



Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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Deuteronomy 26:1-11 (NIV)

Firstfruits and Tithes

26 When you have entered the land the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance and have taken possession of it and settled in it, ²take some of the firstfruits of all that you produce from the soil of the land the LORD your God is giving you and put them in a basket. Then go to the place the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his Name ³and say to the priest in office at the time, "I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come to the land the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." ⁴The priest shall take the basket from your hands and set it down in front of the altar of the LORD your God. ⁵Then you shall declare before the LORD your God: "My father was a wandering Aramean, and he went down into Egypt with a few people and lived there and became a great nation, powerful and numerous. ⁶But the Egyptians mistreated us and made us suffer, subjecting us to harsh labor. ⁷Then we cried out to the LORD, the God of our ancestors, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our misery, toil and oppression. ⁸So the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great terror and with signs and wonders. ⁹He brought us to this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey; ¹⁰and now I bring the firstfruits of the soil that you, LORD, have given me." Place the basket before the LORD your God and bow down before him. ¹¹Then you and the Levites and the foreigners residing among you shall rejoice in all the good things the LORD your God has given to you and your household.

Psalms 97:1-2, 9-16 (NIV)

- ¹ The LORD reigns, let the earth be glad; let the distant shores rejoice.
² Clouds and thick darkness surround him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.
⁹ For you, LORD, are the Most High over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.
¹⁰ Let those who love the LORD hate evil, for he guards the lives of his faithful ones and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.
¹¹ Light shines on the righteous and joy on the upright in heart.
¹² Rejoice in the LORD, you who are righteous, and praise his holy name.

Romans 10:8b-13 (NIV)

⁸ But what does it say? "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim:
⁹ If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. ¹¹ As Scripture says, "Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame." ¹² For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, ¹³ for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

10 Things Money Cannot Buy

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| 1 Manners | 6 Trust |
| 2 Morals | 7 Patience |
| 3 Respect | 8 Class |
| 4 Character | 9 Integrity |
| 5 Common Sense | 10 LOVE |

You're never a loser until you quit trying. ~ Mike Ditka

CHURCH SERVICES

19 February	6pm	Hallsville	~ Rev S Hansford
17 February	8am	Gowrie	~NO SERVICE
17 February	11am	West	~ Rev Bill Fischer
17 February	9AM	Hallsville	~ Meg Mangan

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	Marie Meyer	Barbara Murray
	Doss Wark	Ross Davidson	Gillian & Bruce Jarrett



Meg's Musings

A big thanks to Anna for filling this role whilst I have been away. We enjoyed our time in Western Australia with family members from Hong Kong. As well as the pleasure of time with our daughter and grandchildren, we also saw lots of special things. One thing was a giant tree at Pemberton which doubles as a fire lookout. The tree is over 70 meters tall, and has metal spikes driven into the giant trunk. This forms a sort of ladder which people can climb. The metal spikes slowly curve around the tree, spiraling about three times before it reaches the fire lookout. Our four year old grand-daughter proudly showed people how she could climb the first two rungs of the ladder, and posed for photographs. She had no concept that some people actually climb to the top. As far as Evie was concerned, she was doing well. Sometimes we set our sights lower than we need to. We only look at the tasks which we can handle in our own strength. But God calls us to do more - to tackle those things which we can accomplish only when we look to God for the strength needed. Are you counting on God, or relying on yourself?
 Blessings from Meg



There is nothing impossible to him who will try. ~ Alexander the Great

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IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray for Doss Wark who has been in hospital for over a week. We pray that she is soon well enough to return home.
- Ross Davidson returns to St.Vincents for regular tests on Monday, and we pray that everything goes well.
- We pray for our families - they are so spread out these days, and it can be difficult to keep in touch.
- We pray for the children and teens group meeting regularly at Hallsville. We also pray for Anna, who is leading it.
- We pray for Evelyn and Tony who are presently in Canada.



An elderly Chinese man had two large pots, each hung on the ends of a pole which he carried across his neck. One of the pots had a crack in it while the other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water. At the end of the long walk from the stream to the house, the cracked pot arrived only half full.



For a full two years this went on daily, with the man bringing home only one and a half pots of water.

Of course, the perfect pot was proud of its accomplishments. But the poor cracked pot was ashamed of its own imperfection, and miserable that it could only do half of what it had been made to do. After 2 years of what it perceived to be bitter failure, it spoke to the man one day by the stream. "I am ashamed of myself, because this crack in my side causes water to leak out all the way back to your house."

The old man smiled, "Did you notice that there are flowers on your side of the path, but not on the other pot's side?" "That's because I have always known about your flaw, so I planted flower seeds on your side of the path, and every day while we walk back, you water them." "For two years I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate the table. Without you being just the way you are, there would not be this beauty to grace the house."

Each of us has our own unique flaw. But it's the cracks and flaws we each have that make our lives together so very interesting and rewarding. You've just got to take each person for what they are and look for the good in them.

So, remember to smell the flowers on your side of the path!

Luke 4:1-13 (NIV)

Jesus Is Tested in the Wilderness

4 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, ² where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.

³ The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread."

⁴ Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone.'"

⁵ The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And he said to him, "I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to."

⁷ If you worship me, it will all be yours."

⁸ Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'"

⁹ The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down from here. ¹⁰ For it is written:

"He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully;

¹¹ they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone."

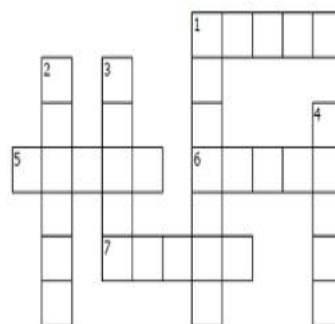
¹² Jesus answered, "It is said: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

¹³ When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

The Temptation of Jesus

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the desert, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. Luke 4:1-2 (NIV)

This puzzle is based on Luke 4:1-13 (NIV)



ACROSS

1. The entire Earth and all the places and things on it
5. A heavenly being, often shown as a human figure with a halo and wings
6. A small rock
7. The evil ruler of Hell, and enemy of God

DOWN

1. To show a strong feeling of love and respect for God
2. To feel a need or desire for food
3. A food made of flour and water, shaped into loaves, and baked
4. To try to get someone to do wrong



1st Sunday of the month

~ Luncheon @ West

3rd Sunday of the month

~ Trading Table @ West Tamworth

4th Sunday of the month

~ Markets @ Hallsville

24 January

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