



Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:1-14 (Message)

¹⁰⁻¹² Then David joined his ancestors. He was buried in the City of David. David ruled Israel for forty years—seven years in Hebron and another thirty-three in Jerusalem. Solomon took over on the throne of his father David; he had a firm grip on the kingdom.

3 ¹⁻³ Solomon arranged a marriage contract with Pharaoh, king of Egypt. He married Pharaoh's daughter and brought her to the City of David until he had completed building his royal palace and GOD's Temple and the wall around Jerusalem. Meanwhile, the people were worshipping at local shrines because at that time no temple had yet been built to the Name of GOD. Solomon loved GOD and continued to live in the God-honoring ways of David his father, except that he also worshiped at the local shrines, offering sacrifices and burning incense.

⁴⁻⁵ The king went to Gibeon, the most prestigious of the local shrines, to worship. He sacrificed a thousand Whole-Burnt-Offerings on that altar. That night, there in Gibeon, GOD appeared to Solomon in a dream: God said, "What can I give you? Ask."

⁶ Solomon said, "You were extravagantly generous in love with David my father, and he lived faithfully in your presence, his relationships were just and his heart right. And you have persisted in this great and generous love by giving him—and this very day!—a son to sit on his throne.

⁷⁻⁸ "And now here I am: GOD, my God, you have made me, your servant, ruler of the kingdom in place of David my father. I'm too young for this, a mere child! I don't know the ropes, hardly know the 'ins' and 'outs' of this job. And here I am, set down in the middle of the people you've chosen, a great people—far too many to ever count.

⁹ "Here's what I want: Give me a God-listening heart so I can lead your people well, discerning the difference between good and evil. For who on their own is capable of leading your glorious people?"

¹⁰⁻¹⁴ God, the Master, was delighted with Solomon's response. And God said to him, "Because you have asked for this and haven't grasped after a long life, or riches, or the doom of your enemies, but you have asked for the ability to lead and govern well, I'll give you what you've asked for—I'm giving you a wise and mature heart. There's never been one like you before; and there'll be no one after. As a bonus, I'm giving you both the wealth and glory you didn't ask for—there's not a king anywhere who will come up to your mark. And if you stay on course, keeping your eye on the life-map and the God-signs as your father David did, I'll also give you a long life."

Psalms 111 (Message)

¹⁻¹⁰ Hallelujah!

I give thanks to GOD with everything I've got—
Wherever good people gather, and in the congregation.
GOD's works are so great, worth
A lifetime of study—endless enjoyment!
Splendor and beauty mark his craft;
His generosity never gives out.
His miracles are his memorial—
This GOD of Grace, this GOD of Love.
He gave food to those who fear him,
He remembered to keep his ancient promise.
He proved to his people that he could do what he said:
Hand them the nations on a platter—a gift!
He manufactures truth and justice;
All his products are guaranteed to last—
Never out-of-date, never obsolete, rust-proof.
All that he makes and does is honest and true:
He paid the ransom for his people,
He ordered his Covenant kept forever.
He's so personal and holy, worthy of our respect.
The good life begins in the fear of GOD—
Do that and you'll know the blessing of GOD.
His Hallelujah lasts forever!



Ephesians 5:15-20 (Message)

¹¹⁻¹⁶ Don't waste your time on useless work, mere busywork, the barren pursuits of darkness. Expose these things for the sham they are. It's a scandal when people waste their lives on things they must do in the darkness where no one will see. Rip the cover off those frauds and see how attractive they look in the light of Christ.

Wake up from your sleep,
Climb out of your coffins;
Christ will show you the light!

So watch your step. Use your head.
Make the most of every chance you get.

These are desperate times!

¹⁷ Don't live carelessly, unthinkingly. Make sure you understand what the Master wants.

¹⁸⁻²⁰ Don't drink too much wine. That cheapens your life. Drink the Spirit of God, huge draughts of him. Sing hymns instead of drinking songs! Sing songs from your heart to Christ. Sing praises over everything, any excuse for a song to God the Father in the name of our Master, Jesus Christ.



Bible Readings ~ August 23

1 Kings 8:1,6,10-11,22-30,41-43 Psalms 84

Ephesians 6:10-20

John 6:56-69



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

Mission: "Called to be Free, Gifted to Serve."

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Elders: Margaret Crowell Doss Wark
Barbara Murray

Ross Davidson
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CHURCH SERVICES

21 August 6pm **Hallsville** ~ Jim Newton
23 August 9am **Hallsville** ~ Jim Newton
23 August 11am **West** ~ Jim Newton

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IN OUR PRAYERS

- Beulah had treatment for her spine this week, and is feeling much better. We give thanks to God for her improvement.
- Myra continues to have health problems. We pray that she is well enough to meet with us again soon.
- Beth Scorgie is having back problems at the moment. We pray for a subsidence in her pain levels.
- Phyll Bylund is still at Tamara, and is having some physio treatment.
- Glenda underwent a quadruple bypass operation last Thursday. We pray that her health will improve after a period of recovery.
- We pray for the family members of those people experiencing loss or illness at the moment. May they know God's comfort and love.

