



Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 (NIV)

1 The vision concerning Judah and Jerusalem that Isaiah son of Amoz saw during the reigns of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

¹⁰ Hear the word of the LORD,
you rulers of Sodom;

listen to the instruction of our God,
you people of Gomorrah!

¹¹ "The multitude of your sacrifices—
what are they to me?" says the LORD.

"I have more than enough of burnt offerings,
of rams and the fat of fattened animals;

I have no pleasure
in the blood of bulls and lambs and goats.

¹² When you come to appear before me,
who has asked this of you,
this trampling of my courts?

¹³ Stop bringing meaningless offerings!
Your incense is detestable to me.

New Moons, Sabbaths and convocations—
I cannot bear your worthless assemblies.

¹⁴ Your New Moon feasts and your appointed
festivals

I hate with all my being.

They have become a burden to me;
I am weary of bearing them.

¹⁵ When you spread out your hands in prayer,
I hide my eyes from you;

even when you offer many prayers,
I am not listening.

Your hands are full of blood!

¹⁶ Wash and make yourselves clean.

Take your evil deeds out of my sight;
stop doing wrong.

¹⁷ Learn to do right; seek justice.

Defend the oppressed.^[a]

Take up the cause of the fatherless;
plead the case of the widow.

¹⁸ "Come now, let us settle the matter,"
says the LORD.

"Though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be as white as snow;

though they are red as crimson,
they shall be like wool.

¹⁹ If you are willing and obedient,

you will eat the good things of the land;

²⁰ but if you resist and rebel,
you will be devoured by the sword."

Psalms 50:1-8 (NIV)

¹ The Mighty One, God, the LORD,
speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to where it sets.

² From Zion, perfect in beauty,
God shines forth.

³ Our God comes
and will not be silent;
a fire devours before him,
and around him a tempest rages.

⁴ He summons the heavens above,
and the earth, that he may judge his people:

⁵ "Gather to me this consecrated people,
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice."

⁶ And the heavens proclaim his righteousness,
for he is a God of justice.

⁷ "Listen, my people, and I will speak;
I will testify against you, Israel:

I am God, your God.
sacrifices

or concerning your burnt offerings, which are
ever before me.

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 (NIV)

Faith in Action

¹¹ Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and
assurance about what we do not see.

² This is what the ancients were commended for.

³ By faith we understand that the universe was formed
at God's command, so that what is seen was not made
out of what was visible.

⁸ By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he
would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went,
even though he did not know where he was going.

⁹ By faith he made his home in the promised land like a
stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did
Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same
promise.

¹⁰ For he was looking forward to the city with
foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹ And
by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age,
was enabled to bear children because she considered
him faithful who had made the promise. ¹² And so from
this one man, and he as good as dead, came
descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and
as countless as the sand on the seashore.

¹³ All these people were still living by faith when they
died. They did not receive the things promised; they
only saw them and welcomed them from a distance,
admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on
earth. ¹⁴ People who say such things show that they are
looking for a country of their own. ¹⁵ If they had been
thinking of the country they had left, they would have
had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ Instead, they were longing
for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is
not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared
a city for them.

If you want to change the world, go home and love
your family. ~ Mother Teresa

CHURCH SERVICES

12 August	6pm	Hallsville	~ NO SERVICE
14 August	8.30 am	Gowrie	~ Meg Mangan HC
7 August	9am	Hallsville	~ NO SERVICE
7 August	11am	West	~ Meg Mangan HC

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PRAYER LIST

- Gordon Gibson is doing well after his operation, and is expected back in Tamworth in about a fortnight. We pray that his time in rehab in Melbourne goes well.
- We thank God that rain has continued to fall across our region, greening up the countryside and increasing the water levels in our dams.
- We pray for the members of our congregation in nursing homes: Margaret Pryor at BUPA, Betty Leese at Cottage Homes, Viv Chaffey at McKay House and Nancye Porter at Alblas Lodge. We are thankful for the care which they receive.
- We pray for each other. Several members of our congregation have ongoing health issues.

Meg's Musings

Last week I wrote about our grandsons' encounter with "old" Lego. On Sunday at Breeza, some members of the Quirindi picked up on the theme. They had recently purchased a small Lego set for their 4 year old grandson. The child carefully followed instructions, and built the model displayed on the box. The grandparents then asked if he was going to pull it apart and use the pieces to build something different. But the 4 year old wasn't interested. He wanted to keep it as it was. It seems that many children today have so much that they don't see the need to re-use, recycle or to adapt things. Lego becomes a toy boat, spaceship or whatever - it is no longer seen as a construction set. Most older Australians are still used to making do, and adapting the things around them to do whatever is needed.

But are we prepared to adapt our minds and ideas to new situations? Are our ideas set in concrete, or are we able to allow God to change us and to continue to grow us?

Jesus shook up the world which he came into. He questioned the habits and religious traditions which surrounded him.

Are you ready to ask the "big questions" and come up with new and exciting answers?

Blessings from Meg



"Even though there are days I wish I could change some things that happened in the past. There's a reason the rear view mirror is so small and the windshield is so big, where you're headed is much more important than what you've left behind."

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- August 9 ~ Ross Davidson
- August 12 ~ Nancye Porter
- August 13 ~ Judy Lennon



NOTICE: this SUNDAY
Congregational Meeting
August 7 at West following Luncheon.

A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.

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."

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Elders: Margaret Crowell Barbara Murray Doss Wark
Ross Davidson Bruce Jarrett



Luke 12:32-40 (NIV)

³² "Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom.

³³ Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys.

³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Watchfulness

³⁵ "Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, ³⁶ like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him.

³⁷ It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. Truly I tell you, he will dress himself to serve, will have them recline at the table and will come and wait on them.

³⁸ It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the middle of the night or toward daybreak.

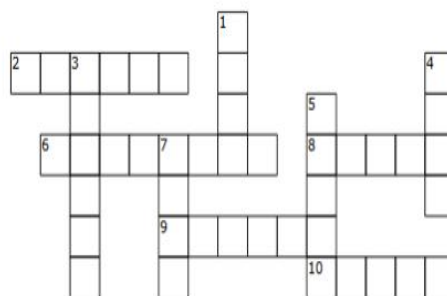
³⁹ But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into.

⁴⁰ You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him."

Treasures in Heaven

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
Luke 12:34 (NIV)

This puzzle is based on Luke 12:32-34 (NIV)



ACROSS

2. The home where we will live forever with God
6. Valuable things such as gold, silver, jewels, or money
8. The organ that pumps blood through the body
9. Small in size
10. A group of sheep that live or feed together

DOWN

1. Having little money or possessions
3. Filled with fear
4. An insect with wings similar to a butterfly, usually flies at night, and is attracted to light
5. Someone who steals
7. To exchange or deliver something for money



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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