



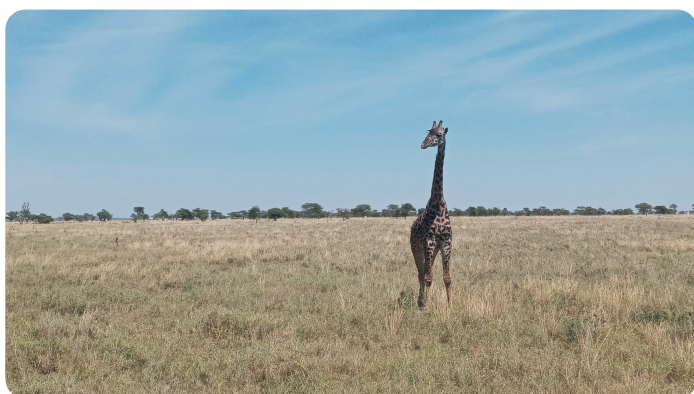
STAYING CONNECTED

A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR OUR MCIVOR CHURCH FAMILY

September 20, 2026

THE PROMISE OF THE PRESENCE OF GOD BY HIS SPIRIT – PASTOR SHERRYL

“Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” – Matthew 28:19-20



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The above Scripture is one of the portions of the Bible that will be read to us this coming Sunday and Jon will be preaching on Genesis 12:1-9, “The Call of Abraham”. This portion in Matthew is God’s call to each of us who say we are followers of Jesus Christ. The call to make disciples, to baptize, to teach the disciples the commands given us by Jesus but to remember we are not called to do this ALONE. We are promised the presence of God by His Spirit until the end of the age.

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It is a comfort to me, for it reminds me that this way of following Jesus Christ is a partnership. I choose to follow Jesus Christ. My call is to share about who Jesus Christ is. My call is to encourage others to follow Jesus Christ, BUT my responsibility is not to make this all happen. It is the Holy Spirit working through me. Ultimately where change in another’s life will come is from the Holy Spirit at work in them.

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This past week I received an email from a man that I met 30 years ago (when we both were quite a bit younger than we are now.) He came with me as a team member on two of my Project Serve trips that I led through Youth for Christ.



Colouring with children

He was at the early stages of embracing a relationship with Jesus Christ at the time. Over the three years of him participating in my trips, preparing for them and our times of prayer and conversation, I saw incredible growth in his faith journey.

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How that continued in his life from that time on, I had no idea! In the email I received this past week, he informed me that his relationship with Jesus Christ has continuously grown and he has been, and continues to be, involved in full-time ministry. He went on to thank me for being an example of one who follows Jesus Christ and how that helped him as he grew in his faith.

THANKS BE TO GOD that He can use us by His Holy Spirit to point others to Him. What a privilege! What a joy!

May you and I pray that we could be instruments of God in the interactions we have with others each and every day!



Making "ugali" – a type of corn meal made from maize or corn or mahindi flour in several African countries, cooked in boiling water or milk until it reaches a stiff or firm dough-like consistency



On Thursday evening we served approximately 150 burgers/hot dogs at our Community Supper. What a privilege to serve our neighbours in this way and to get to know them!



We enjoyed Mclvor's 2026 Garden Tour in August. What a great evening as we spend time together, and got to see the beautiful gardens that have been nurtured throughout the summer!

GIVING

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