



Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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Deuteronomy 18:15-20 (NIV)

¹⁵ The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your fellow Israelites. You must listen to him.

¹⁶ For this is what you asked of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said, "Let us not hear the voice of the LORD our God nor see this great fire anymore, or we will die."

¹⁷ The LORD said to me: "What they say is good.

¹⁸ I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their fellow Israelites, and I will put my words in his mouth. He will tell them everything I command him.

¹⁹ I myself will call to account anyone who does not listen to my words that the prophet speaks in my name.

²⁰ But a prophet who presumes to speak in my name anything I have not commanded, or a prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, is to be put to death."

1 Corinthians 8:1-13 (NIV)

Concerning Food Sacrificed to Idols

⁸ Now about food sacrificed to idols: We know that "We all possess knowledge." But knowledge puffs up while love builds up.

² Those who think they know something do not yet know as they ought to know.

³ But whoever loves God is known by God.

⁴ So then, about eating food sacrificed to idols: We know that "An idol is nothing at all in the world" and that "There is no God but one."

⁵ For even if there are so-called gods, whether in heaven or on earth (as indeed there are many "gods" and many "lords"), ⁶ yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom all things came and for whom we live; and there is but one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things came and through whom we live.

⁷ But not everyone possesses this knowledge. Some people are still so accustomed to idols that when they eat sacrificial food they think of it as having been sacrificed to a god, and since their conscience is weak, it is defiled.

⁸ But food does not bring us near to God; we are no worse if we do not eat, and no better if we do.

⁹ Be careful, however, that the exercise of your rights does not become a stumbling block to the weak.

¹⁰ For if someone with a weak conscience sees you, with all your knowledge, eating in an idol's temple, won't that person be emboldened to eat what is sacrificed to idols?

¹¹ So this weak brother or sister, for whom Christ died, is destroyed by your knowledge.

¹² When you sin against them in this way and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ.

¹³ Therefore, if what I eat causes my brother or sister to fall into sin, I will never eat meat again, so that I will not cause them to fall.

Pessimism leads to weakness, optimism to power. ~
William James

Psalms 111 (NIV)

¹ Praise the LORD.

I will extol the LORD with all my heart
in the council of the upright and in the assembly.

² Great are the works of the LORD;
they are pondered by all who delight in them.

³ Glorious and majestic are his deeds,
and his righteousness endures forever.

⁴ He has caused his wonders to be remembered;
the LORD is gracious and compassionate.

⁵ He provides food for those who fear him;
he remembers his covenant forever.

⁶ He has shown his people the power of his works,
giving them the lands of other nations.

⁷ The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy.

⁸ They are established for ever and ever,
enacted in faithfulness and uprightness.

⁹ He provided redemption for his people;
he ordained his covenant forever—
holy and awesome is his name.

¹⁰ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all who follow his precepts have good
understanding.

To him belongs eternal praise.

**Don't feel bad if people
remember you only
when they need you.**



**Feel privileged that
you are like a candle
that comes to their
mind when there is
darkness.**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

24 January ~ Phyllis Bylund

100 years young!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

31 January ~ Marg Crowell

31 January ~ Kevin Hoyt

31 January ~ Cameron (Marg's grandson)

1 February ~ Beth Scorgie

Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most
certain way to succeed is always to try just one more
time. ~ Thomas A. Edison

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IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray for Doss who had a fall earlier this week. No broken bones, but she is quite sore, and she was very shaken by it.
- We pray for safe travel for country music fans returning home over the next few days.
- We pray for children returning to school this week, and for little ones commencing school and pre-school.
- We pray for Dot and Len Hutton. Dot's Parkinson's Disease makes it increasingly difficult for her to get around.
- A BIG thank-you to everyone who made Phyll's 100th such a wonderful occasion. Special thanks to Evelyn, who has been working for several months to bring everything to fruition.

Meg's Musings

After a visit to Sydney, Laurie and I were returning to Tamworth last Thursday, and stopped at a bakery in Singleton for some lunch. We ordered some sandwiches, and checked out the drinks available. I noticed some lime soft-drink. As a teenager I loved lime "spiders". They were a very special treat.

It is quite rare to find lime soft-drink these days, so I took the opportunity to indulge in a "spider".

It was delicious; it delighted my taste-buds, and brought back happy memories.

God has made us to be such diverse and complex creatures - each with different memories, likes and dislikes, and strengths and weaknesses.

We are fortunate that God treasures our different-ness, and loves us for who we are!

Blessings from Meg



"Memory is a way of holding onto the things you love, the things you are, the things you never want to lose."

- Kevin Arnold

We all have our time machines. Some take us back, they're called memories. Some take us forward, they're called dreams. ~ Jeremy Irons

CHURCH SERVICES

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| 2 February | 6pm | Hallsville ~ |
| 4 February | 8.30am | Gowrie ~ |
| 4 February | 9am | Hallsville ~ NO SERVICE |
| 4 February | 11am | West ~ |



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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**



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| Elders: | Margaret Crowell | Barbara Murray |
| | Doss Wark | Ross Davidson |
| | | Bruce Jarrett |



Mark 1:21-28 (NIV)

Jesus Drives Out an Impure Spirit

²¹ They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach.

²² The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law.

²³ Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an impure spirit cried out,

²⁴ "What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!"

²⁵ "Be quiet!" said Jesus sternly. "Come out of him!"

²⁶ The impure spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek.

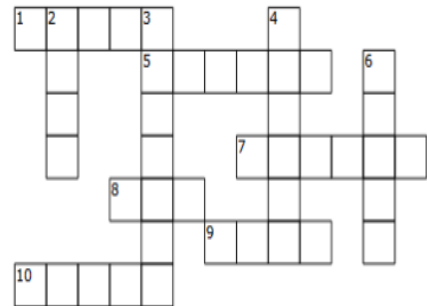
²⁷ The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, "What is this? A new teaching—and with authority! He even gives orders to impure spirits and they obey him."

²⁸ News about him spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee

Who's In Control?

The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, "What is this? A new teaching—and with authority! He even gives orders to evil spirits and they obey him." Mark 1:27

Based on Mark 1:21-28



ACROSS

1. The Son of God
5. To be extremely surprised
7. A supernatural being such as a demon
8. An adult male human being
9. To do what you are told or expected to do
10. To instruct or train someone

DOWN

2. Immoral, bad, or wicked
3. The day of the week set aside by some religions as a day of rest and worship
4. Human beings; men, women and children
6. Making very little or no noise

You will not be punished for your anger, you will be punished by your anger. ~ Buddha



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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