



# Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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## Numbers 21:4-9 (NIV)

### The Bronze Snake

<sup>4</sup> They traveled from Mount Hor along the route to the Red Sea, to go around Edom. But the people grew impatient on the way; <sup>5</sup> they spoke against God and against Moses, and said, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? There is no bread! There is no water! And we detest this miserable food!"

<sup>6</sup> Then the LORD sent venomous snakes among them; they bit the people and many Israelites died.

<sup>7</sup> The people came to Moses and said, "We sinned when we spoke against the LORD and against you. Pray that the LORD will take the snakes away from us." So Moses prayed for the people.

<sup>8</sup> The LORD said to Moses, "Make a snake and put it up on a pole; anyone who is bitten can look at it and live."

<sup>9</sup> So Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. Then when anyone was bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze snake, they lived.

## Psalms 107:1-3, 17-22 (NIV)

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

<sup>2</sup> Let the redeemed of the LORD tell their story— those he redeemed from the hand of the foe, <sup>3</sup> those he gathered from the lands, from east and west, from north and south.

<sup>17</sup> Some became fools through their rebellious ways and suffered affliction because of their iniquities.

<sup>18</sup> They loathed all food and drew near the gates of death.

<sup>19</sup> Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress.

<sup>20</sup> He sent out his word and healed them; he rescued them from the grave.

<sup>21</sup> Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love

and his wonderful deeds for mankind.

<sup>22</sup> Let them sacrifice thank offerings and tell of his works with songs of joy.

## Ephesians 2:1-10 (NIV)

### Made Alive in Christ

<sup>2</sup> As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, <sup>2</sup> in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.

<sup>3</sup> All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath.

<sup>4</sup> But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, <sup>5</sup> made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.

<sup>6</sup> And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup> in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup> For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— <sup>9</sup> not by works, so that no one can boast.

<sup>10</sup> For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

*I have shewed you all things,  
how that so labouring ye ought  
to support the weak, and to remember  
the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said,  
It is more blessed to give than to receive.*

THE ACTS 20 35

Your eyes water when you yawn because you miss your bed and it makes you sad. ~ anon

## 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



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

12 March ~ Joyce Dowsett

13 March ~ Reg Myer

13 March ~ Doug Crowell

## Forward Planning:

We plan to participate in Operation Christmas Child again this year.



If you notice any bargains suitable for children 3-14, it might be worth setting them aside for the boxes. Clothing, toys and pencils etc are all suitable.

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### IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray for Fay's daughter Bronwyn, who is experiencing complications following surgery last month.
- We pray for Donna's brother who is recuperating from heart surgery.
- We pray for children isolated by distance - and thank God for people such as Pam and John Cummins who are able to enrich the lives of those children.
- We pray for improved health for the extended Scorgie family.

### Meg's Musings

There are times for each of us when life seems hard..... an uphill battle.  
 At the moment, I know of several people who are "doing it tough". Some of them know that God is walking beside them, supporting help them through their difficulties.  
 For some others, they feel that God isn't real - that a loving God wouldn't allow them to face so many issues.  
 But the problems aren't necessarily "God-sent".  
 Many of the problems we face are caused by the selfishness, greed, anger or fear of other people.... or the cost-cutting, and profit-making measures of big organisations.  
 We live in an imperfect world. But each time we decide to follow God's ways, we make the world just a little bit more perfect.  
 Blessings from Meg

You may banish care and sadness

As you journey on life's way,

You may change the gloom to gladness,

You may change the night to day,

By a word of kindness spoken,

By a little loving token,

You may heal the heart that's broken,

#### Chorus

Yes, oh yes, you may, Yes, you may, yes, you may,

Lighter someone's burden on your way.

Yes, you may, yes, you may,

Make your life a blessing, oh, yes you may.

You may lighten pain and sorrow,

As you journey on life's way,

You may hearten for the morrow

Those who faint and fall today;

By another's sorrow sharing,

By another's burden bearing,

You may help the onward faring,

#### Chorus

You may lighten care and labour,

As you journey on life's way,

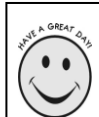
You may prove a friend and neighbour

To the sad and lone each day;

Ever upward, onward pressing,

Till the crown of life possessing,

You may make your life a blessing, **Chorus**



**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month**

~ Luncheon @ West

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month**

~ Trading Table @ West Tamworth

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month**

~ Markets @ Hallsville

### John 3:14-21 (NIV)

<sup>14</sup> Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him."

<sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup> For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

<sup>18</sup> Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

<sup>19</sup> This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil.

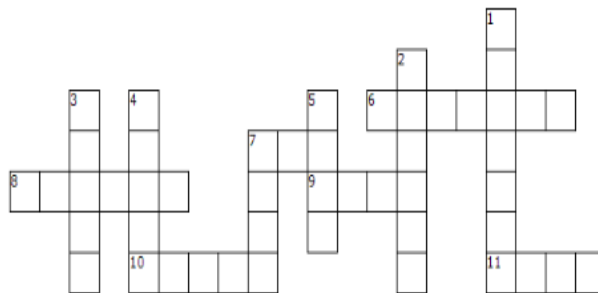
<sup>20</sup> Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed.

<sup>21</sup> But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.

### Measuring God's Love

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.  
John 3:16 (NIV)

Based on John 3:14-17 (NIV)



#### ACROSS

6. To accept something as true, genuine, or real
7. A male child
8. To die or be destroyed
9. To care very deeply for someone
10. A serpent or reptile)
11. The period of time from birth to death

#### DOWN

1. Lasting forever, without end
2. Hot, dry area of land with few trees or plants
3. The earth with its inhabitants and all things upon it
4. Received the ten commandments from God
5. Alone in its kind, nothing like it
7. To rescue from danger or harm

Problems are not stop signs, they are guidelines.~  
Robert H. Schiuller

### CHURCH SERVICES

16 March	6pm	<b>Hallsville</b>	~ Meg Mangan
18 March	8.30am	<b>Gowrie</b>	~ NO SERVICE
18 March	11am	<b>West</b>	~ Rev Chris Wright



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