



# Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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## Hosea 11:1-11 (NIV)

"When Israel was a child, I loved him,  
and out of Egypt I called my son.  
<sup>2</sup> But the more they were called,  
the more they went away from me.  
They sacrificed to the Baals  
and they burned incense to images.  
<sup>3</sup> It was I who taught Ephraim to walk,  
taking them by the arms;  
but they did not realize  
it was I who healed them.  
<sup>4</sup> I led them with cords of human kindness,  
with ties of love.  
To them I was like one who lifts  
a little child to the cheek,  
and I bent down to feed them.  
<sup>5</sup> "Will they not return to Egypt  
and will not Assyria rule over them  
because they refuse to repent?  
<sup>6</sup> A sword will flash in their cities;  
it will devour their false prophets  
and put an end to their plans.  
<sup>7</sup> My people are determined to turn from me.  
Even though they call me God Most High,  
I will by no means exalt them.  
<sup>8</sup> "How can I give you up, Ephraim?  
How can I hand you over, Israel?  
How can I treat you like Admah?  
How can I make you like Zeboyim?  
My heart is changed within me;  
all my compassion is aroused.  
<sup>9</sup> I will not carry out my fierce anger,  
nor will I devastate Ephraim again.  
For I am God, and not a man—  
the Holy One among you.  
I will not come against their cities.  
<sup>10</sup> They will follow the LORD;  
he will roar like a lion.  
When he roars,  
his children will come trembling from the west.  
<sup>11</sup> They will come from Egypt,  
trembling like sparrows,  
from Assyria, fluttering like doves.  
I will settle them in their homes,"  
declares the LORD.

## Psalms 107:1-9, 43 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
his love endures forever.  
<sup>2</sup> Let the redeemed of the LORD tell their story—  
those he redeemed from the hand of the foe,  
<sup>3</sup> those he gathered from the lands,  
from east and west, from north and south.  
<sup>4</sup> Some wandered in desert wastelands,  
finding no way to a city where they could settle.  
<sup>5</sup> They were hungry and thirsty,  
and their lives ebbed away.  
<sup>6</sup> Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble,  
and he delivered them from their distress.  
<sup>7</sup> He led them by a straight way  
to a city where they could settle.  
<sup>8</sup> Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing  
love  
and his wonderful deeds for mankind,  
<sup>9</sup> for he satisfies the thirsty  
and fills the hungry with good things.  
<sup>43</sup> Let the one who is wise heed these things  
and ponder the loving deeds of the LORD.

## Colossians 3:1-11 (NIV)

### Living as Those Made Alive in Christ

<sup>3</sup> Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set  
your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at  
the right hand of God.  
<sup>2</sup> Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.  
<sup>3</sup> For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in  
God.  
<sup>4</sup> When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also  
will appear with him in glory.  
<sup>5</sup> Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your  
earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil  
desires and greed, which is idolatry  
<sup>6</sup> Because of these, the wrath of God is coming.  
<sup>7</sup> You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once  
lived.  
<sup>8</sup> But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things  
as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy  
language from your lips.  
<sup>9</sup> Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your  
old self with its practices  
<sup>10</sup> and have put on the new self, which is being renewed  
in knowledge in the image of its Creator.  
<sup>11</sup> Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or  
uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but  
Christ is all, and is in all.

I was thinking about how many people seem to read  
the Bible a whole lot more as they get older, and then  
it dawned on me - they're cramming for their final  
exam. ~ George Carlin

### CHURCH SERVICES

31 July **COMBINED PEEL VALLEY CONGREGATION**  
**CHURCH ON A BUS**

5 August	6pm	<b>Hallsville</b>	~ Trevor Forrester
7 August	8.30 am	<b>Gowrie</b>	~ Trevor Forrester
7 August	9am	<b>Hallsville</b>	~ NO SERVICE
7 August	11am	<b>West</b>	~ Trevor Forrester

### 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 LIST**

- Please pray for Pat Hoyt who is finding that her pain levels are higher during the cold weather.
- Gordon Gibson had surgery in Melbourne this week. We pray that he makes a good recovery.
- We give thanks that Ruby Rose, Donna's youngest great-grandchild, is home from hospital after having breathing problems.
- It was wonderful to have Shirley, Myra and Bill worshipping with us again last week. We give thanks that Myra and Shirley's health has improved, and pray that they continue to improve.
- We give thanks for the hospitality of the Quirindi congregation. We pray that the day is a blessing for them, as well as the Peel Valley members.

**Meg's Musings**

Over the past week our grandsons have been staying with us. They both enjoy playing with Lego, so I got out the Lego which our children had used when they were young. The instructions were missing, and many of the more exotic pieces which make up today's Lego sets were unavailable then.

The boys were a bit lost. They are used to having instructions which detail each stage of construction, and each piece to be used. They made some small items, but they found the going quite tough. The usual way of dealing with Lego wasn't available to them.

We, too, have been given instructions. They are not quite as specific as Lego instructions. The Bible gives us principles to act and live by. They guide us as we live day by day. And they show us what is possible when we seek God with our hearts. And, even when we don't have access to a Bible, those principles can guide us through the issues of life which we face day by day. It helps us to build on sure foundations.

Blessings from Meg



**These used to be punishments:**

1. Going to bed early
2. Not going to a party
3. Spending all day at home

**Now they're my goals!**

The word of God is a Christian's instructions for life. God speaks to us through His word, so we cannot constantly be running on empty.~ Monica Johnson



**ADVANCE NOTICE:**

Congregational Meeting  
August 7 at West following Luncheon.

**Luke 12:13-21 (NIV)**

**The Parable of the Rich Fool**

<sup>13</sup>Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me."

<sup>14</sup>Jesus replied, "Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?"

<sup>15</sup>Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions."

<sup>16</sup>And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest.

<sup>17</sup>He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.'

<sup>18</sup>"Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain.

<sup>19</sup>And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry."

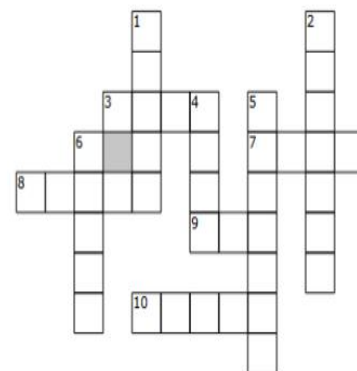
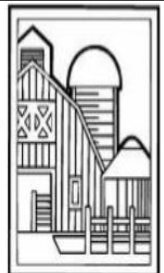
<sup>20</sup>"But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?'

<sup>21</sup>"This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God."

**The Parable of the Rich Fool**

Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." Luke 12:15 (NIV)

This puzzle is based on Luke 12:13-21 (NIV)



**ACROSS**

3. One who acts unwisely
7. Having great material wealth
8. Large farm buildings used for storing farm products and sheltering livestock
9. To take food into the body through the mouth
10. An official who decides cases brought before a court of law

**DOWN**

1. Agricultural products, such as grain, vegetables, or fruit
2. A person who educates or gives instruction
4. The period of time between birth and death
5. A male having the same parent or parents as another
6. To take liquid into the mouth and swallow



**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

**24 July**