



Peel Valley Congregation

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Exodus 1:8-2:10 (NIV)

⁸Then a new king, to whom Joseph meant nothing, came to power in Egypt. ⁹"Look," he said to his people, "the Israelites have become far too numerous for us. ¹⁰Come, we must deal shrewdly with them or they will become even more numerous and, if war breaks out, will join our enemies, fight against us and leave the country."

¹¹So they put slave masters over them to oppress them with forced labor, and they built Pithom and Rameses as store cities for Pharaoh. ¹²But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread; so the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites ¹³and worked them ruthlessly. ¹⁴They made their lives bitter with harsh labor in brick and mortar and with all kinds of work in the fields; in all their harsh labor the Egyptians worked them ruthlessly.

¹⁵The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, whose names were Shiphrah and Puah, ¹⁶"When you are helping the Hebrew women during childbirth on the delivery stool, if you see that the baby is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, let her live." ¹⁷The midwives, however, feared God and did not do what the king of Egypt had told them to do; they let the boys live. ¹⁸Then the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and asked them, "Why have you done this? Why have you let the boys live?"

¹⁹The midwives answered Pharaoh, "Hebrew women are not like Egyptian women; they are vigorous and give birth before the midwives arrive."

²⁰So God was kind to the midwives and the people increased and became even more numerous. ²¹And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families of their own.

²²Then Pharaoh gave this order to all his people: "Every Hebrew boy that is born you must throw into the Nile, but let every girl live."

The Birth of Moses

²Now a man of the tribe of Levi married a Levite woman, ²and she became pregnant and gave birth to a son. When she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him for three months. ³But when she could hide him no longer, she got a papyrus basket for him and coated it with tar and pitch. Then she placed the child in it and put it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile. ⁴His sister stood at a distance to see what would happen to him.

⁵Then Pharaoh's daughter went down to the Nile to bathe, and her attendants were walking along the riverbank. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her female slave to get it. ⁶She opened it and saw the baby. He was crying, and she felt sorry for him. "This is one of the Hebrew babies," she said.

⁷Then his sister asked Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get one of the Hebrew women to nurse the baby for you?"

⁸"Yes, go," she answered. So the girl went and got the baby's mother. ⁹Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this baby and nurse him for me, and I will pay you." So the woman took the baby and nursed him. ¹⁰When the child grew older, she took him to Pharaoh's daughter and he became her son. She named him Moses, saying, "I drew him out of the water."

Romans 12:1-8 (NIV)

A Living Sacrifice

¹²Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. ²Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Humble Service in the Body of Christ

³For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. ⁴For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. ⁶We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; ⁷if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; ⁸if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

Psalms 124 (NIV)

¹If the LORD had not been on our side—
let Israel say—

²if the LORD had not been on our side
when people attacked us,

³they would have swallowed us alive
when their anger flared against us;

⁴the flood would have engulfed us,
the torrent would have swept over us,

⁵the raging waters
would have swept us away.

⁶Praise be to the LORD,
who has not let us be torn by their teeth.

⁷We have escaped like a bird
from the fowler's snare;
the snare has been broken,
and we have escaped.

⁸Our help is in the name of the LORD,
the Maker of heaven and earth.

"Health is the greatest gift, contentment the greatest wealth, faithfulness the best relationship

~ Buddha



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

28 August ~ Anna Davidson

31 August ~ Fiona Hansford

31 August ~ Alan Littlejohns

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



PRAYER LIST.

- We thank God that Myra and Bill Forrester have been such involved members of Peel Valley for many years. We also pray that they will find joy in worshipping at St.Peters with their daughter and her family.
- We pray for everyone affected by the 'flu epidemic at the moment. We also pray for each other, that our members don't catch it.
- We continue to uphold Marie Westbrook, and her family, in our prayers.
- We also pray for the family of Jean Pannan, who died last week.
- We pray for rain, as our district is drying out after many windy days.

Meg's Musings

In this weeks Bible reading from Matthew, we read about Jesus asking the disciples about who people thought that Jesus was. I imagine that it could have been a bit of a fun session, with people getting a bit of a laugh at some of the answers.

All of the answers recorded in the reading had two things in common - they were prophets who were greatly revered..... and they were dead.

When Jesus asked who the disciples thought he was, Peter got it right. "You are the Christ, the son of the living God."

Peter saw Jesus as a one-off - not the reincarnation of a dead person. And Peter saw Jesus as representing the living God.

To sum up Jesus in those words showed true insight by Peter. How would you describe Jesus?

Blessings from Meg

Matthew 16:13-20 (NIV)

Peter Declares That Jesus Is the Messiah

¹³ When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"

¹⁴ They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

¹⁵ "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

¹⁷ Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven.

¹⁸ And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.

¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

²⁰ Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Peter's Confession of Christ

"But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Matthew 16:15 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 16:13-20 (NIV)



**At the end of life,
what really matters is not
what we bought but what we
built; not what we got but what
we shared; not our competence
but our character; and not our
success, but our significance.
Live a life that matters.
Live a life of love!**

CHURCH SERVICES

1 September	5.30 pm	Hallsville	~
3 September	8.30 am	Gowrie	~
3 September	9 am	Hallsville	~
3 September	11 am	West	~



ACROSS

1. Persons; men, women, and children; human beings
4. A large stone that sticks up out of the ground or the sea
7. A male parent
8. The Messiah, as foretold by the prophets
10. An adult male human being

DOWN

2. The name that Jesus called Simon
3. A persons who speaks for God
5. To speak
6. The whole body of believers in Christ
9. A male child in relation to his parents

Dear God, help me to remember that nothing is going to happen to me today that You and I together can't handle. Amen



Memory Lane- First & Third Tuesday of the month ~ 10am till 11:30am

West Tamworth Uniting Church, 77 Denison Street
NB: Memory Lane is not on this week (5th Tuesday of the month). On Tuesday, 5th September
 Eddie Whitham will be giving us some insights into the Jewish religion.

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 Marie Meyer Barbara Murray
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| 1st Sunday of the month
~ Luncheon @ West | 4th Sunday of the month
~ Markets @ Hallsville |
| 3rd Sunday of the month
~Trading Table @ West Tamworth | 24 September |

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