Meg's Musings

One morning earlier this week I was looking out our kitchen window, and spotted three King Parrots in our yard. There seemed to be two adult birds, and one juvenile bird. They were beautiful.

I called out to Laurie, who came to see them too. After they had flown on, Laurie playfully said to me that he was glad that King Parrots stopped by to visit us.

We all know that parrots, particularly at this time of year, cover quite a bit of territory seeking out food and nesting sites. They don't really fly around simply to allow us to admire them and to enjoy their presence. But we do have a God who is always available to us. Sometimes we may not be aware of his presence. But he is a God who is ready to drop everything to "visit" us - he is always ready to listen to us, to pay attention to us, and to care for us..... he just doesn't show up with a flash of colour, and some clever aerobatics!

Just as I enjoyed the King Parrots in our yard, so we can enjoy it when God "shows up". Because his company is the very best available.

Blessings from Meg



THE JOY OF THE LORD IS YOUR STRENGTH

When you are sad and feeling blue
 And really don't know what to do,
 Open God's Word, and you can read
 Scriptures to give you the strength you need.
 "The joy of the Lord is your strength."
 God's joy can end depression's length,
 So don't mope around with a long, sad face
 If you have accepted God's merciful grace.
 There's not a problem that God cannot solve.
 In our hearts, we should resolve
 To take our problems to Him in prayer,
 Give Him the burden, and leave it there.
 If we can trust Him to save our souls,
 We can trust Him with problems that take their tolls
 And steal our joy that we need to display
 To others that we meet along life's way. ~ Margaret Cagil

"Do you feel loved by God because you believe he makes much of you, or because you believe he frees you and empowers you to enjoy making much of him?"
 ~ John Piper



1st Sunday of the month

~ Luncheon @ West

4th Sunday of the month

~ Markets @ Hallsville

3rd Sunday of the month

~ Trading Table @ West Tamworth



John 6:51-58 (Message)

⁴⁷⁻⁵¹ "I'm telling you the most solemn and sober truth now: Whoever believes in me has real life, eternal life. I am the Bread of Life. Your ancestors ate the manna bread in the desert and died. But now here is Bread that truly comes down out of heaven. Anyone eating this Bread will not die, ever. I am the Bread—living Bread!—who came down out of heaven. Anyone who eats this Bread will live—and forever! The Bread that I present to the world so that it can eat and live is myself, this flesh-and-blood self."

⁵² At this, the Jews started fighting among themselves: "How can this man serve up his flesh for a meal?"

⁵³⁻⁵⁸ But Jesus didn't give an inch. "Only insofar as you eat and drink flesh and blood, the flesh and blood of the Son of Man, do you have life within you. The one who brings a hearty appetite to this eating and drinking has eternal life and will be fit and ready for the Final Day. My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. By eating my flesh and drinking my blood you enter into me and I into you. In the same way that the fully alive Father sent me here and I live because of him, so the one who makes a meal of me lives because of me. This is the Bread from heaven. Your ancestors ate bread and later died. Whoever eats this Bread will live always."

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

12 August

~ Nancye Porter

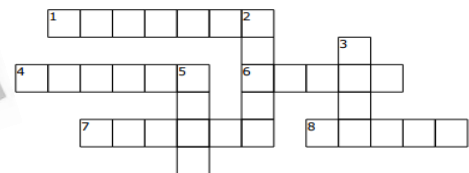
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~ Judy Lennon

Making Music to the Lord

Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord.
 Ephesians 5:19b (NIV)

Based on Ephesians 5:15-20



ACROSS

1. Lacking good sense or judgment; silly; opposite of wise
4. An Old Testament book of songs of praise to God
6. The art of arranging sounds using melody, rhythm, and harmony
7. An expression of gratitude
8. The organ that pumps blood through our bodies

DOWN

2. Songs of praise and thanksgiving to God that we sing in church
3. Having the ability to make right and sensible decisions; to have good judgment
5. A short musical composition written for singing

NANCY Parsons was a kind and caring member of the West Tamworth congregation for many, many years. Along with her husband Aub, she participated in the life of our congregation in many ways. Nancy helped cook for Meals on Wheels, and was a member of the Ladies Fellowship group. Nancy was known throughout Tamworth for her cooking. Until she broke her wrist last year her butterfly cakes were still the best in town! We will miss Nancy, as she was a true friend to many.

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