



Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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Samuel 7:1-14 (NIV)

God's Promise to David

7 After the king was settled in his palace and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, ² he said to Nathan the prophet, "Here I am, living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God remains in a tent."

³ Nathan replied to the king, "Whatever you have in mind, go ahead and do it, for the LORD is with you."

⁴ But that night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, saying:

⁵ "Go and tell my servant David, 'This is what the LORD says: Are you the one to build me a house to dwell in?'"

⁶ I have not dwelt in a house from the day I brought the Israelites up out of Egypt to this day. I have been moving from place to place with a tent as my dwelling.

⁷ Wherever I have moved with all the Israelites, did I ever say to any of their rulers whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?"

⁸ "Now then, tell my servant David, 'This is what the LORD Almighty says: I took you from the pasture, from tending the flock, and appointed you ruler over my people Israel.'



⁹ I have been with you wherever you have gone, and I have cut off all your enemies from before you. Now I will make your name great, like the names of the greatest men on earth. ¹⁰ And I will provide a place for my people Israel and will plant them so that they can have a home of their own and no longer be disturbed. Wicked people will not oppress them anymore, as they did at the beginning ¹¹ and have done ever since the time I appointed leaders over my people Israel. I will also give you rest from all your enemies.

"The LORD declares to you that the LORD himself will establish a house for you: ¹² When your days are over and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³ He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. ¹⁴ I will be his father, and he will be my son. When he does wrong

Psalms 89:20-37 (NIV)

²⁰ I have found David my servant; with my sacred oil I have anointed him.

²¹ My hand will sustain him; surely my arm will strengthen him.

²² The enemy will not get the better of him; the wicked will not oppress him.

²³ I will crush his foes before him and strike down his adversaries.

²⁴ My faithful love will be with him, and through my name his horn will be exalted.

²⁵ I will set his hand over the sea, his right hand over the rivers.

²⁶ He will call out to me, 'You are my Father, my God, the Rock my Savior.'

²⁷ And I will appoint him to be my firstborn, the most exalted of the kings of the earth.

²⁸ I will maintain my love to him forever, and my covenant with him will never fail.

²⁹ I will establish his line forever, his throne as long as the heavens endure.

³⁰ "If his sons forsake my law and do not follow my statutes, ³¹ if they violate my decrees and fail to keep my commands,

³² I will punish their sin with the rod, their iniquity with flogging;

³³ but I will not take my love from him, nor will I ever betray my faithfulness.

³⁴ I will not violate my covenant or alter what my lips have uttered.

³⁵ Once for all, I have sworn by my holiness— and I will not lie to David—

³⁶ that his line will continue forever and his throne endure before me like the sun;

³⁷ it will be established forever like the moon, the faithful witness in the sky."



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

18 July ~ Donna Harrow
the best things are yet to come



CHURCH SERVICES

24 July 6pm **Hallsville** ~ John Nash
26 July 8.30am **Gowrie** ~ John Nash
26 July 11am **West** ~ John Nash



IN OUR PRAYERS

➤ We give thanks for all our families. We are especially thankful that Beulah has had support from her family whilst she has been suffering from back problems. Nancy Parsons has been supported by her niece during her time in hospital.

➤ We pray that Beulah's consultation with Dr. Dandy in Sydney provides some answers, and some pain relief.

We continue to pray for Vic Hatfield. He is making some improvement, but still has a lot of recuperating to do.

Graham Barwick had a knee replacement last Wednesday. We pray that his recovery is rapid and straightforward.

Pat and Kevin Hoyt have been visiting quite a number of Inverell and Tamworth people in our local hospitals. We pray for those patients, and thank God that Pat and Kevin are such caring friends.



