



Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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Amos 7:7-17 (NIV)

⁷ This is what he showed me: The Lord was standing by a wall that had been built true to plumb, with a plumb line in his hand.

⁸ And the LORD asked me, "What do you see, Amos?"
"A plumb line," I replied.

Then the Lord said, "Look, I am setting a plumb line among my people Israel; I will spare them no longer.

⁹ "The high places of Isaac will be destroyed and the sanctuaries of Israel will be ruined; with my sword I will rise against the house of Jeroboam."

Amos and Amaziah

¹⁰ Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent a message to Jeroboam king of Israel: "Amos is raising a conspiracy against you in the very heart of Israel. The land cannot bear all his words.

¹¹ For this is what Amos is saying:
"Jeroboam will die by the sword, and Israel will surely go into exile, away from their native land."

¹² Then Amaziah said to Amos, "Get out, you seer! Go back to the land of Judah. Earn your bread there and do your prophesying there.

¹³ Don't prophesy anymore at Bethel, because this is the king's sanctuary and the temple of the kingdom."

¹⁴ Amos answered Amaziah, "I was neither a prophet nor the son of a prophet, but I was a shepherd, and I also took care of sycamore-fig trees.

¹⁵ But the LORD took me from tending the flock and said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.' ¹⁶ Now then, hear the word of the LORD. You say,

"Do not prophesy against Israel, and stop preaching against the descendants of Isaac."

¹⁷ "Therefore this is what the LORD says:

"Your wife will become a prostitute in the city, and your sons and daughters will fall by the sword.

Your land will be measured and divided up, and you yourself will die in a pagan country. And Israel will surely go into exile, away from their native land."

The trick is to grow up without growing old.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

July 4 ~ Marie Meyer

July 18 ~ Donna Harrow

July 25 ~ Beulah Fenwick

July 27 ~ Amity Debenham



Psalms 82 (NIV)

¹ God presides in the great assembly; he renders judgment among the "gods":

² "How long will you defend the unjust and show partiality to the wicked?"

³ Defend the weak and the fatherless; uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed.

⁴ Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.

⁵ "The 'gods' know nothing, they understand nothing.

They walk about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

⁶ "I said, 'You are "gods"; you are all sons of the Most High.'

⁷ But you will die like mere mortals; you will fall like every other ruler."

⁸ Rise up, O God, judge the earth, for all the nations are your inheritance.

Colossians 1:1-14 (NIV)

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

² To God's holy people in Colossae, the faithful brothers and sisters in Christ:

Grace and peace to you from God our Father.

Thanksgiving and Prayer

³ We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴ because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people— ⁵ the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel ⁶ that has come to you. In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God's grace. ⁷ You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, ⁸ and who also told us of your love in the Spirit.

⁹ For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, ¹⁰ so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, ¹¹ being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, ¹² and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. ¹³ For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Love is the absence of judgment ~ Dalai Lama XIV

CHURCH SERVICES

15 July	6pm	Hallsville	~ Rev S Hansford
17 July	8.30 am	Gowrie	~ James Cantrill
17 July	9am	Hallsville	~ NO SERVICE
17 July	11am	West	~ Rev Bill Fischer

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PRAYER POINTS

- We pray for all of our members in nursing homes - Margaret Pryor in BUPA, Betty Leese in Cottage Homes, Nancye Porter and Gordon Gibson in Alblas Lodge and Viv Chaffey and George Lunnay in McKay House. Shirley McMahon's brother-in-law also moved to McKay House this week.
- Myra is still unwell, and we pray that doctors will be able to identify and successfully treat the causes of her health problems.
- We pray that Patrick has a wonderful time during his 4 week stay in the UK.
- We pray that the Pilgrims on the Emmaus Walk at Farrer this weekend have had a meaningful and special time.
- We pray for each other. Many in our congregation have significant health issues.

Meg's Musings

The challenge which faced Jesus' listeners when he told the story of "The Good Samaritan" was immense.

The Samaritans were regarded by the Jews as 2nd-rate. For Jews, the Samaritans did not deserve to be noticed, and the Jews felt that nothing good could ever come out of Samaria.

Yet Jesus made a Samaritan man the hero of his story - not the Jewish Priest or Levite.

Who is God asking you to reassess, and to look for their positive attributes?

It seems that some politicians may soon be required to reassess who they can come to terms with - and even work with.

Maybe we should also consider who we could befriend?

Blessings from Meg



Parable of the Good Samaritan

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" Luke 10:27

Based on Luke 10:25-37



Luke 10:25-37 (NIV)

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

²⁵ On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

²⁶ "What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?"

²⁷ He answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

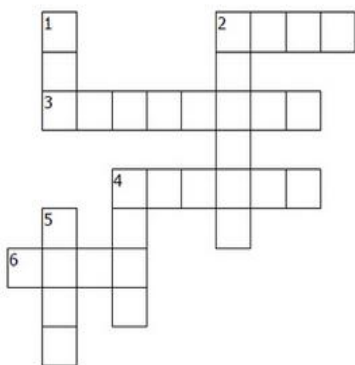
²⁸ "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live."

²⁹ But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

³⁰ In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹ A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. ³² So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'

³⁶ "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"

³⁷ The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him."
Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."



ACROSS

- 2. A pathway for vehicles, people, and animals
- 3. Someone who lives very near to you
- 4. A person who performs religious duties in the church
- 6. To hit someone again and again

DOWN

- 1. An adult male human
- 2. Someone who takes money or property illegally from another person
- 4. To feel sympathy and sorrow for the misfortune or suffering of another
- 5. Not living



Attention: due to recent setbacks, my summer beach body will be postponed for another year. As usual your patience is appreciated.

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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 Barbara Murray Doss Wark
Ross Davidson Bruce Jarrett



1st Sunday of the month

~ Luncheon @ West

3rd Sunday of the month

~Trading Table @ West Tamworth

4th Sunday of the month

~ Markets @ Hallsville

24 July

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