



# STAYING CONNECTED

A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR OUR MCIVOR CHURCH FAMILY

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## PARTICIPANTS IN GOD'S STORY! – PASTOR SHERRYL

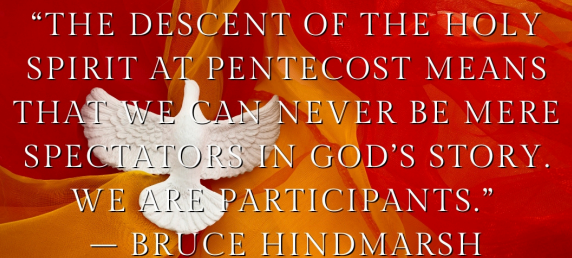
Every second Tuesday I have the privilege of leading a small group Bible Study at the church in the prayer chapel. There are five of us in the group and we are going through Regent College's *ReFrame* study which has taken us from the beginning of the Bible now into the book of Acts.

This past Tuesday we discussed how the early church began and the incredible work of the Holy Spirit within them. We were reminded of how important it is for us, who call ourselves followers of Jesus Christ, to recognize that we have the Holy Spirit within us to give joy, guidance, peace, hope and comfort along with other gifts.

The study also encouraged us to recognize how the early church operated. Then we are presented with the opportunity to reflect and question whether we as the present day church continue on with some of the early church's convictions:

- sharing all that we have with others who may have less than us.
- recognizing that our identity lies in Christ so we can call out 'Abba Father'.
- studying the Word of God so we grow in our relationship with Jesus Christ.
- praying for revival, for this will only come to our church by the work of the Holy Spirit.
- living in the Holy Spirit in such a way that it affects our lifestyle.
- going out and carrying the church into the world by the Holy Spirit.

It was a great study and caused us to ask questions of one another, as well as to share our collective stories of experiencing faith community (the church) in many other settings, as several of the women have lived in different places and countries over their lifetime.



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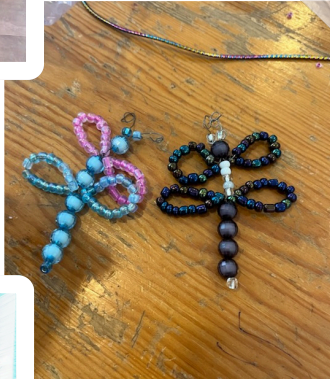
My hope and prayer for all of us who call McIvor our church home is that we will recognize this: *“The descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost means that we can never be mere spectators in God’s story. We are participants.”* – Bruce Hindmarsh, presenter of Session 7 in the *ReFrame* series Bible study



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Right: crafts made by the children



## THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS TO THE ORPHANAGE IN MEXICO

The orphanage we donated craft supplies to sits on the Pacific side of Mexico near to Tepic-Xalisco. All the children in the orphanage are without families and many were rescued from the cartel that was trafficking them. As a result, you will not see the faces of the children nor are there many pictures of them.

Dr. Meredith and Karen Penner thank our church for all the items we donated and wanted us to see just a few things created by the children. Once the sewing machines are all set up, they are looking forward to the children making pillows and blankets from the fabric and yarn that was donated.

Left: brothers from another mother!



Right: our newest worship team



Above: conversations about our MB Confession of Faith in Adult Education

### GIVING

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