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 Doss Wark
Barbara Murray

Ross Davidson
Gillian & Bruce Jarrett



1st Sunday of the month

~ Luncheon @ West

4th Sunday of the month

~ Markets @ Hallsville

3rd Sunday of the month

~ Trading Table @ West Tamworth



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Ephesians 2:11-22 (NIV)

Jew and Gentile Reconciled Through Christ

¹¹ Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called "uncircumcised" by those who call themselves "the circumcision" (which is done in the body by human hands)—¹² remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world.

¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

¹⁴ For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, ¹⁵ by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶ and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. ¹⁷ He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near.

¹⁸ For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

¹⁹ Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. ²¹ In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. ²² And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

"In suffering, God is not getting back at you; He is getting you back to Himself."

Meg's Musings

I think that people would agree that it has been the kind of week where everyone's favourite activity has been to stay inside and to keep the fire company. Our wood supply has definitely decreased as we did our best to stay warm.

So I was really surprised when I looked outside our window earlier this week, and noticed the first peach blossoms on our tree. Admittedly, it is a very early-blooming variety. But the last thing that I would have expected was for a tree to begin blooming whilst we are in the midst of such a cold snap.

In a way, the peach tree reminds me of God. It is when we are in the middle of some difficulty, problem, or time of feeling cold or darkness, that we become aware of God in our lives - adding little touches of comfort, healing or beauty to our lives.

When everything is going well, it is nice to know that God is there beside us. But when things feel a bit more threatening, it is even more important to realise God's presence with us.



Blessings from Meg

We need to find God, and he cannot be found in noise and restlessness. God is the friend of silence. See how nature - trees, flowers, grass- grows in silence; see the stars, the moon and the sun, how they move in silence... We need silence to be able to touch souls.

~Mother Teresa



Bible Readings ~ 26 July

2 Samuel 11:1-15
Ephesians 3:14-21

Psalms 14
John 6:1-21



Mark 6:30-34, 53-56 (MEV)



³⁰⁻³¹ The apostles then rendezvoused with Jesus and reported on all that they had done and taught. Jesus said, "Come off by yourselves; let's take a break and get a little rest." For there was constant coming and going. They didn't even have time to eat.

³²⁻³⁴ So they got in the boat and went off to a remote place by themselves. Someone saw them going and the word got around. From the surrounding towns people went out on foot, running, and got there ahead of them. When Jesus arrived, he saw this huge crowd. At the sight of them, his heart broke—like sheep with no shepherd they were. He went right to work teaching them.



⁵³⁻⁵⁶ They beached the boat at Gennesaret and tied up at the landing. As soon as they got out of the boat, word got around fast. People ran this way and that, bringing their sick on stretchers to where they heard he was.

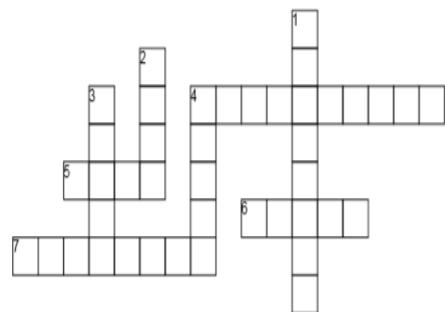
Wherever he went, village or town or country crossroads, they brought their sick to the marketplace and begged him to let them touch the edge of his coat—that's all. And whoever touched him became well.

Sheep without a Shepherd

When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things. Mark 6:34 (NIV)



Complete the activity below.



ACROSS

- To understand the suffering of others and want to do something about it
- To take a break from activity
- Free from noise or activity
- A person who takes care of sheep

DOWN

- Giving knowledge and skills to others
- A small vessel for travel on water
- A small, usually white, wooly animal
- A large group of people

GOD said, "If you listen, listen obediently to how GOD tells you to live in his presence, obeying his commandments and keeping all his laws, then I won't strike you with all the diseases that I inflicted on the Egyptians; I am GOD your healer." ~ Exodus 15:26 MSG



NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Peel Valley Church Council Meeting **2 August**
West Tamworth **1pm** following lunch

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