



# Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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## 1 Kings 18:20-39 (NIV)

<sup>20</sup> So Ahab sent word throughout all Israel and assembled the prophets on Mount Carmel. <sup>21</sup> Elijah went before the people and said, "How long will you waver between two opinions? If the LORD is God, follow him; but if Baal is God, follow him."

But the people said nothing.

<sup>30</sup> Then Elijah said to all the people, "Come here to me." They came to him, and he repaired the altar of the LORD, which had been torn down. <sup>31</sup> Elijah took twelve stones, one for each of the tribes descended from Jacob, to whom the word of the LORD had come, saying, "Your name shall be Israel." <sup>32</sup> With the stones he built an altar in the name of the LORD, and he dug a trench around it large enough to hold two seahs of seed. <sup>33</sup> He arranged the wood, cut the bull into pieces and laid it on the wood. Then he said to them, "Fill four large jars with water and pour it on the offering and on the wood."

<sup>34</sup> "Do it again," he said, and they did it again.

"Do it a third time," he ordered, and they did it the third time. <sup>35</sup> The water ran down around the altar and even filled the trench.

<sup>36</sup> At the time of sacrifice, the prophet Elijah stepped forward and prayed: "LORD, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, let it be known today that you are God in Israel and that I am your servant and have done all these things at your command.

<sup>37</sup> Answer me, LORD, answer me, so these people will know that you, LORD, are God, and that you are turning their hearts back again."

<sup>38</sup> Then the fire of the LORD fell and burned up the sacrifice, the wood, the stones and the soil, and also licked up the water in the trench.

<sup>39</sup> When all the people saw this, they fell prostrate and cried, "The LORD—he is God! The LORD—he is God!"

"When we become more fully aware that our success is due in large measure to the loyalty, helpfulness, and encouragement we have received from others, our desire grows to pass on similar gifts. Gratitude spurs us on to prove ourselves worthy of what others have done for us. The spirit of gratitude is a powerful energizer." ~ Wilfred A. Peterson

"Happiness cannot be travelled to, owned, earned, worn or consumed. Happiness is the spiritual experience of living every minute with love, grace and gratitude." ~ Denis Waitley



## CHURCH SERVICES

3 June	6pm	Hallsville	John Nash
5 June	8.30 am	Gowrie	~ David Bissett HC
5 June	9am	Hallsville	~ NO SERVICE
5 June	11am	West	~ John Nash

## Thanks:

"Let us be grateful to people who make us happy; they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom." ~ Marcel Proust

"He is a wise man who does not grieve for the things which he has not, but rejoices in those which he has." ~ Epictetus

"There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle." ~ Albert Einstein

## Galatians 1:1-12 (NIV)

1 Paul, an apostle—sent not from men nor by a man, but by Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead—<sup>2</sup> and all the brothers and sisters with me,

To the churches in Galatia:

<sup>3</sup> Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>4</sup> who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, <sup>5</sup> to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

## No Other Gospel

<sup>6</sup> I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you to live in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel—<sup>7</sup> which is really no gospel at all. Evidently some people are throwing you into confusion and are trying to pervert the gospel of Christ.

<sup>8</sup> But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let them be under God's curse! <sup>9</sup> As we have already said, so now I say again: If anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than what you accepted, let them be under God's curse!

<sup>10</sup> Am I now trying to win the approval of human beings, or of God? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ.

## Paul Called by God

<sup>11</sup> I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel I preached is not of human origin. <sup>12</sup> I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it; rather, I received it by revelation from Jesus Christ.

"If the only prayer you say in your life is thank you, that would suffice." ~ Meister Eckhart

## 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 Bruce Jarrett



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### PRAYER POINTS

- As the Federal election unfolds we pray for honesty and clear-sightedness from all candidates.
- We pray for many more happy birthdays for Bill Forrester as he celebrates his 90th birthday.
- And we thank God for all of those members of our congregation who are in their 90's. You are wonderful examples to us all.
- We pray that Marg and Doug Crowell have a safe and happy trip to Samoa.
- We pray for all the babies we have baptised over the past few years, and pray that they may each come to know Christ as their saviour.

### Meg's Musings

Our theme for our Church on a Bus service for this week is "Thanks". I came across this verse, and thought it showed how much we have to thank God for.

Lord,  
 Thank you for your gently urgent whisper,  
 your soft, persistent touch,  
 calling us to come, to rest,  
 and to lay down our self-imposed burdens.  
 With relief and hope we respond to your invitation,  
 gladly taking up your yoke,  
 and freely giving ourselves to you  
 in love, in praise and in service.

May each of us be ready to respond to God in this way.

Blessings from Meg



### Luke 7:1-10 (NIV) The Faith of the Centurion

7 When Jesus had finished saying all this to the people who were listening, he entered Capernaum.

<sup>2</sup> There a centurion's servant, whom his master valued highly, was sick and about to die.

<sup>3</sup> The centurion heard of Jesus and sent some elders of the Jews to him, asking him to come and heal his servant.

<sup>4</sup> When they came to Jesus, they pleaded earnestly with him, "This man deserves to have you do this,

<sup>5</sup> because he loves our nation and has built our synagogue."

<sup>6</sup> So Jesus went with them.

He was not far from the house when the centurion sent friends to say to him: "Lord, don't trouble yourself, for I do not deserve to have you come under my roof.

<sup>7</sup> That is why I did not even consider myself worthy to come to you. But say the word, and my servant will be healed.

<sup>8</sup> For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and that one, 'Come,' and he comes. I say to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."

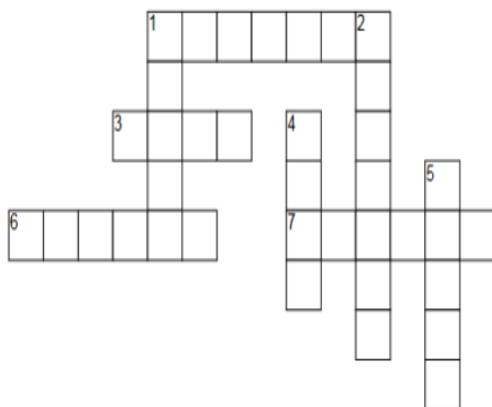
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Puzzle is based on Luke 7:1-10



#### ACROSS

1. People that you know well and regard with affection
3. To be physically ill
6. To deserve something
7. To be overwhelmed, surprised, or shocked

#### DOWN

1. A strong belief in the power of God
2. A person working in the service of another
4. To cure or make healthy again
5. The Son of God

### Psalms 96 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

<sup>2</sup> Sing to the LORD, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.

<sup>3</sup> Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

<sup>4</sup> For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods.

<sup>5</sup> For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

<sup>6</sup> Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and glory are in his sanctuary.

<sup>7</sup> Ascribe to the LORD, all you families of nations, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

<sup>8</sup> Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering and come into his courts.

<sup>9</sup> Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness; tremble before him, all the earth.

<sup>10</sup> Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns." The world is firmly established, it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity.


<sup>11</sup> Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound, and all that is in it.

<sup>12</sup> Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them; let all the trees of the forest sing for joy.

<sup>13</sup> Let all creation rejoice before the LORD, for he comes,

he comes to judge the earth.

He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples in his faithfulness.

 **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month**  
 ~ Luncheon @ West  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month**  
 ~ Trading Table @ West Tamworth

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month**  
 ~ Markets @ Hallsville  
 22 May

"It's not the years in your life, but the life in your years." ~ Abe Lincoln

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