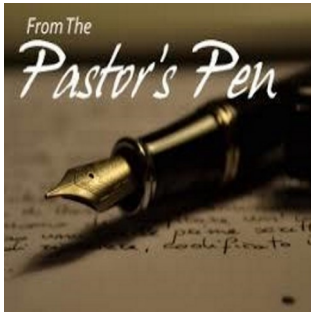




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Hello, Carleton family! How's your summer going? I hope each one of you is having a fantastic and memorable season!

Reconnect Your Deep Spiritual Relationship with God

In Genesis 2:4, God created us with the intention of fostering a spiritual relationship with Him. God formed man and breathed the breath of life into them, establishing a connection with the people He had created. God's act of sharing His breath with humanity brought them to life, making them living, animated, and energetic beings. However, the man broke his spiritual relationship with God because of disobedience. As a result, God provided a second

opportunity for a spiritual reconnection with humanity by sending His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ.

When Jesus Christ came and died on the cross, shedding His precious blood, it was to cleanse us of all the various sins we commit against God's will. Following His crucifixion, He miraculously resurrected from death and established the Church with the words, 'And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock, I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it' (Matthew 16:18). He also instructed His disciples to 'gather together and remember me' (1 Corinthians 11:20-34). By establishing the Church, Jesus provided humanity with a second chance to reestablish a spiritual connection with God through His sacrificial life.

If you are free from material worries and have a house, a reliable salary, and a pension, but an inexplicable longing lingers in your heart, chances are that your heart yearns for something more profound. This yearning might be a call from your soul and spirit to beckon you toward an intimate spiritual relationship with God. It is as if your inner self recognizes the need for a connection that transcends the material aspects, finding solace in a deeper spiritual union with God.

Reconnecting with the Church of God and experiencing a spiritual relationship with its members is the essence of the Kingdom of God. The core of this Kingdom is found in cultivating profound spiritual and affectionate connections with God and fellow Christians. Please, reconnect with your home Church to take the breath of God in your soul and spirit.

Invitation to Reconnect with the Church on Homecoming Sunday

I encourage you to consider reuniting with your home church to experience the enriching presence of God in your soul and spirit once again. The Carleton Member Care team has arranged a special Homecoming Day, where they warmly invite the entire church family to come together for a meaningful worship service and an opportunity to engage in fellowship. Following the service, a delightful spread of delicious food will be shared, providing a wonderful chance for connection and interaction.

This Homecoming Day promises to be a heartwarming event, rekindling the sense of community and shared faith that makes your church family so special. It's a time to rejuvenate your spirit, connect with fellow believers, and bask in the uplifting atmosphere of worship and togetherness.

Mark your calendar for this upcoming Homecoming Day, September 17, and take part in this memorable occasion as you rediscover the power of collective worship and fellowship within your cherished church community.

Pastor Cloud