



Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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Exodus 32:1-14 (NIV)

The Golden Calf

³² When the people saw that Moses was so long in coming down from the mountain, they gathered around Aaron and said, "Come, make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don't know what has happened to him."

² Aaron answered them, "Take off the gold earrings that your wives, your sons and your daughters are wearing, and bring them to me."

³ So all the people took off their earrings and brought them to Aaron.

⁴ He took what they handed him and made it into an idol cast in the shape of a calf, fashioning it with a tool. Then they said, "These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt."

⁵ When Aaron saw this, he built an altar in front of the calf and announced, "Tomorrow there will be a festival to the LORD."

⁶ So the next day the people rose early and sacrificed burnt offerings and presented fellowship offerings. Afterward they sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry.

⁷ Then the LORD said to Moses, "Go down, because your people, whom you brought up out of Egypt, have become corrupt.

⁸ They have been quick to turn away from what I commanded them and have made themselves an idol cast in the shape of a calf. They have bowed down to it and sacrificed to it and have said, 'These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.'

⁹ "I have seen these people," the LORD said to Moses, "and they are a stiff-necked people.

¹⁰ Now leave me alone so that my anger may burn against them and that I may destroy them. Then I will make you into a great nation."

¹¹ But Moses sought the favor of the LORD his God. "LORD," he said, "why should your anger burn against your people, whom you brought out of Egypt with great power and a mighty hand?

¹² Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out, to kill them in the mountains and to wipe them off the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce anger; relent and do not bring disaster on your people.

¹³ Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac and Israel, to whom you swore by your own self: 'I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and I will give your descendants all this land I promised them, and it will be their inheritance forever.'"

¹⁴ Then the LORD relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

Psalms 106:1-6, 19-23 (NIV)

¹ Praise the LORD.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

² Who can proclaim the mighty acts of the LORD or fully declare his praise?

³ Blessed are those who act justly, who always do what is right.

⁴ Remember me, LORD, when you show favour to your people,

come to my aid when you save them,

⁵ that I may enjoy the prosperity of your chosen ones, that I may share in the joy of your nation and join your inheritance in giving praise.

⁶ We have sinned, even as our ancestors did; we have done wrong and acted wickedly.

¹⁹ At Horeb they made a calf and worshiped an idol cast from metal.

²⁰ They exchanged their glorious God for an image of a bull, which eats grass.

²¹ They forgot the God who saved them, who had done great things in Egypt,

²² miracles in the land of Ham and awesome deeds by the Red Sea.

²³ So he said he would destroy them—had not Moses, his chosen one, stood in the breach before him to keep his wrath from destroying them.

Philippians 4:1-9 (NIV)

Closing Appeal for Steadfastness and Unity

⁴ Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!

² I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord.

³ Yes, and I ask you, my true companion, help these women since they have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Final Exhortations

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!

⁵ Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.

⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

⁹ Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice.

And the God of peace will be with you.

"Be still and know that I am God" ~ Psalm 46:10

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

PRAYER LIST.

- We say "Thank You" to God for the rain which has fallen over the past week.
- We pray for Eunice Lunnay, who is unwell.
- We pray for the family of Phillip Brown. Phillip, part of the extended Fenwick family, died last weekend.
- We give thanks that Steve Scorgie received a pacemaker last Monday, and is recovering at home.
- Beth and Peter Scorgie would appreciate our prayers after their big move last week.
- We pray for peace for Betty Leese.
- Many of the Alblas residents are unwell, and we pray for all of the residents and staff.

Meg's Musings

In the past week the bottle-brush trees have changed from just foliage to a blaze of crimson. They look delightful!
 What triggered the dramatic change?
 Was it a sudden surge of days with temperatures over 30 degrees?
 Was it the arrival of the first rain for several weeks?
 Was it the fact that it is now October?
 I guess that the impetus to bloom is probably a combination of factors - some of which I have no idea about.
 But I do know what triggered the most dramatic change that mankind has ever experienced - the coming of Christ into the world..... it was caused by God's love for each and every one of us.
 I pray that knowledge of such love allows you to bloom too.

Blessings from Meg



The Wedding Banquet

So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, both good and bad, and the wedding hall was filled with guests. Matthew 22:10

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
P	R	V	G	K	W	S	T	L	X	Q	E	A	D	H	F	B	N	C	O	U	I	J	Y	M	Z

1. 4-21-12-7-8-7 _____
2. 22-18-3-22-8-12-14 _____
3. 14-22-18-18-12-2 _____
4. 1-13-2-13-17-9-12 _____
5. 6-12-14-14-22-18-4 _____
6. 7-12-2-3-13-18-8-7 _____
7. 17-13-18-11-21-12-8 _____
8. 2-12-16-21-7-12-14 _____

Matthew 22:1-14 (NIV)

The Parable of the Wedding Banquet

22 Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying:
² "The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son.
³ He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come.
⁴ "Then he sent some more servants and said, 'Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.'
⁵ "But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business.
⁶ The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them.
⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city.
⁸ "Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come.
⁹ So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.'
¹⁰ So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests.
¹¹ "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes.
¹² He asked, 'How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?' The man was speechless.
¹³ "Then the king told the attendants, 'Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'
¹⁴ "For many are invited, but few are chosen."

Peel Valley Congregation

West Tamworth Uniting Church, 77 Denison Street
Memory Lane ~ First & Third Tuesday of the month 10am till 11:30am
Bible Study ~ Third Thursday of the month 2:30pm 4pm
 Peel Valley Congregation ~ Operation Christmas Child
 Contact Evelyn for more information.



NOTICE OF MEETING

Peel Valley Congregation AGM
12 November 2017
 Following combined service at Gowrie

CHURCH SERVICES

22 October 11am
PEEL VALLEY CONGREGATION
 combined service at West

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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

15 October ~ **Audrey Davidson**
 18 October ~ **Shelby Davidson**



1st Sunday of the month ~ Luncheon @ West
3rd Sunday of the month ~ Trading Table @ West Tamworth
4th Sunday of the month ~ Markets @ Hallsville
22 October

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