



Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

5-7 May 2017

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Acts 2:42-47 (NIV)

The Fellowship of the Believers

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles.

⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common.

⁴⁵ They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need.

⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts,

⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people.

And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Psalm 23 (KJV)

²³ The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

² He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

³ He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

⁴ Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

⁵ Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

If God is for me, who can be against me? ~ Romans 8:31

1Peter 2:19-25 (NIV)

⁹ For it is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because they are conscious of God.

²⁰ But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God.

²¹ To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

²² "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth."

²³ When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly.

²⁴ "He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed."

²⁵ For "you were like sheep going astray," but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

What I'll Be

A friend wears a smile
When the world wears a frown.

A friend will lend a hand
To help when you're down.

A friend knows when to listen
And when to give advice

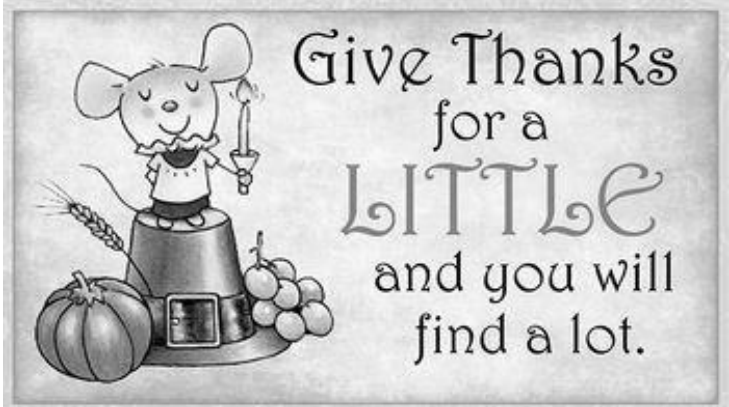
A friend is there without condition
Any time, day or night.

A friend is what I'll be,
Just as you've been to me. ~ PoetryPad

We have to stand up for what we believe in, even when we might not be popular for it. Honesty starts with being ourselves, authentic and true to who we are and what we believe in, and that may not always be popular, but it will always let you follow your dreams and your heart. ~ Tabatha Coffey

CHURCH SERVICES

12 May	5.30 pm	Hallsville	~ No service
14 May	8.30 am	Gowrie	~ No service
14 May	9 am	Hallsville	~ Meg Mangan HC
14 May	11am	West	~ Meg Mangan HC



HAPPY BIRTHDAY
10 May ~ Alison Forrester
11 May ~ Max Whitten

	1st Sunday of the month	4th Sunday of the month
	~ Luncheon @ West	~ Markets @ Hallsville
	3rd Sunday of the month	28 May
	~Trading Table @ West Tamworth	

..... enjoy & share the gift of the friendship of Jesus



PRAYER LIST.

- We give thanks to God for a very happy day last Sunday - and thanks too to Marshall and Judy, who made it all possible by "manning" the bus for us.
- We pray for those members of our congregation with colds, 'flu and winter ills. May they be feeling better very soon.
- We congratulate City church. Rev. Chris Wright will become their minister on 1st August. Chris will be a blessing to all of their congregation.
- We thank God for the wonderful blessing of enjoying long and fruitful lives.

Meg's Musings

Earlier this week I was making a cake with a recipe which I hadn't used for a couple of years.

It called for a cup of yoghurt. I had a tub of yoghurt in the frig, so no problems, you might think.

But when I got the yoghurt out, I realised that the tub size has been reduced from 250gm to 200gm, so I was short of yoghurt.

I made the recipe with what I had, and the cake tasted nice - perhaps a bit different to what I remembered, but alright.

But back to the yoghurt. In life many people try to short-change us, or to shift the goalposts, so that we have to make more effort to achieve the same results. It is a fact of modern life.

But that isn't true of our relationship with God. The only way that God has ever changed the goalposts, was to send Jesus. God did that so that it is easier for us to get to know him.

Although everyone else is trying to take advantage of us, or to "rip us off", God is trying to help us to find meaning and purpose in life - to give us "life in all its fullness".

Blessings from Meg



John 10:1-10 (NIV)

The Good Shepherd and His Sheep

10 "Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber.

²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep.

³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice.

⁵But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice."

⁶Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them.

⁷Therefore Jesus said again, "Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep.

⁸All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them.

⁹I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture.

¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

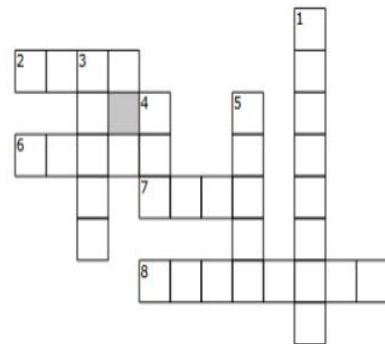
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His sheep follow him because they know his voice.
John 10:4b (NIV)

This puzzle is based on John 10:1-10 (NIV)



John 10:1-10



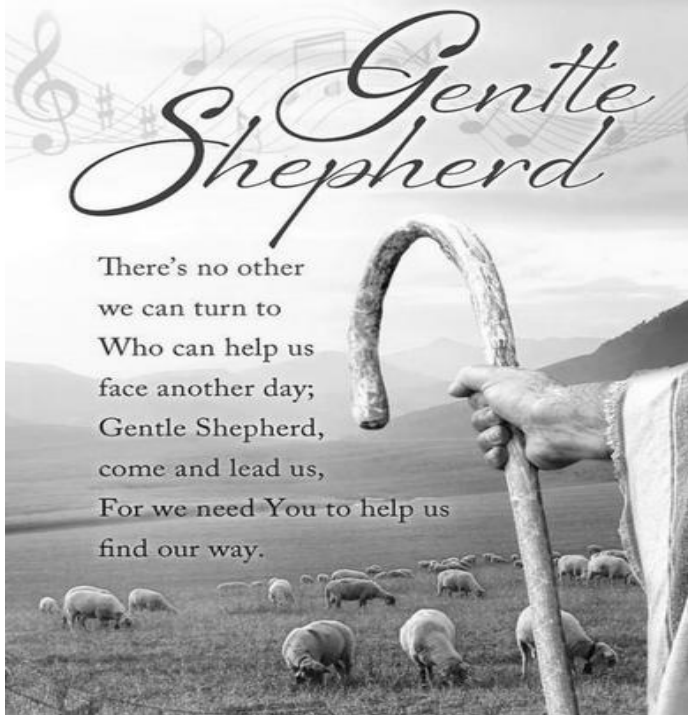
ACROSS

2. An opening in a fence for entrance or exit
6. The sound made when people speak or sing
7. The word or words by which a person or thing is known
8. A person who takes care of sheep

DOWN

1. Someone not known or not familiar
3. Someone who steals
4. A small area surrounded by a fence in which animals are kept
5. A farm animal with thick curly wool

Nobody cares how much you know, until they know how much you care. ~ Theodore Roosevelt



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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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