



Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 (NIV)

The Covenant Renewed at Shechem

24 Then Joshua assembled all the tribes of Israel at Shechem. He summoned the elders, leaders, judges and officials of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. ² Joshua said to all the people, "This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'Long ago your ancestors, including Terah the father of Abraham and Nahor, lived beyond the Euphrates River and worshiped other gods. ³ But I took your father Abraham from the land beyond the Euphrates and led him throughout Canaan and gave him many descendants.

¹⁴ "Now fear the LORD and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD.

¹⁵ But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

¹⁶ Then the people answered, "Far be it from us to forsake the LORD to serve other gods! ¹⁷ It was the LORD our God himself who brought us and our parents up out of Egypt, from that land of slavery, and performed those great signs before our eyes. He protected us on our entire journey and among all the nations through which we traveled. ¹⁸ And the LORD drove out before us all the nations, including the Amorites, who lived in the land. We too will serve the LORD, because he is our God."

¹⁹ Joshua said to the people, "You are not able to serve the LORD. He is a holy God; he is a jealous God. He will not forgive your rebellion and your sins. ²⁰ If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, he will turn and bring disaster on you and make an end of you, after he has been good to you."

²¹ But the people said to Joshua, "No! We will serve the LORD."

²² Then Joshua said, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen to serve the LORD." "Yes, we are witnesses," they replied.

²³ "Now then," said Joshua, "throw away the foreign gods that are among you and yield your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel."

²⁴ And the people said to Joshua, "We will serve the LORD our God and obey him."

²⁵ On that day Joshua made a covenant for the people, and there at Shechem he reaffirmed for them decrees and laws.

Psalms 78:1-7 (NIV)

¹ My people, hear my teaching; listen to the words of my mouth.

² I will open my mouth with a parable; I will utter hidden things, things from of old—
³ things we have heard and known, things our ancestors have told us.

⁴ We will not hide them from their descendants; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD, his power, and the wonders he has done.

⁵ He decreed statutes for Jacob and established the law in Israel, which he commanded our ancestors to teach their children,

⁶ so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children.

⁷ Then they would put their trust in God and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (NIV)

Believers Who Have Died

¹³ Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope.

¹⁴ For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him.

¹⁵ According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep.

¹⁶ For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

¹⁷ After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.

¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Miracle?

Father O'Malley was driving down to Sydney when got stopped for speeding in Maitland. The highway patrol officer smelled alcohol on the priest's breath and then saw an empty wine bottle on the floor of the car. He said, 'Father, have you been drinking?' 'Only water', replied Father O'Malley. The policeman asked, 'Then how come I can smell wine?'

The priest looked at the bottle and said, 'Good Lord! He's done it again.'



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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



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IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray for the family and friends of Amy Garment, who died last week.
- We pray for Donna Harrow, who is still having health and mobility issues.
- We thank God for the rain which fell last Monday.
- We continue to pray for those who have developed the 'flu. It is still "doing the rounds" in Tamworth.

Meg's Musings

During the week I visited Viv Chaffey at McKay House. Viv showed me her latest trophy - won as she had scored the most points during the past twelve months indoor bowls competition. She will be putting it with the other two trophies she has won since becoming a resident at McKay House. Viv was proud of her accomplishments, and justifiably so. It seems to me that we are never too old to do our best - God has given each of us abilities. Sometimes illness can get in the way of us using some of our strengths. When that occurs, we can take the opportunity to see what we can still do, rather than focusing on what we can't do. Who knows what trophies await us!

Blessings from Meg



A Modern Version of The 10 Commandments

- 1 You should not worry, for worry is the most unproductive of all human activities.
 - 2 You should not be fearful, for most of the things we fear never come to pass.
 - 3 You should not cross bridges before you come to them, for no one yet has succeeded in accomplishing this.
 - 4 You should face each problem as it comes. You can only handle one at a time anyway.
 - 5 You should not take problems to bed with you, for they make very poor bedfellows.
 - 6 You should not borrow other people's problems. They can better care for them than you can.
 - 7 You should not try to relive yesterday for good or ill, it is forever gone. Concentrate on what is happening in your life and be happy now!
 - 8 You should be a good listener, for only when you listen do you hear ideas different from your own. It is hard to learn something new when you are talking, and some people do know more than you do.
 - 9 You should not become "bogged down" by frustration, for 90% of it is rooted in self-pity and will only interfere with positive action.
 - 10 You should count thy blessings, never overlooking the small ones, for a lot of small blessings add up to a big one.
- ~ <http://www.guy-sports.com>

HAPPY BIRTHDAY 11 November ~ **Mavis Crowell**

CHURCH SERVICES

17 November	6pm	Hallsville	~ Meg Mangan
19 November	8.30am	Gowrie	~ Meg Mangan
19 November	9am	Hallsville	~ NO SERVICE
19 November	11am	West	~ Rev Chris Wright



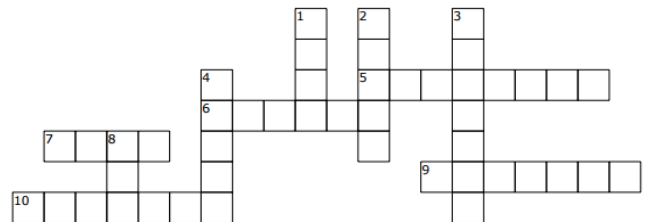
Matthew 25:1-13 (NIV)

The Parable of the Ten Virgins

25 "At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom.
² Five of them were foolish and five were wise.
³ The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them.
⁴ The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps.
⁵ The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep.
⁶ "At midnight the cry rang out: 'Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!'
⁷ "Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps.
⁸ The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.'
⁹ "No,' they replied, 'there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.'
¹⁰ "But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut.
¹¹ "Later the others also came. 'Lord, Lord,' they said, 'open the door for us!'
¹² "But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I don't know you.'
¹³ "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour."

Parable of the Bridesmaids

Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour. Matthew 25:13 (NIV)
 Based on Matthew 25:1-13 (NIV)



ACROSS

5. 12 o'clock at night
6. Not awake
7. A swinging or sliding cover over the place where someone usually enters a room
9. Ceremony in which a man and a woman are married.
10. Someone who does not use good judgment is _____.

DOWN

1. Someone who has good judgment and makes good decisions is _____.
2. Devices used to produce light
3. A feast or meal held in recognition of some person or occasion
4. To observe or look at something
8. A liquid that is often used to make fuel.

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



1st Sunday of the month

~ Luncheon @ West

3rd Sunday of the month

~ Trading Table @ West Tamworth

4th Sunday of the month

~ Markets @ Hallsville

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