

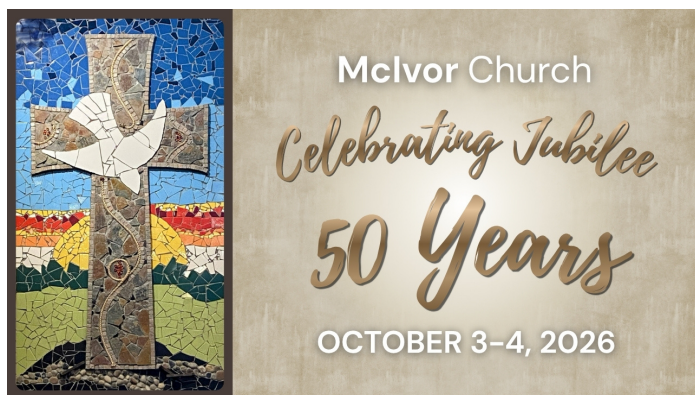


STAYING CONNECTED

A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR OUR MCIVOR CHURCH FAMILY

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YEAR OF JUBILEE – PASTOR TAMIRA



In the Old Testament, the 50th year marked a reset, after which there was a new beginning. People were to take a break from planting and harvesting, allowing the land to rest. And the following year they began again, from a fresh outlook, to sow and reap in a new way.

Is there a way we can take this teaching and apply it to our church at Mclvor? We have been reset, have we not? How would you like to conduct our new beginning? What kind of changes would you make?

Those of you who have been here a long time have seen a lot of change over the life of our church. You probably have a lot of stories to tell!

And many of you have been part of new beginnings in the past. You can tell us about that, about the fears or thrills of starting something new, and how rewarding that can be.

In the weeks leading up to our Jubilee celebrations on October 3 and 4, I would like to encourage you to reflect with an attitude of anticipation. What will God do at Mclvor? Tell those of us who weren't there.

Tell us all the things He has done over the last 50 years. Share with us the legacy, the treasure, that is Mclvor MB Church. You will be given the chance to tell stories and share hopes and dreams in the

coming weeks.

Let's build up our sense of celebration, talk to your friends and family who grew up here, invite them to come and celebrate with us, **let us enjoy our rich history and all the ways in which we have impacted people to serve and minister and encourage everyone to continue to serve where they are now.**

Let us get ready for our Jubilee Celebration!

And then let's start anew.

LEVITICUS 25:1-55

25 While Moses was on Mount Sinai, the Lord said to him, 2 "Give the following instructions to the people of Israel. When you have entered the land I am giving you, the land itself must observe a Sabbath rest before the Lord every seventh year. 3 For six years you may plant your fields and prune your vineyards and harvest your crops, 4 but during the seventh year the land must have a Sabbath year of complete rest. It is the Lord's Sabbath. Do not plant your fields or prune your vineyards during that year. 5 And don't store away the crops that grow on their own or gather the grapes from your unpruned vines. The land must have a year of complete rest. 6 But you may eat whatever the land produces on its own during its Sabbath. This applies to you, your male and female servants, your hired workers, and the temporary residents who live with you. 7 Your livestock and the wild animals in your land will also be allowed to eat what the land produces.

The Year of Jubilee

8 "In addition, you must count off seven Sabbath years, seven sets of seven years, adding up to forty-nine years in all. 9 Then on the Day of Atonement in the fiftieth year, blow the ram's horn loud and long throughout the land. **10 Set this year apart as holy, a time to proclaim freedom throughout the land for all who live there. It will be a jubilee year for you, when each of you may return to the land that belonged to your ancestors and return to your own clan.** **11 This**

fiftieth year will be a jubilee for you. During that year you must not plant your fields or store away any of the crops that grow on their own, and don't gather the grapes from your unpruned vines. 12 It will be a jubilee year for you, and you must keep it holy. But you may eat whatever the land produces on its own. **13 In the Year of Jubilee each of you may return to the land that belonged to your ancestors.**

14 "When you make an agreement with your neighbor to buy or sell property, you must not take advantage of each other. 15 When you buy land from your neighbor, the price you pay must be based on the number of years since the last jubilee....taking into account the number of years remaining until the next Year of Jubilee. 16 The more years until the next jubilee, the higher the price; the fewer years, the lower the price. After all, the person selling the land is actually selling you a certain number of harvests. 17 Show your fear of God by not taking advantage of each other. I am the Lord your God.

18 "If you want to live securely in the land, follow my decrees and obey my regulations. 19 Then the land will yield large crops, and you will eat your fill and live securely in it. 20 ...You might ask, 'What will we eat during the seventh year, since we are not allowed to plant or harvest crops that year?' 21 Be assured that I will send my blessing for you in the sixth year, so the land will produce a crop large enough for three years. 22 When you plant your fields in the eighth year, you will still be eating from the large crop of the sixth year. ...You will still be eating from that large crop when the new crop is harvested in the ninth year.

Redemption of Property

23 "The land must never be sold on a permanent basis, for the land belongs to me. You are only foreigners and tenant farmers working for me.

24 "With every purchase of land you must grant the seller the right to buy it back... 27 ...The price of the

land will be discounted according to the number of years until the next Year of Jubilee... **28 ...In the jubilee year, the land must be returned to the original owners so they can return to their family land.**

Redemption of the Poor and Enslaved

35 "If one of your fellow Israelites falls into poverty... support him as you would a foreigner or a temporary resident and allow him to live with you. 36 Do not charge interest or make a profit at his expense. Instead, show your fear of God...

39 "If one of your fellow Israelites falls into poverty and is forced to sell himself to you... 40 Treat him instead as a hired worker or as a temporary resident who lives with you, and he will serve you only until the Year of Jubilee. 41 At that time he and his children will no longer be obligated to you, and they will return to their clans and go back to the land originally allotted to their ancestors. 42 The people of Israel are my servants, whom I brought out of... Egypt, so they must never be sold as slaves....

54 If any Israelites have not been bought back by the time the Year of Jubilee arrives, they and their children must be set free at that time. 55 For the people of Israel belong to me....

LUKE 4:16-21

16 ...[Jesus] went as usual to the synagogue on the Sabbath and stood up to read the Scriptures...

18 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for He has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free, 19 and that the time of the Lord's favor has come."

20 He rolled up the scroll, handed it back...and sat down.... 21 ...He began to speak... **"The Scripture you've just heard has been fulfilled this very day!"**

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