



Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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Genesis 32:22-31 (NIV) Jacob Wrestles With God

²² That night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two female servants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok.

²³ After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions.

²⁴ So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak.

²⁵ When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man. ²⁶ Then the man said, "Let me go, for it is daybreak."

But Jacob replied, "I will not let you go unless you bless me."

²⁷ The man asked him, "What is your name?"

"Jacob," he answered.

²⁸ Then the man said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome."

²⁹ Jacob said, "Please tell me your name."

But he replied, "Why do you ask my name?" Then he blessed him there.

³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared."

³¹ The sun rose above him as he passed Peniel, and he was limping because of his hip.

Psalms 17:1-7, 15 (NIV)

¹ Hear me, LORD, my plea is just; listen to my cry.

Hear my prayer—

it does not rise from deceitful lips.

² Let my vindication come from you;

may your eyes see what is right.

³ Though you probe my heart,

though you examine me at night and test me,

you will find that I have planned no evil;

my mouth has not transgressed.

⁴ Though people tried to bribe me,

I have kept myself from the ways of the violent

through what your lips have commanded.

⁵ My steps have held to your paths;

my feet have not stumbled.

⁶ I call on you, my God, for you will answer me;

turn your ear to me and hear my prayer.

⁷ Show me the wonders of your great love,

you who save by your right hand

those who take refuge in you from their foes.

¹⁵ As for me, I will be vindicated and will see your face;

when I awake, I will be satisfied with seeing your likeness.

Romans 9:1-5 (NIV)

Paul's Anguish Over Israel

⁹ I speak the truth in Christ—I am not lying, my conscience confirms it through the Holy Spirit—

¹² I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart.

³ For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my people, those of my own race, ⁴ the people of Israel. Theirs is the adoption to sonship; theirs the divine glory, the covenants, the receiving of the law, the temple worship and the promises.

⁵ Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of the Messiah, who is God over all, forever praised!

Amen.

**YOUR BELIEFS BECOME YOUR THOUGHTS,
YOUR THOUGHTS BECOME YOUR WORDS,
YOUR WORDS BECOME YOUR ACTIONS,
YOUR ACTIONS BECOME YOUR HABITS,
YOUR HABITS BECOME YOUR VALUES,
YOUR VALUES BECOME YOUR DESTINY.**

MAHATMA GANDHI

"Don't let your special character and values, the secret that you know and no one else does, the truth - don't let that get swallowed up by the great chewing complacency." ~ — Aesop

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.

- Please continue to pray for the Westbrooks. Bruce is now continually on oxygen.
- We pray for Mavis Crowell who is to have knee surgery this week.
- We pray for healing for Doss who has broken some ribs.
- Kevin Hoyt is now convalescing after breaking his leg. Please pray for his continued recovery.
- We give thanks for our many gifted congregation members. Among the items shared at Memory Lane on Tuesday was a colourful quilt Beulah had made, and exquisite tatting done by Viv and Mavis

Meg's Musings

What is the most perfect picnic that you can remember?

My great-aunt Alice in Goulburn remembered happy annual picnics where they played cricket on the flat, dry ground. Then one year, they couldn't play cricket. After a number of dry years, there had been lots of rain, and Lake George had refilled. I guess that qualifies as a picnic where they witnessed a miracle.

Matthew's reading this week talks about a picnic where the food just appeared. We don't know how, but we can certainly give the credit to Jesus, who cared about the needs of each and every person present.

Jesus also cares about each and every one of our needs - today, and always.



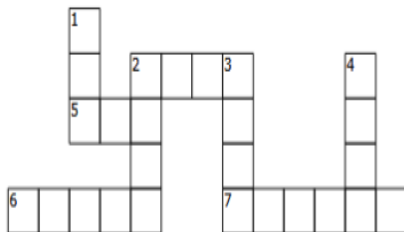
Blessings from Meg

Jesus Feeds The Five Thousand



They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. Matthew 14:20 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 14:13-21 (NIV)



ACROSS

2. An animal without legs that lives in water
5. The number equal to one plus one
6. A basic food made from flour, water, and yeast mixed together and baked
7. Pieces of bread shaped and baked in a single piece and sliced for eating

DOWN

1. To take food into your mouth, chew, and swallow it
2. What we eat to give us energy and to help us grow strong bodies
3. To cure someone of illness or disease; to make someone well again
4. The number that comes after four and before six

Matthew 14:13-21 (NIV)

Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand

¹³ When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns.

¹⁴ When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick.

¹⁵ As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food."

¹⁶ Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat."

¹⁷ "We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered.

¹⁸ "Bring them here to me," he said.

¹⁹ And he directed the people to sit down on the grass.

Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people.

²⁰ They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over.

²¹ The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Never regret a day in your life: good days give happiness, bad days give experience, worst days give lessons, and best days give memories.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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



CHURCH SERVICES

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| 11 August 5.30 pm | Hallsville | ~ NO SERVICE |
| 13 August 8.30 am | Gowrie | ~ NO SERVICE |
| 13 August 9 am | Hallsville | ~ Anna Davidson |
| 13 August 11am | West | ~ Evelyn Keane |



So today, in church, a guy in a dress tried to drown me.
And, I am not joking, my family just stood around taking pictures!!!!



1st Sunday of the month

~ Luncheon @ West

3rd Sunday of the month

~ Trading Table @ West Tamworth

4th Sunday of the month

~ Markets @ Hallsville

27 August

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