



Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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Zephaniah 3:14-20 (NIV)

- ¹⁴ Sing, Daughter Zion;
shout aloud, Israel!
Be glad and rejoice with all your heart,
Daughter Jerusalem!
- ¹⁵ The LORD has taken away your punishment,
he has turned back your enemy.
The LORD, the King of Israel, is with you;
never again will you fear any harm.
- ¹⁶ On that day
they will say to Jerusalem,
"Do not fear, Zion;
do not let your hands hang limp.
- ¹⁷ The LORD your God is with you,
the Mighty Warrior who saves.
He will take great delight in you;
in his love he will no longer rebuke you,
but will rejoice over you with singing."
- ¹⁸ "I will remove from you
all who mourn over the loss of your appointed
festivals,
which is a burden and reproach for you.
- ¹⁹ At that time I will deal
with all who oppressed you.
I will rescue the lame;
I will gather the exiles.
I will give them praise and honour
in every land where they have suffered shame.
- ²⁰ At that time I will gather you;
at that time I will bring you home.
I will give you honour and praise
among all the peoples of the earth
when I restore your fortunes
before your very eyes,"
says the LORD.

Philippians 4:4-7 (NIV)

Final Exhortations

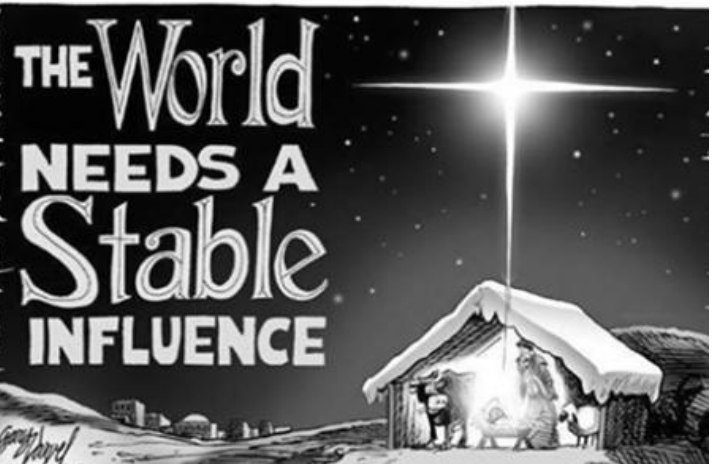
- ⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!
⁵ Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.
⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every
situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving,
present your requests to God.
⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all
understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in
Christ Jesus.

Rejoice in the Lord always
And again I say rejoice
Rejoice in the Lord always
And again I say rejoice
Rejoice, rejoice
And again I say rejoice
Rejoice, rejoice
And again I say rejoice
[repeat]



Isaiah 12:2-6 (NIV)

- ² Surely God is my salvation;
I will trust and not be afraid.
The LORD, the LORD himself, is my strength and my
defence;
he has become my salvation."
- ³ With joy you will draw water
from the wells of salvation.
- ⁴ In that day you will say:
"Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name;
make known among the nations what he has done,
and proclaim that his name is exalted.
- ⁵ Sing to the LORD, for he has done glorious things;
let this be known to all the world.
- ⁶ Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion,
for great is the Holy One of Israel among you."



Rejoice:

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.~
Philippians 4:4
But let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them
ever sing for joy, and spread your protection over
them, that those who love your name may exult in you.
~ Psalms 5:11
This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice
and be glad in it. ~ Psalms 118:24
But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,
patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ~ Galatians 5:22



1st Sunday of the month
~ Luncheon @ West
3rd Sunday of the month

4th Sunday of the month
~ Markets @ Hallsville



You cannot get through a single day without having an
impact on the world around you. What you do makes a
difference, and you have to decided what kind of
difference you want to make. ~ Jane Goodall

..... enjoy & share the gift of the friendship of Jesus



IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray for Moses, Laura and baby Audrey. Audrey underwent heart surgery last Tuesday, at Westmead Hospital. Audrey is scheduled for further surgery early in the new year.
- We also pray for the Davidson family as they support Laura and
- We pray for Alison and Trevor Forrester as they provide support to family members near Wollongong.
- We pray for all those people who are anxious about Christmas.

Meg's Musings

During this week of Advent, the focus is on joy. Joy in Christmas is often associated with small children unwrapping gifts. As we become older, and as our society becomes wealthier, we don't look forward to Christmas gifts with the same sense of expectancy and joy as we once did. Many Australians these days have a problem finding the space to store things. They don't need more things to find room for. But that doesn't mean that the joy of Christmas has evaporated. Because Christmas reminds us that God loves us so much that he sent his son to earth - Jesus is God, wrapped in human form. Let's hope that we never lose our sense of joy over God's presence here on earth.

Blessings from Meg



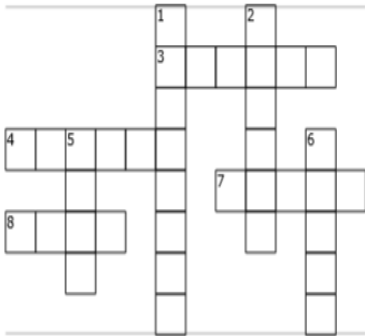
Luke 3:7-18 (NIV)

⁷ John said to the crowds coming out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath?"
⁸ Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham.
⁹ The axe is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."
¹⁰ "What should we do then?" the crowd asked.
¹¹ John answered, "Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same."
¹² Even tax collectors came to be baptized. "Teacher," they asked, "what should we do?"
¹³ "Don't collect any more than you are required to," he told them.
¹⁴ Then some soldiers asked him, "And what should we do?" He replied, "Don't extort money and don't accuse people falsely—be content with your pay."
¹⁵ The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah.
¹⁶ John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."
¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."
¹⁸ And with many other words John exhorted the people and proclaimed the good news to them.

The Real Thing

Prove by the way you live that you have repented of your sins and turned to God. Luke 3:8a (NLT)

Based on Luke 3:7-18



ACROSS

- 3. To make a charge of wrongdoing against another person
- 4. To confess one's sin and make a change for the better
- 7. The sweet and edible part of a plant or tree
- 8. The opposite of bad

DOWN

- 1. To have water poured on one's head or to be briefly covered completely by water
- 2. Having a desire or need for food
- 5. Having little money or possessions
- 6. A small poisonous snake

"Probably the reason we all go so haywire at Christmas time with the endless unrestrained and often silly buying of gifts is that we don't quite know how to put our love into words." ~ Harlan Miller

Christmas Services

20th December

11:00am West Tamworth ~ Rev Bill Fischer

24th December

6:30pm Gowrie ~ Meg Mangan

25th December

9:00am Hallsville ~ Jim Newton

The parish will then be in recess until 17th January, 2016, when the Country Gospel Breakfast will be held at Hallsville.



"May you be blessed

With the spirit of the season,
 which is peace,
 The gladness of the season,
 which is hope,
 And the heart of the season, which is love."



"Gifts of time and love are surely the basic ingredients of a truly merry Christmas." ~ Peg Bracken

CHURCH SERVICES

18 December	6.30pm	Hallsville CAROL SERVICE
		~Rev S Hansford
20 December	8.30 am	Gowrie
		~ NO SERVICE 20
December	11am	West
		~Rev Bill Fischer

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