



Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

3-5 November 2017

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Joshua 3:7-17 (NIV)

⁷ And the LORD said to Joshua, "Today I will begin to exalt you in the eyes of all Israel, so they may know that I am with you as I was with Moses.

⁸ Tell the priests who carry the ark of the covenant: "When you reach the edge of the Jordan's waters, go and stand in the river."

⁹ Joshua said to the Israelites, "Come here and listen to the words of the LORD your God.

¹⁰ This is how you will know that the living God is among you and that he will certainly drive out before you the Canaanites, Hittites, Hivites, Perizzites, Girgashites, Amorites and Jebusites.

¹¹ See, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth will go into the Jordan ahead of you.

¹² Now then, choose twelve men from the tribes of Israel, one from each tribe.

¹³ And as soon as the priests who carry the ark of the LORD—the Lord of all the earth—set foot in the Jordan, its waters flowing downstream will be cut off and stand up in a heap."

¹⁴ So when the people broke camp to cross the Jordan, the priests carrying the ark of the covenant went ahead of them.

¹⁵ Now the Jordan is at flood stage all during harvest. Yet as soon as the priests who carried the ark reached the Jordan and their feet touched the water's edge,

¹⁶ the water from upstream stopped flowing. It piled up in a heap a great distance away, at a town called Adam in the vicinity of Zarethan, while the water flowing down to the Sea of the Arabah (that is, the Dead Sea) was completely cut off. So the people crossed over opposite Jericho.

¹⁷ The priests who carried the ark of the covenant of the LORD stopped in the middle of the Jordan and stood on dry ground, while all Israel passed by until the whole nation had completed the crossing on dry ground.

Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37 (NIV)

¹ Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

² Let the redeemed of the LORD tell their story—those he redeemed from the hand of the foe,

³ those he gathered from the lands, from east and west, from north and south.

⁴ Some wandered in desert wastelands, finding no way to a city where they could settle.

⁵ They were hungry and thirsty, and their lives ebbed away.

⁶ Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.

⁷ He led them by a straight way to a city where they could settle.

³³ He turned rivers into a desert, flowing springs into thirsty ground,

³⁴ and fruitful land into a salt waste, because of the wickedness of those who lived there.

³⁵ He turned the desert into pools of water and the parched ground into flowing springs;

³⁶ there he brought the hungry to live, and they founded a city where they could settle.

³⁷ They sowed fields and planted vineyards that yielded a fruitful harvest;

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 (NIV)

⁹ Surely you remember, brothers and sisters, our toil and hardship; we worked night and day in order not to be a burden to anyone while we preached the gospel of God to you.

¹⁰ You are witnesses, and so is God, of how holy, righteous and blameless we were among you who believed.

¹¹ For you know that we dealt with each of you as a father deals with his own children, ¹² encouraging, comforting and urging you to live lives worthy of God, who calls you into his kingdom and glory.

¹³ And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is indeed at work in you who believe.

It is unwise to be too sure of one's own wisdom. It is healthy to be reminded that the strongest might weaken and the wisest might err. ~ Mahatma Gandhi

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next week a combined service, Annual General Meeting and BBQ will be held at Gowrie at 11:00am. Please contact Meg if you need transport.



A WARM WELCOME to Myles Lewington and his family and friends. Myles will be baptised at Hallsville today.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

8 November ~ **Doss Wark**

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 Barbara Murray
Doss Wark Ross Davidson Bruce Jarrett

NOTICE OF MEETING

Peel Valley Congregation AGM

12 November 2017

Following combined service at Gowrie

Always end the day with a positive thought.
No matter how hard things were,
Tomorrow's a fresh opportunity to make it better.

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



IN OUR PRAYERS

- Nancye Porter died last week, and we pray for her family at this time.
- We continue to pray for the many other people who have been badly affected by the 'flu this season.
- We give thanks for the enjoyable church service and bus trip to Breeza last weekend.
- This week we celebrated All Saints Day, and we acknowledge the many friends and family members who have helped to nurture our faith during our lives.

