



Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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Judges 4:1-7 (NIV)

Deborah

4 Again the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the LORD, now that Ehud was dead.

² So the LORD sold them into the hands of Jabin king of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor. Sisera, the commander of his army, was based in Harosheth Haggoyim. ³ Because he had nine hundred chariots fitted with iron and had cruelly oppressed the Israelites for twenty years, they cried to the LORD for help.

⁴ Now Deborah, a prophet, the wife of Lappidoth, was leading Israel at that time.

⁵ She held court under the Palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim, and the Israelites went up to her to have their disputes decided.

⁶ She sent for Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali and said to him, "The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you: 'Go, take with you ten thousand men of Naphtali and Zebulun and lead them up to Mount Tabor. ⁷ I will lead Sisera, the commander of Jabin's army, with his chariots and his troops to the Kishon River and give him into your hands.'"

Psalm 123 (NIV)

¹ I lift up my eyes to you, to you who sit enthroned in heaven.

² As the eyes of slaves look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a female slave look to the hand of her mistress,

so our eyes look to the LORD our God, till he shows us his mercy.

³ Have mercy on us, LORD, have mercy on us, for we have endured no end of contempt.

⁴ We have endured no end of ridicule from the arrogant, of contempt from the proud.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 (NIV)

The Day of the Lord

⁵ Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, ² for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.

³ While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labour pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

⁴ But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief.

⁵ You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness.

⁶ So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober.

⁷ For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night.

⁸ But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet.

⁹ For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

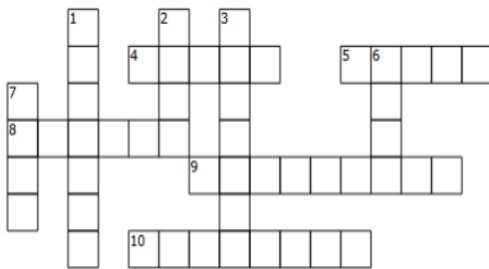
¹⁰ He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him.

¹¹ Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

The Parable of the Talents

But the man who had received the one talent went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. Matthew 25:18

Based on Matthew 25:14-30 (NIV)



ACROSS

4. The coins and bills that are used to buy things

5. To divide or use something with others

8. To be filled with fear

9. A feeling of pleasure, satisfaction, or joy

10. To be trusted or loyal

DOWN

1. A trip, especially one over a great distance

2. The opposite of bad

3. A person who is employed to do work for another person

6. Put something in a place where it cannot be found

7. Not willing to work

Sometimes we look at the talents that God has given to others and think that God hasn't given us very much talent. But when we use our God-given talent to be all that God intended for us to be... boy, can we fly!

Dear God, help us to use the talents that you have given us to be what you intended for us to be. ~ Amen.

"Don't worry about other people's opinions of you. God never told you to impress people; only to love them."

"The stock market is filled with individuals who know the price of everything, but the value of nothing."

~ Phillip Fisher

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

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IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray for Beth Scorgie's health and mobility.
- We give thanks for a wonderful day at Gowrie last Sunday.
- We pray for those teenagers who are just completing High School, that the right career path will open up for them.
- We pray for the Federal bi-elections which are to take place soon, and for the Queensland election to take place next weekend.

Meg's Musings

Our grand-daughter Emma visited us this week. One of the enjoyable things we shared was reading stories together. There was one book, a relic from 30 years ago, which I began to read to Emma.

As I turned the pages, I noticed that the old glue holding the book together was crackling a bit. But I continued on.

When we reached page 26, there was a problem..... the next page was number 41. The middle pages had fallen out of the book, and been lost.

Sometimes it feels like the centre has fallen out of our world - disaster has struck. But discarding our lives is not an option. We need to find a better solution.

We have God, waiting in the wings, ready to fill the gaps in our lives, and to make us whole once more. Nothing else can successfully fill "the gap". God is ready and willing to come to our rescue.

Is God who you turn to when the centre - or the bottom - falls out of your world?



Blessings from Meg

We had a lovely day here on Sunday, the ladies love coming to Gowrie. Ross cooked up a mountain of snags and onions and everyone was well fed.

Could you please put this in the newsletter:

Thank you to everyone who attended the AGM/Council meeting last Sunday. I hope everyone enjoyed sitting in the sunshine in the prettiest part of Peel Valley! If only we could do something about the flies.

A huge thank you to Ross who always does such a wonderful job on the barbecue and thanks to everyone for the lovely pies and slices and to Margaret for the pavlovas.

There are so many positive things happening in our church, as outlined in Margaret's annual report. I think Memory Lane and the Bible Study group have both been successful during this year and we hope more of the congregation will join us in the future. Bring your friends along too!

We are always looking for new opportunities to grow and share our faith with others. The Mission Action group would love to hear from you. If you would like to share your ideas and are not able to attend meetings, please talk to Meg, Margaret or myself anytime.

We expect to hear from Presbytery before Christmas regarding our Church Profile. Presbytery has now appointed Fran Kaberry to our Joint Nominating Committee, replacing Rev. Will Pearson.

Finally, thank you all for showing your support of the Executive and giving us another year to serve Peel Valley congregation.

God bless,
Evelyn, Secretary



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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



Matthew 25:14-30 (NIV)

The Parable of the Bags of Gold

¹⁴ "Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them.

¹⁵ To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability.

Then he went on his journey.

¹⁶ The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more.

¹⁷ So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more.

¹⁸ But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

¹⁹ "After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them.

²⁰ The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.'

²¹ "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'

²² "The man with two bags of gold also came. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.'

²³ "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'

²⁴ "Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. 'Master,' he said, 'I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed.

²⁵ So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.'

²⁶ "His master replied, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed?

²⁷ Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.

²⁸ "So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags.

²⁹ For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them.

³⁰ And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

"An investment in knowledge pays the best interest."
~ Benjamin Franklin

CHURCH SERVICES

24 November	6pm	Hallsville	~ Pat Johnston
26 November	8.30am	Gowrie	~ NO SERVICE
26 November	9am	Hallsville	~ Pat Johnston
26 November	11am	West	~ Pat Johnston



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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