



# Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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## Exodus 12:1-14 (NIV)

### The Passover and the Festival of Unleavened Bread

12 The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, <sup>2</sup>“This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. <sup>3</sup>Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb<sup>l</sup> for his family, one for each household. <sup>4</sup>If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbor, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat. <sup>5</sup>The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats. <sup>6</sup>Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the members of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight. <sup>7</sup>Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs. <sup>8</sup>That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast. <sup>9</sup>Do not eat the meat raw or boiled in water, but roast it over a fire—with the head, legs and internal organs. <sup>10</sup>Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, you must burn it. <sup>11</sup>This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the LORD’s Passover. <sup>12</sup>“On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn of both people and animals, and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD. <sup>13</sup>The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt. <sup>14</sup>“This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD—a lasting ordinance.

**Bible Study ~** Our first Peel Valley Congregation bible study will be on:

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 2:30 till 4:00pm.**

Everyone is welcome. We would love to see you at West’s church. Ross is trying to enlist the help of Jim Newton who has expressed interest in assisting Peel Valley with our mission activities.

If a thing is free to be good it is also free to be bad. Free will is what has made evil possible. Why, then, did God give free will? Because free will, though it makes evil possible, is also the only thing that makes possible any love or goodness or joy worth having. ~ CS Lewis

## Romans 13:8-14 (NIV)

### Love Fulfills the Law

<sup>8</sup> Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law.

<sup>9</sup> The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery,” “You shall not murder,” “You shall not steal,” “You shall not covet,” and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.”

<sup>10</sup> Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

### The Day Is Near

<sup>11</sup> And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed.

<sup>12</sup> The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.

<sup>13</sup> Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy.

<sup>14</sup> Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

## Psalms 149 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD.

Sing to the LORD a new song,  
his praise in the assembly of his faithful people.

<sup>2</sup> Let Israel rejoice in their Maker;

let the people of Zion be glad in their King.

<sup>3</sup> Let them praise his name with dancing

and make music to him with timbrel and harp.

<sup>4</sup> For the LORD takes delight in his people;

he crowns the humble with victory.

<sup>5</sup> Let his faithful people rejoice in this honor

and sing for joy on their beds.

<sup>6</sup> May the praise of God be in their mouths

and a double-edged sword in their hands,

<sup>7</sup> to inflict vengeance on the nations

and punishment on the peoples,

<sup>8</sup> to bind their kings with fetters,

their nobles with shackles of iron,

<sup>9</sup> to carry out the sentence written against them—

this is the glory of all his faithful people.

Praise the LORD.

## CHURCH SERVICES

15 September 5.30 pm

**Hallsville** ~ Marg Crowell

17 September 8.30 am

**Gowrie** ~ Marg Crowell

17 September 9 am

**Hallsville** ~NO SERVICE

17 September 11am

**West** ~Rev Chris Wright

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



### PRAYER LIST.

- Thanks to the members of our congregation who have prayed for Mel. She is home from St. Vincents, but has a long recovery ahead of her.
- Fay's daughter Bronwyn now has a date for surgery, but it is still quite some time away. Please continue to pray for her.
- Kevin and Mavis are both out of hospital, and convalescing. They still require lots of physio - and prayer.
- We pray for world peace.
- We pray for the victims of Hurricane Irma.

### Meg's Musings

Last weekend I attended my uncles' 95th birthday, and 70th wedding anniversary.

Many of my cousins, and their children and grandchildren were there. It was interesting to notice the family resemblances - same hair, same fair skin, same smile, etc. in people of several generations.

Just as we pass on our genes to our children, we also pass on character traits. Laurie noticed how gently two of my cousins tended their frail Mum (my aunt).

When we show kindness, loyalty and love to the people around us - our families and others - we help those characteristics to grow within our world.

Jesus encouraged us to love as he loved. That isn't always easy, but it certainly makes a difference!

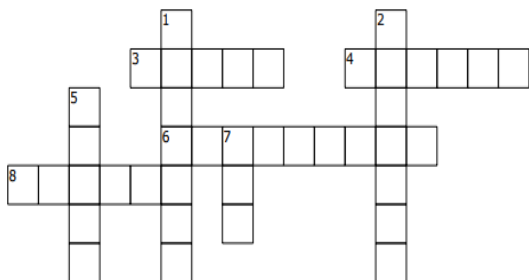
Blessings from Meg



## When Someone Hurts You

"If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. Matthew 18:15a

Based on Matthew 18:15-20 (NIV)



#### ACROSS

3. A statement proven to be accurate
4. To pay attention; To make an effort to hear something
6. A spoken or written statement that something is true
8. All followers of Christ as a group

#### DOWN

1. A member of the same race, church, religious group, or organization
2. A person who sees an event happen
5. A quality in a person that shows that they are not perfect
7. Breaking a religious law



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

13 September ~ Viv Chaffey  
15 September ~ Audrey Debenham



1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month

~ Luncheon @ West

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month

~ Trading Table @ West Tamworth

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month

~ Markets @ Hallsville

24 September

### Matthew 18:15-20 (NIV)

#### Dealing With Sin in the Church

<sup>15</sup> "If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over.

<sup>16</sup> "But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.'

<sup>17</sup> "If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

<sup>18</sup> "Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

<sup>19</sup> "Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven.

<sup>20</sup> **For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."**

Dear God, help us to remember that when we refuse to welcome others to our homes and to our church, it is the same as refusing to welcome you. ~ Amen.



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

West Tamworth Uniting Church, 77 Denison Street

What a wonderful, informative presentation by Eddie Whitham this week on the Jewish faith. We certainly would like to have Eddie back again to continue the story.

#### Operation Christmas Child

Several members of the congregation have discussed the opportunity of following the lead of other Australian churches in Operation Christmas Child, which is running now and continues until the end of October.

We are being asked to fill shoe boxes with new items of clothing, small toys and other useful items suitable to be sent in time for Christmas to our children in the Pacific Islands.

When we next meet for Memory Lane we will be covering shoe boxes in wrapping paper and we'll let everyone know the items that can be included and those that would be rejected!

Each box will also include a hand-written message from you, sending your love to a child.

We hope you will join in with this worthwhile project.

#### 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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