Meg's Musings

It is now just over 7 weeks until Christmas. This week there been a transition in the shops from the Halloween theme - towards snow, tinsel, Christmas trees and "Santa Claus" red. The shops have got Christmas stocks displayed. But they have failed to show a shred of real Christmas spirit. There is no reference to the Christmas story. Peace and goodwill are overlooked in the mad scramble to be ready for the festivities.

Presents, parties and spending seem to have overtaken the true Christmas spirit and message. Yet our world has perhaps never been more in need of the reminder that God loves us so much that he sent Jesus to be with us.

We have time to choose which aspects of Christmas we will focus on. How are you planning to celebrate Christmas this year?

Blessings from Meg



1 John 3:1-3 (NIV)

3 See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!

And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

² Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known.

But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

³ All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

MOTHER TERESA'S HUMILITY LIST

- 1 Speak as little as possible about yourself.
- 2 Keep busy with your own affairs and not the affairs of others.
- 3 Avoid curiosity and gossip.
- 4 Do not interfere with the affair of others.
- 5 Accept irritations with good humor.
- 6 Do not dwell on the faults of others.
- 7 Accept censures, even if unmerited
- 8 Give into the will of others, and not your own will.
- 9 Accept insults and injuries.
- 10 Accept being forgotten and disregarded.
- 11 Be courteous, even when provoked by someone.
- 12 Do not seek to be admired, praised or loved.
- 13 Do not protect yourself behind your own dignity.
- 14 In discussions give in, even when you are right.
- 15 Choose always the more difficult path.

Peel Valley Congregation

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

Matthew 23:1-12 (NIV)

A Warning Against Hypocrisy

23 Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples:

² "The teachers of the law and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat.

³ So you must be careful to do everything they tell you.

But do not do what they do, for they do not practice what they preach.

⁴ They tie up heavy, cumbersome loads and put them on other people's shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to lift a finger to move them.

⁵ "Everything they do is done for people to see: They make their phylacteries wide and the tassels on their garments long; ⁶ they love the place of honor at banquets and the most important seats in the synagogues; ⁷ they love to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces and to be called 'Rabbi' by others.

⁸ "But you are not to be called 'Rabbi,' for you have one Teacher, and you are all brothers.

⁹ And do not call anyone on earth 'father,' for you have one Father, and he is in heaven.

¹⁰ Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one Instructor, the Messiah.

¹¹ The greatest among you will be your servant.

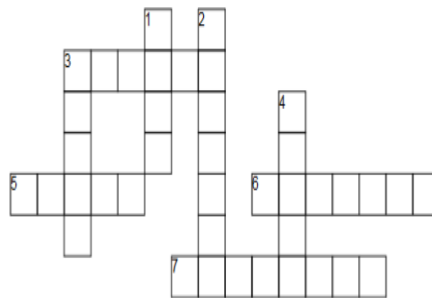
¹² For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.

A Lesson in Humility

The greatest among you will be your servant. For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted. Matthew 23:11-12 (NIV)



Complete the activity below.



ACROSS

3. To consider yourself as having no special importance; not proud
5. A large gathering of people
6. A formal dinner honoring a particular person or occasion
7. Most important, powerful, or famous

DOWN

1. To do what you are told or expected to do
2. Someone who trains or instructs other people
3. A place of high respect or esteem
4. To praise someone or raise to a more powerful position

CHURCH SERVICES

10 November 6pm Hallsville ~ NO SERVICE

12 November COMBINED SERVICE

12 November 11 am GOWRIE ~ Evelyn

12 November



1st Sunday of the month

~ Luncheon @ West

3rd Sunday of the month

~ Trading Table @ West Tamworth

4th Sunday of the month

~ Markets @ Hallsville

26 November

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