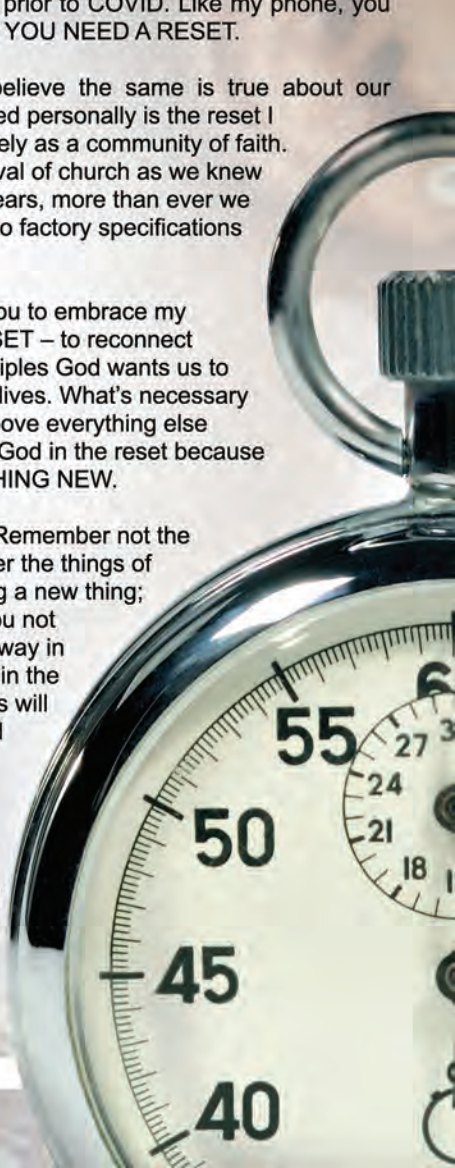
My smartphone went wonky and stopped working like it should. The reception was spotty, it dropped calls and at one point it just locked up. What did I do? After rebooting it several times (turning it off, waiting a few minutes then turning it back on), I finally took it to the store to have one of the tech people look at it. They told me my phone needed a RESET. The reset would take the phone back to its original settings, stripping it of everything that had been added, including what was keeping my phone from working at its best. My current information would be wiped from the phone, but as long as my phone had been backed up, it wouldn't be a problem. The reset would make my phone function as good as new. I chose to reset my phone.

Over the last two plus years I think all of us have found ourselves functioning at less than peak capacity and efficiency. Due to the grief associated with the loss of normalcy, economic challenges, health issues associated with COVID, social injustices along with other mental, emotional, physical and spiritual challenges, we haven't been functioning at our best. Add to that the challenges of the reopening of our lives and society and, like my phone, many are locked up, not thinking, working or functioning like you were prior to COVID. Like my phone, you need more than a reboot; YOU NEED A RESET.

What's interesting is I believe the same is true about our church. The reset you need personally is the reset I believe we need corporately as a community of faith. With the complete upheaval of church as we knew it over the last two plus years, more than ever we need a reset to get back to factory specifications of our faith.

This month I want all of you to embrace my call and challenge to RESET – to reconnect and recommit to the principles God wants us to practice every day of our lives. What's necessary to experience a reset? Above everything else recognize you must trust God in the reset because GOD IS DOING SOMETHING NEW.

Isaiah 43:18-21 (ESV) – Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. 19 Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. 20 The wild beasts will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches, for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, 21 the people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise.



Big Reset

The LORD declares He is doing a new thing on their behalf. What is this new thing? For the children of Israel He would guide and provide for them as never before. Although the cruel Babylonians would hold them in captivity, God would work through the nations of the world to restore His people, and when they returned, God would take care of them and provide for all their necessities. Of course, water is the most essential need in a desert region. As scarce as water is in that region, God promises to provide so much water that even the wild animals will have enough to drink. And God guides and provides in a new way, expecting their praise for His presence and provision.

