

Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

3-5 July 2015

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Psalm 48 (NIV)

¹ Great is the LORD, and most worthy of praise, in the city of our God, his holy mountain.

² Beautiful in its loftiness, the joy of the whole earth,

like the heights of Zaphon is Mount Zion, the city of the Great King.

³God is in her citadels;

he has shown himself to be her fortress.

⁴When the kings joined forces, when they advanced together,

5 they saw her and were astounded; they fled in terror.

⁶ Trembling seized them there, pain like that of a woman in labour.

 You destroyed them like ships of Tarshish shattered by an east wind.

⁸ As we have heard, so we have seen

in the city of the LORD Almighty, in the city of our God:

God makes her secure forever.

⁹ Within your temple, O God, we meditate on your unfailing love.

Like your name, O God, your praise reaches to the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with righteousness.

Mount Zion rejoices, the villages of Judah are glad because of your judgments.

Walk about Zion, go around her, count her towers,

¹³ consider well her ramparts, view her citadels,

that you may tell of them to the next generation.

¹⁴ For this God is our God for ever and ever; he will be our guide even to the end.

We are shaped by our thoughts; we become what we think. When the mind is pure, joy follows like a shadow that never leaves.~ Buddha

Never dread tomorrow or what the future brings, just pray for strength and courage and trust God in all things.~ Proverbs 3:6

Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around. L Agliascaglia



Bible Readings ~ 12 July

2 Corinthians 12:2-10 (NIV)

²I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven. Whether it was in the body or out of the body I do not know—God knows. ³ And I know that this man—whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, but God knows— 4 was caught up to paradise and heard inexpressible things, things that no one is permitted to tell. ⁵ I will boast about a man like that, but I will not boast about myself, except about my weaknesses. ⁶ Even if I should choose to boast. I would not be a fool, because I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain, so no one will think more of me than is warranted by what I do or say, 7 or because of these surpassingly great revelations. Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. ⁸ Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. ⁹ But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. 10 That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10 (NIV) David Becomes King Over Israel

5 All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and said, "We are your own flesh and blood. ² In the past, while Saul was king over us, you were the one who led Israel on their military campaigns. And the LORD said to you, 'You will shepherd my people Israel, and you will become their ruler."

³When all the elders of Israel had come to King David at Hebron, the king made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD, and they anointed David king over Israel

⁴ David was thirty years old when he became king, and he reigned forty years. ⁵ In Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months, and in Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years.

⁹ David then took up residence in the fortress and called it the City of David. He built up the area around it, from the terraces inward. ¹⁰ And he became more and more powerful, because the LORD God Almighty was with him.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

4 July

~ Marie Meyer



PEEL VALLEY CONGREGATION

Our goal: "To be transformed communities, experiencing, enjoying & sharing the gift of the friendship of Jesus."

Mission: "Called to be Free, Gifted to Serve."
Pastoral Care: Meg Mangan 0466 337 005

Elders: Margaret Crowell
Barbara Murray

Doss Wark

Ross Davidson Gillian & Bruce Jarrett



IN OUR PRAYERS

- Please continue to pray for Nancy Parsons. Her health has varied over the past week. She remains in hospital.
- We pray for Phyll Bylund who is at home. She would welcome visitors
- Beulah is home, but still experiencing guite a lot of pain. However, she is making progress.
- Diana Boag would appreciate our prayers.
- Vic Hatfield would also appreciate our continued prayers.
- We thank God that there is sufficient water in Chaffev Dam to allow us to make limited use of hoses again.
- We pray for the members of our congregation who are away at the moment - that they are enjoying their holiday, and that they will return to us safely.

Prayer is the key of the morning and the bolt of the evening. ~ Mahatma Gandhi

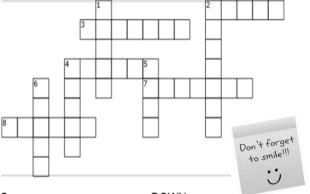
Jesus Sends Out the Twelve

These were his instructions: "Take nothing for the journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in your belts. Mark 6:8 (NIV)

Based on Mark 6:6-13 (NIV)



Calling the Twelve to him, he sent them out two by two. Mark 6:7 (NIV)



ACROSS

- 2. A stick or cane carried as an aid in walking or climbing
- 3. A trip over a great distance
- 4. The number of disciples Jesus chose
- 7. A community where people live that is smaller than a town or
- 8. To deliver a sermon; to proclaim the Word of God

DOWN

- 1. Coins or bills used to buy things
- 2. Shoes consisting of a bottom part held onto the foot by straps
- 4. To instruct, train, or give knowledge to others
- 5. Something that is bad or wrong; wicked
- A basic food made from flour. water, and yeast mixed together and baked

When we walk with the Lord in the light of His Word, What a glory He sheds on our way!

While we do His good will, He abides with us still, And with all who will trust and obey. ~ John H Sammis



1st Sunday of the month ~ Luncheon @ West

4th Sunday of the month ~ Markets @ Hallsville

3rd Sunday of the month

Trading Table @ West Tamworth

Mark 6:1-13 (NIV)

A Prophet Without Honor

6 Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples. ²When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed.

"Where did this man get these things?" they asked. "What's this wisdom that has been given him? What are these remarkable miracles he is performing? ³ Isn't this the carpenter? Isn't this Mary's son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren't his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him.

⁴ Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own town, among his relatives and in his own home." ⁵ He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. ⁶ He was amazed at their lack of faith.

Jesus Sends Out the Twelve

Then Jesus went around teaching from village to village. 7 Calling the Twelve to him, he began to send

them out two by two and gave them authority over impure spirits.

⁸ These were his instructions: "Take nothing for the journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in your belts. ⁹ Wear sandals but not an extra shirt. ¹⁰ Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you

leave that town. 11 And if any place will not welcome you or listen to you, leave that place and shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them."

12 They went out and preached that people should repent. ¹³ They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.

Meg's Musings

Earlier this week two planets, Venus and Jupiter looked to be very close to each other in the early evening sky. It almost seemed that they were touching.

Although the two planets appeared very near to one another in the sky, they're actually not. Venus is 58 million miles from Earth, and Jupiter is 12 times farther out at 565 million miles. The distance explains why the two planets looked roughly the same size even though Jupiter is far larger.

In our "physical" world, things are not always as they seem. Appearances can be deceiving! We can't always trust what we see, or what we hear.

But we can always trust God. He does nothing to undermine our faith in him, and nothing to confuse or trick us.

Putting our trust in the things "of this world" can end badly. Putting our trust in God means that we will always have a friend with us - we may not be able to see him, but we can certainly sense his presence.

Blessings from Meg

Have a heart that never hardens, and a temper that never tires, and a touch that never hurts. ~ Dickens

CHURCH SERVICES

10 July 6pm **Hallsville** ~ Patrick Johnston 12 July 8.30am Gowrie ~ Patrick Johnston 12 July 11am West ~ Patrick Johnston