

STAYING CONNECTED

A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR OUR MCIVOR CHURCH FAMILY

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WORSHIP 'TIS SO SWEET TO TRUST IN JESUS

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'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus And to take Him at his word Just to rest upon his promise And to know Thus saith the Lord

Jesus Jesus how I trust Him How I've proved Him o'er and o'er Jesus Jesus precious Jesus O for grace to trust Him more

O how sweet to trust in Jesus Just to trust His cleansing blood And in simple faith to plunge me 'neath the healing cleansing flood

Jesus Jesus how I trust Him How I've proved Him o'er and o'er Jesus Jesus precious Jesus O for grace to trust Him more

Yes 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus Just from sin and self to cease Just from Jesus simply taking Life and rest and joy and peace

Jesus Jesus how I trust Him How I've proved Him o'er and o'er Jesus Jesus precious Jesus O for grace to trust Him more

There's nothing sweeter, nothing better
Than the glory of His name
There's nothing stronger, nothing higher
Than Your name, I trust Your name

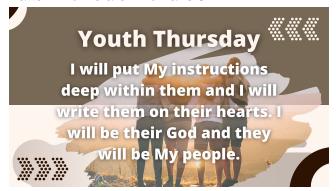
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I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee Precious Jesus Savior friend And I know that Thou art with me Wilt be with me to the end

PRAYER FOCUS PRAYING FOR OUR KIDS AND YOUTH

"I will put my instructions deep within them and I will write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be My people. And they will not need to teach their neighbors, nor will they need to teach their relatives, saying, 'You should know the Lord.' For everyone, from the least to the greatest, will know Me already," says the Lord. "And I will forgive their wickedness, and I will never again remember their sins." Jeremiah 31:33-34

"We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are." Romans 3:22



THE STORY OF RESTORED RELATIONSHIP – LYNZIE, 16 YEARS OLD, IN YOUTH GROUP

God created us to have a perfect relationship with Him. That was broken when sin entered the world. In the Old Testament it talks about laws, which are rules that God placed for people to follow. We have rules and laws to follow, but we are not under Old Testament law.

Why? In Romans 7:4 it says, "So my brothers and sisters, you also died to the law through the body of Christ."

Did you know that all of us Christians break the law? Why is that? We are not perfect. We lie, sin, make mistakes and don't follow things perfectly. But in all this chaos, there is still someone who is perfect, who doesn't sin, who doesn't make mistakes and this is God.

God will never change. In Hebrews 13:8 it says, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever."

And in Hebrews 13:5 it says, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."

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With all the mistakes you make, God will never say "you made a mistake, you are useless." He will never leave you over your mistakes. God never leaves us or gives up on us.

If we go back to the beginning of the Bible in Genesis, it talks about Adam and Eve and how they ate from the tree God told them not to. But God never gave up on them or on us. He is more concerned about our relationship with Him more than anything. Why? Because we are His children and He made us for a reason.

That's why I'm talking about God and how He wants us to have a good and healthy relationship with Him. God took His step to make our relationship better with Him and now it's our turn. He took the step to send His one and only Son to die on the cross so we can be free. John 3:16 says, "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."

To wrap up, here are four ways as Christians we can restore our relationship with God:

- Admit we are sinners (we are not perfect)
- Return to God in repentance (give your life to Christ, if you haven't already)
- Recognize that God will lovingly welcome us home (we are His children)
- Receive the free gift of God and life as His beloved children (He created us for a reason)



Ike's 100th Birthday with greetings from MP Raquel Dancho

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What is a restored relationship?

It's where you work with God to make your relationship better. It is always two ways, not one. God will never fail us, but sometimes this work takes time. For example, wounds don't heal overnight, they need time to get better. It can sometimes be the same with our relationship with God. What is broken can be fixed, sometimes it just takes time. It's better to wait on God's timing and have things fall into place and not rush it and have things fall apart. How are you going to restore your relationship with God?

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday – No Worship Service – Happy Canada Day! Wednesday, 1:30–3:30 p.m. – Meet and Greet Coffee with our Pastors

Thursday, 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. – Harvest Food Bank Saturday, 10 a.m. – 2nd Annual McIvor Garden Tour

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Thursday's Youth Service featuring the youth in a number of ways



A wonderful visit!

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