God can do new things for anybody in any situation, and I believe God is doing something new in your life and in the life of our church. God wants to bless us like never before if we let Him. The question is will you welcome and embrace the new thing God is trying to do in your life, or will you reject it?

Join me as we go through the process of reset.

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Summer's End

The time has flown. Seeds were sown,
and school is almost here.
Sunlight blazing, fruits for grazing,
children filled with cheer.

Longer days and many ways
to have a bit more fun.
Counting down with friends around
'till summer days are one.

Memories were made and sealed,
and new things were discovered.
Friendships born and priceless bonds
as children learned each other.

A new school year is almost here
with lessons to begin.
So, soak up rays, a few more days.
We're nearing Summer's end.

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SUNDAY
All Audiences:
8AM & 10AM
Call
(713)-524-6578
for details

WEDNESDAY
WORSHIP IN THE WORD
Via Streaming: 7PM
Featuring:
Dr. Elliott Green

GIVING

Your generosity positively changing lives in our church

Point your smart phone's camera to this code to access giving portal

Exciting Things to Do in the Month of August

AUGUST 9, 2022, 10:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. (TUE. – SAT.)
NO LIMITS: THE ARTISTRY OF BRICKS (LEGOS)
PEARL FINCHER MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS
6815 CYPRESSWOOD DRIVE
SPRING, TX 77379
WWW.PEARLMFA.ORG/CURRENT.HTML

AUGUST 12, 2022, 8:30 P.M.
NOCHE CALIENTE WITH HUMBERTO RAMIREZ & SPECIAL GUEST TIA FULLER
PRODUCED BY DIAZ MUSIC INSTITUTE
MILLER OUTDOOR THEATRE
6000 HERMANN PARK DRIVE
HOUSTON, TX 77030
WWW.MILLEROUTDOORTHEATRE.COM

AUGUST 16, 2022, 5:30 P.M. – 7:15 P.M.
FAMILY MOVIE ON THE PLAZA, OUTDOOR EVENT
MOANA, RATED PG
BARBARA BUSH LITERACY PLAZA AT THE HOUSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
WWW.HOUSTONLIBRARY.LIBCAL.COM/EVENT/9038872

AUGUST 18, 2022, 8:15 P.M.
THE PURPLE XPERIENCE
FEATURING MARSHALL CHARLOFF
MILLER OUTDOOR THEATRE
6000 HERMANN PARK DRIVE
HOUSTON, TX 77030
WWW.MILLEROUTDOORTHEATRE.COM

BUILDING UP BLACK BUSINESSES

While most Blacks in America are descendants of people with a painful past, many have made historical milestones through the opportunities of burgeoning businesses. From family owned and operated enterprises to minority-owned franchises, Black businesses have served communities with hopefulness and heart for centuries, but support is still greatly needed as disparities continue to abound.

Dr. Martin Luther King was one of several noteworthy icons who emphasized the benefits of anchoring Black businesses. It includes, but is not limited to: helping to create generational wealth, creating more jobs in communities of color, contributing to financial freedom and building empowerment and ownership through education and resourcefulness.

What Black businesses are in your local community (or accessible online) that can you boost with your personal patronage? August is National Black Business Month. Let your voice be heard by showing your support!

Cubbies Sparks Truth & Training

Awana Clubs Online

AWANA AT GOOD HOPE
September 7 – December 7
7p.m. - 7:45p.m. online!

Are you looking for your child to grow in God's word? Does your child enjoy games and competition? If so, please join our **AWANA Bible Club** each **Wednesday September 7 -December 7, 2022**.

AWANA is an acronym for Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed (2 Timothy 2:15) and is an age-appropriate Bible study for children PreK thru 6th grade. For over 20 years, we have engaged children at Good Hope and those in the community in AWANA, and we will continue that charge this year— virtually!

The cost is $25 per child and includes Bible study guides, vest/t-shirt, bag/backpack and merit awards for scripture memorization. All are welcome and financial assistance is available.

Scan the QR code to register today!