



Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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Acts 17:22-31 (NIV)

²² Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: "People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. ²³ For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you.

²⁴ "The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. ²⁵ And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. ²⁶ From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. ²⁷ God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. ²⁸ 'For in him we live and move and have our being.' As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.'

²⁹ "Therefore since we are God's offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by human design and skill. ³⁰ In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. ³¹ For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead."

1Peter 3:13-22 (NIV)

¹³ Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? ¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. "Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened."

¹⁵ But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶ keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behaviour in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. ¹⁷ For it is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. ¹⁸ For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. ¹⁹ After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits— ²⁰ to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, ²¹ and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

Psalms 66:8-20 (NIV)

⁸ Praise our God, all peoples,
let the sound of his praise be heard;
⁹ he has preserved our lives
and kept our feet from slipping.
¹⁰ For you, God, tested us;
you refined us like silver.
¹¹ You brought us into prison
and laid burdens on our backs.
¹² You let people ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water,
but you brought us to a place of abundance.
¹³ I will come to your temple with burnt offerings
and fulfill my vows to you—
¹⁴ vows my lips promised and my mouth spoke
when I was in trouble.
¹⁵ I will sacrifice fat animals to you
and an offering of rams;
I will offer bulls and goats.
¹⁶ Come and hear, all you who fear God;
let me tell you what he has done for me.
¹⁷ I cried out to him with my mouth;
his praise was on my tongue.
¹⁸ If I had cherished sin in my heart,
the Lord would not have listened;
¹⁹ but God has surely listened
and has heard my prayer.
²⁰ Praise be to God,
who has not rejected my prayer
or withheld his love from me!

- Truth is like the sun. You can shut it out for a time, but it ain't goin' away. ~ Elvis Presley
- Truth is powerful and it prevails. ~ Sojourner

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

20 May ~ Shirley Whitten

26 May ~ Bill Forrester

26 May ~ Glenda Slocombe

CHURCH SERVICES

26 May	5.30 pm	Hallsville	~ D Bissett
28 May	8.30 am	Gowrie	~ Meg Mangan
28 May	9 am	Hallsville	~ No service
28 May	11am	West	~ D Bissett

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	Marie Meyer	Barbara Murray
	Doss Wark	Ross Davidson	Bruce Jarrett



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PRAYER LIST.

- Donna had a specialist appointment in Sydney this week. We pray that it went well. It is a reminder to pray regularly for each other, as all of us have some health problems.
- We pray for Margaret Pryor. She recently suffered a stroke, and is finding it increasingly difficult to communicate.
- We pray for all of the congregations within our region. Many lay people are carrying the burden of keeping their churches going, without the assistance of a local minister.
- We pray for God's will to be done in our topsy-turvy world.

Meg's Musings

Words are an important part of our world. Without them, we would find it difficult to communicate effectively with one another. But it seems that words have been devalued in our modern world. There is so much "fake news" about. Words are being used to hide meaning, rather than to make things clear.

There have always been some people who have chosen to tell falsehoods or half-truths. But it seems to have become more common in recent times.

With the bombardment of words which cannot be trusted, what can we trust?

Jesus words from John 14:16-17 can be trusted, "I will ask the Father, and he will give you another to be your advocate the Spirit of truth."

Blessings from Meg



John 14:15-21 (NIV)

Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit

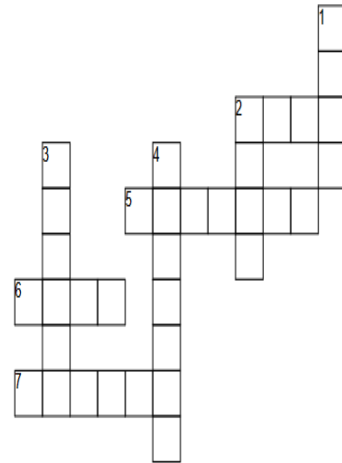
¹⁵ "If you love me, keep my commands.
¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—
¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.
¹⁸ I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.
¹⁹ Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live.
²⁰ On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you.
²¹ Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them."

Showing Our Love for Jesus

Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them. John 14:21 (NIV)



The words in the puzzle are based on John 14:15-21.



HORIZONTAL

2. To have a deep feeling of affection for another person
5. An endless period of time
6. To give evidence of something
7. A child who has lost both mother and father

VERTICAL

1. To obey (such as the rules)
2. To be alive; the opposite of die
3. The relationship of God to Jesus
4. A rule or an order given to a person to do something

Update:

A big thank-you to all who came to our first "drop-in" on Tuesday morning.

We now have a name, "Memory Lane", and will be operating on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month, between 10:00 and 11:30am.

Come along for a cuppa, a chat and join in the mornings activities - everyone is welcome!

*People were created to be loved.
 Things were created to be used.*

The reason why the world is in chaos:

*Things are being loved.
 People are being used.*



1st Sunday of the month

~ Luncheon @ West

3rd Sunday of the month

~ Trading Table @ West Tamworth

4th Sunday of the month

~ Markets @ Hallsville

28 May



Heavenly Father, we are quick to tell you that we love you — but we know that we need to show our love too. Help us to show our love for you — just as you show your love for us. In Jesus' name we pray. ~ **Amen.**

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