



# STAYING CONNECTED

A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR OUR MCIVOR CHURCH FAMILY

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## WORSHIP – TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE

*Take my life and let it be  
Consecrated Lord to Thee  
Take my moments and my days  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise*

*Take my hands and let them move  
At the impulse of Thy love  
Take my feet and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for Thee*

*Take my voice and let me sing  
Always only for my King  
Take my lips and let them be  
Filled with messages from Thee*

*Take my silver and my gold  
Not a mite would I withhold  
Take my intellect and use  
Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose*

*Take my will and make it Thine  
It shall be no longer mine  
Take my heart it is Thine own  
It shall be Thy royal throne*

*Take my love my Lord I pour  
At Thy feet its treasure store  
Take myself and I will be  
Ever only all for Thee*

## PRAYER FOCUS – PRAYING PAUL'S PRAYERS

May our love overflow more and more, and may we keep on growing in knowledge and understanding. May we understand what really matters, so that we may live pure and blameless lives until the day of Christ's return. May we always be filled with the fruit of our salvation—the righteous character produced in our lives by Jesus Christ—for this will bring much glory and praise to God. (from Philippians 1:9-11)

**Welcome to Jon and Lynette, Andrew and Bennett** who have joined us at McIvor! Jon began his role as Teaching Pastor this week. We look forward to having you join the McIvor family!



## PARTNERS WITH GOD – PASTOR KIM

I don't know if you've ever written a complaint letter of some kind, or received instruction on how to do that, but in general you start with something positive.

Since Paul knew that there was going to be some exhortation in his letter, he began with the positive! He told the congregation in Philippi that they brought him joy and that he considered them his partners. He told them how much he loved them and that "they had a special place in his heart."

All of this was true; he was not just buttering them up. He was reminding them of their relationship. He was also certain that God would continue the work He had begun. "And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue His work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns." vs 6

This is the theme of partnership; God was at work through the people and that work would continue until its completion.

Paul also referenced prayer twice in this short passage (vs 3-11). Prayer is a theme within all of his letters—the importance of prayer in the life of the individual and the congregation. Paul emphasized prayer—personal prayer, prayer for others and prayer for congregations. In Romans Paul wrote that when we are troubled and run out of words for prayer, that the Holy Spirit prays for us.

Prayer is a significant part of the life of the Jesus follower. While physical troubles and life's circumstances are worth praying about, the most important prayer has to do with the spiritual well being and growth of individuals and congregations.

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what really matters, so that you may live pure and blameless lives until the day of Christ's return." vs 10

May this be our prayer for our congregation: that our love will overflow, that we will keep growing in knowledge and understanding and know what really matters.

As we remember the significance of the movement of people who followed Jesus, may we be reminded of the great gift of Jesus, His gift of forgiveness and grace, the gift of salvation through His death on the cross. May our love overflow to others as we share the love of Jesus in different ways.

May you experience the love of God, the peace of the Lord Jesus and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit this week!



These beautiful flowers were left in the sanctuary last week by Travis Reimer and Hildi Braun, who were married in our church May 11. Congratulations!

## SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Our summer worship services will be held on Sunday mornings, with the exception of three weekends. Prior to each long weekend, the worship service will be held at 7 p.m. on the Thursday before the weekend: June 27, August 1 and August 29. This means no Sunday services on June 30, August 4 and September 1.

## WAYS TO GIVE

We accept donations by cash or cheque, as well as e-transfers to [mcivor@mcivorchurch.com](mailto:mcivor@mcivorchurch.com) or via credit card on [www.mcivorchurch.com](http://www.mcivorchurch.com). To arrange a gift via Direct Deposit, please contact the office.



Pastor Mikayla recently commissioned one of the youth to do a painting, with a few suggestions of possible Scriptures for inspiration. The student was evidently attentive to the Spirit, as she felt called to this theme of ascension, which coincided with Ascension Day!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, 10:30 – 55+ Walk and Talk – Ascension Day and Pizza Lunch  
Tuesday, 3–8 p.m. – Quilters  
Wednesday, 7–8:30 p.m. – Kids Club and Youth  
Thursday, 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. – Harvest Food Bank  
May 26, 2 p.m. – Mclvor Hobby Show  
June 23 – Celebration Sunday  
June 27, 7 p.m. – Thursday Worship Service (no service on Sunday, June 30, Canada Day Long Weekend)  
July 6 – 2nd Annual Mclvor Garden Tour

## WATCH OUR SERVICES

Our worship services are available to livestream, or watch at your convenience: <https://mcivorchurch.com/worship-together/>

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