



Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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Acts 4:32-35 (NIV)

The Believers Share Their Possessions

³² All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had.

³³ With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all ³⁴ that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales ³⁵ and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.

1 John 1:1-2:2 (NIV)

The Incarnation of the Word of Life

1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life.

² The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us.

³ We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.

⁴ We write this to make our joy complete.

Light and Darkness, Sin and Forgiveness

⁵ This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.

⁶ If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth.

⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

⁸ If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

¹⁰ If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.

2 My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

² He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

Psalm 133 (NIV)

¹ How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!

² It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron's beard, down on the collar of his robe.

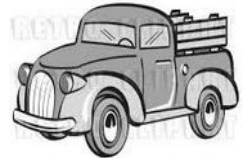
³ It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion. For there the LORD bestows his blessing, even life forevermore.

At a small church in a small town, there was one particular member of the congregation called Maureen who was a real gossip and viewed herself as responsible for maintaining the congregation's morals. People didn't really like her but they were too afraid of her to say anything.

Then one day, a new member of the congregation called Bill left his pickup parked all afternoon outside the town's one and only bar. Of course this was spotted by Maureen who accused Bill of being an alcoholic and told him and the other members of the congregation that everyone who saw his truck there would know what he was doing.

Bill didn't talk much at the best of times, and here he didn't say anything at all.

He just stared at her for a while and then turned and walked away without trying to come up with any explanations or excuses.



Later that evening, he parked his truck outside of Maureen's house and left it there all night.

Alone
we can do so little
Together
we can do so much
Helen Keller

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

9 April ~ Barbara Murray

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

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Barbara Murray

Doss Wark

Ross Davidson

Bruce Jarrett



"Let your love be your guide.
Let your courage be your driver, and
Let your passion be your road to
Enjoy this magnificent life to the fullest."
- Debasish Mridha

VENCOVER

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



IN OUR PRAYERS

- Doss had a fall last week, and has a broken collar-bone. Her left arm is in a sling. We pray for healing for her.
- We pray for Donna Harrow who is facing a range of difficult circumstances at the moment.
- We continue to pray for rain for our region.
- We give thanks for answered prayer.
- We pray for all competitors at the Commonwealth Games.

Meg's Musings

Over the past few weeks I've needed to go to Bunnings several times. It is always busy there.

Some people make a beeline for the gardening section, on the lookout for the latest plant varieties.

There are always several "tradies" there, purchasing equipment or materials.

But there are often people who don't seem sure of what they are looking for, but feel that there must something new which will brighten up their home, or make it more comfortable, or more practical.

They seem to be looking for something to fill a void.... a hole which no amount of shopping can fill.....could this be a Christ-shaped hole?

Our world seems to be full of people searching in all the wrong places for fulfillment.

How can we help them to find what is missing from their lives?

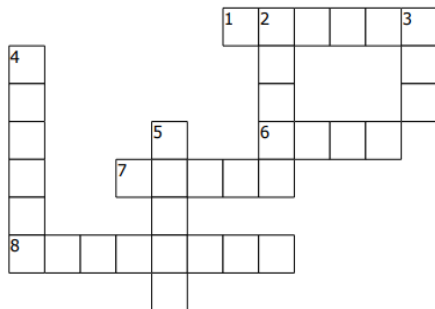
Blessings from Meg



Seeing Is Believing

So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it." John 20:25 (NIV)

Puzzle is based on John 20:19-31.



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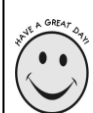
1. The disciple who would not believe without seeing
6. An entrance into a building or room
7. A pointed and headed fastener designed to be pounded into wood
8. Unwilling to believe that something is true

DOWN

2. The body parts at the end of the arms
3. To observe with your eyes
4. Not open
5. To believe in something for which there is no proof

CHURCH SERVICES

15 April	9am	Hallsville ~ Meg Mangan
		BAPTISM
15 April	8.30am	Gowrie ~ NO SERVICE
15 April	11am	West ~ Rev Chris Wright



1st Sunday of the month

~ Luncheon @ West

3rd Sunday of the month

~ Trading Table @ West Tamworth

4th Sunday of the month

~ Markets @ Hallsville

John 20:19-31 (NIV)

Jesus Appears to His Disciples

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"

²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

²¹ Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."

²² And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

²³ If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

Jesus Appears to Thomas

²⁴ Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came.

²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

²⁶ A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"

²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

²⁸ Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

²⁹ Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

The Purpose of John's Gospel

³⁰ Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book.

³¹ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

HE LIVES, HE LIVES, CHRIST JESUS LIVES TODAY

I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today;
I know that He is living whatever men may say;
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer,
And just the time I need Him, He's always near.

Chorus:

He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me
Along life's narrow way.
He lives, He lives, Salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know He lives?
He lives within my heart.

In all the world around me I see His loving care,
And though my heart grows weary I never will despair;
I know that He is leading through all the stormy blast,
The day of His appearing will come at last.

Chorus:

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!
The hope of all who seek Him, the help of all who find,
None other is so loving, so good and kind. ~ Alan Jackson

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