



Peel Valley Congregation

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Psalms 139:1-12, 23-24 (NIV)

- ¹ You have searched me, LORD, and you know me.
- ² You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.
- ³ You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.
- ⁴ Before a word is on my tongue you, LORD, know it completely.
- ⁵ You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me.
- ⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.
- ⁷ Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?
- ⁸ If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.
- ⁹ If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea,
- ¹⁰ even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.
- ¹¹ If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me,"
- ¹² even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you.
- ²³ Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.
- ²⁴ See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Meg's Musings

Psalm 139 speaks of God's intimate knowledge of us - and the fact that we can never move to somewhere where God is absent. God is choosing to be our constant companion.... at every stage of our lives.

Even when our behaviour would drive anyone else away, God still chooses to "stick around", and to be our friend.

One of the biggest challenges in life is for us to choose to know God as well as He knows us. Some people I know seem to be well on the way to such intimacy with God.

Is God your best friend????

Blessings from Meg



The first mobile phone was created by God. He named it "Prayer"....
It never loses its signal, you never have to recharge and it is paid for by love..
Use it anywhere at any time....!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

25 July ~ **Beulah Fenwick**

27 July ~ **Amity Debenham**

Romans 8: 12-25 (NIV)

- ¹² Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it.
 - ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.
 - ¹⁴ For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God.
 - ¹⁵ The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father."
 - ¹⁶ The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.
 - ¹⁷ Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.
- Present Suffering and Future Glory**
- ¹⁸ I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.
 - ¹⁹ For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed.
 - ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope
 - ²¹ that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.
 - ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.
 - ²³ Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies.
 - ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have?
 - ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

"When you aren't sincere you need to pretend, and by pretending you end up believing yourself ~ Moravia

Memory Lane- First & Third Tuesday of the month ~ 10am till 11:30am
West Tamworth Uniting Church, 77 Denison Street



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.

- We pray for both Evelyn and Fay who have had the 'flu this week. We pray for a quick return to good health.
- We pray for our members in aged care facilities - Viv Chaffey, Betty Leese, Nancye Porter, Judy Watts and Gordon Gibson.
- We pray for those people who have recently experienced bereavement.
- We pray for Rev. Chris Wright as he prepares for his role at City Church, and for Rev. Simon Hansford as he prepares to become Moderator of The Uniting Church in NSW.

Genesis 28:10-19a (NIV)

Jacob's Dream at Bethel

¹⁰ Jacob left Beersheba and set out for Harran. ¹¹ When he reached a certain place, he stopped for the night because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones there, he put it under his head and lay down to sleep. ¹² He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ¹³ There above it stood the LORD, and he said: "I am the LORD, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. ¹⁴ Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring. ¹⁵ I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." ¹⁶ When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I was not aware of it." ¹⁷ He was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven." ¹⁸ Early the next morning Jacob took the stone he had placed under his head and set it up as a pillar and poured oil on top of it. ¹⁹ He called that place Bethel

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 (NIV)

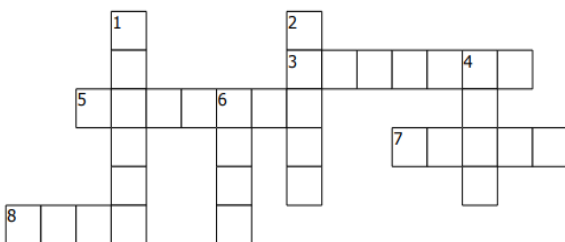
The Parable of the Weeds

²⁴ Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. ²⁵ But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. ²⁶ When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared. ²⁷ "The owner's servants came to him and said, 'Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?' ²⁸ "An enemy did this," he replied. "The servants asked him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?' ²⁹ "No," he answered, 'because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. ³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.'" **The Parable of the Weeds Explained** ³⁶ Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field." ³⁷ He answered, "The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸ The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. ⁴⁰ "As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. ⁴² They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear.

The Parable of the Weeds

When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared. Mathew 28:26 (NIV)

Puzzle is based on Matthew 13: 24-29



ACROSS

- 3. The time for gathering crops
- 5. Stories told by Jesus to teach his followers
- 7. A plant that crowds out the good plants
- 8. A building used for storing grain and housing farm animals

DOWN

- 1. The place where God is
- 2. A grain that is ground into flour used in cooking
- 4. A small pod placed in the ground to grow a plant
- 6. To damage or destroy by fire

NOTICE:Next weeks Church on a Bus will include lunch at the Currabubula Hotel, so numbers are needed. Please give your name to either Meg or Marg.

CHURCH ON A BUS

~ Meg Mangan
"West Of The Line"
Sunday July 30



You're never too important to be nice to people.

~Jon Batiste

CHURCH SERVICES

4 August	5.30 pm	Hallsaville	~ Meg Mangan
6 August	8.30 am	Gowrie	~ Meg Mangan
23 July	9 am	Hallsville	~ NO SERVICE
23 July	11am	West	~Meg Mangan



1st Sunday of the month

~ Luncheon @ West

3rd Sunday of the month

~Trading Table @ West Tamworth

4th Sunday of the month

~ Markets @ Hallsville

23 July

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