



# Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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## 1 Samuel 8:4-20 (NIV)

<sup>4</sup> So all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah.

<sup>5</sup> They said to him, "You are old, and your sons do not follow your ways; now appoint a king to lead us, such as all the other nations have."

<sup>6</sup> But when they said, "Give us a king to lead us," this displeased Samuel; so he prayed to the LORD.

<sup>7</sup> And the LORD told him: "Listen to all that the people are saying to you; it is not you they have rejected, but they have rejected me as their king.

<sup>8</sup> As they have done from the day I brought them up out of Egypt until this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so they are doing to you.

<sup>9</sup> Now listen to them; but warn them solemnly and let them know what the king who will reign over them will claim as his rights."

<sup>10</sup> Samuel told all the words of the LORD to the people who were asking him for a king.

<sup>11</sup> He said, "This is what the king who will reign over you will claim as his rights: He will take your sons and make them serve with his chariots and horses, and they will run in front of his chariots.

<sup>12</sup> Some he will assign to be commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and others to plow his ground and reap his harvest, and still others to make weapons of war and equipment for his chariots.

<sup>13</sup> He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers.

<sup>14</sup> He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive groves and give them to his attendants.

<sup>15</sup> He will take a tenth of your grain and of your vintage and give it to his officials and attendants.

<sup>16</sup> Your male and female servants and the best of your cattle and donkeys he will take for his own use.

<sup>17</sup> He will take a tenth of your flocks, and you yourselves will become his slaves.

<sup>18</sup> When that day comes, you will cry out for relief from the king you have chosen, but the LORD will not answer you in that day."

<sup>19</sup> But the people refused to listen to Samuel. "No!" they said. "We want a king over us.

<sup>20</sup> Then we will be like all the other nations, with a king to lead us and to go out before us and fight our battles."

## Psalms 138 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> I will praise you, LORD, with all my heart; before the "gods" I will sing your praise.

<sup>2</sup> I will bow down toward your holy temple and will praise your name for your unfailing love and your faithfulness, for you have so exalted your solemn decree that it surpasses your fame.

<sup>3</sup> When I called, you answered me; you greatly emboldened me.

<sup>4</sup> May all the kings of the earth praise you, LORD, when they hear what you have decreed.

<sup>5</sup> May they sing of the ways of the LORD, for the glory of the LORD is great.

<sup>6</sup> Though the LORD is exalted, he looks kindly on the lowly; though lofty, he sees them from afar.

<sup>7</sup> Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life. You stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes; with your right hand you save me.

<sup>8</sup> The LORD will vindicate me; your love, LORD, endures forever—do not abandon the works of your hands.



## 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 (NIV)

<sup>13</sup> It is written: "I believed; therefore I have spoken." Since we have that same spirit of faith, we also believe and therefore speak, <sup>14</sup> because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you to himself.

<sup>15</sup> All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God. <sup>16</sup> Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.

<sup>17</sup> For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.

<sup>18</sup> So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

### Awaiting the New Body

<sup>5</sup> For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands.

Being genetically related doesn't make you family. Love, support, trust, sacrifice, honesty, protection, acceptance, security, compromise, gratitude, respect and loyalty are what make you family. ~ unknown

### CHURCH SERVICES

15 June	9am	<b>Hallsville</b>	~ Meg Mangan
17 June	8.30am	<b>Gowrie</b>	~ NO SERVICE
17 June	11am	<b>West</b>	~ Rev Chris Wright



### 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



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

~ Luncheon @ West

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

~ Markets @ Hallsville

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

~ Trading Table @ West Tamworth

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



### IN OUR PRAYERS

- We give thanks that Doss's collar-bone has healed and she no longer has to wear a sling.
- We continue to pray for rain for our region.
- We thank God for the friendships which continue to blossom among members of our congregations.
- We thank God for modern communications, which allow us to stay in touch with distant friends and family members.

### Meg's Musings

The leaves have fallen off our fig tree over the last few days, revealing some small bright green figs. There is no way that these figs can ripen at the moment - there isn't sufficient warmth in the sun. But, as soon as there is some warmth, and the figs soften up a bit, the currawongs will descend.... I know, because it happened last year! It seemed strange that the figs begin fruiting at this time of year - until I realised that the seeds of the figs are on the inside of the fruit. In spring there is sometimes not much for the birds to eat. But they relish the figs, eagerly attacking them, and spreading the seeds. We expect fruit trees to be attuned to our wants and timetables. But sometimes it is good to look at the bigger picture, and wonder at God's hand in creation.

Blessings from Meg



### Mark 3:20-35 (NIV)

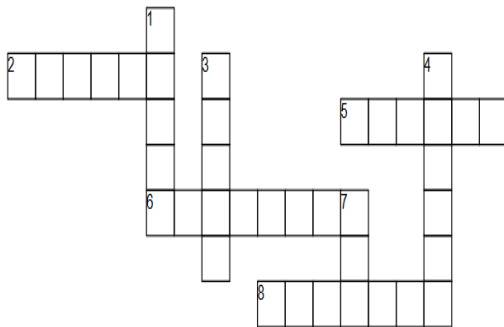
#### Jesus Accused by His Family and by Teachers of the Law

<sup>20</sup> Then Jesus entered a house, and again a crowd gathered, so that he and his disciples were not even able to eat.  
<sup>21</sup> When his family heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, "He is out of his mind."  
<sup>22</sup> And the teachers of the law who came down from Jerusalem said, "He is possessed by Beelzebul! By the prince of demons he is driving out demons."  
<sup>23</sup> So Jesus called them over to him and began to speak to them in parables: "How can Satan drive out Satan?"  
<sup>24</sup> If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand.  
<sup>25</sup> If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand.  
<sup>26</sup> And if Satan opposes himself and is divided, he cannot stand; his end has come.  
<sup>27</sup> In fact, no one can enter a strong man's house without first tying him up. Then he can plunder the strong man's house.  
<sup>28</sup> Truly I tell you, people can be forgiven all their sins and every slander they utter, <sup>29</sup> but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; they are guilty of an eternal sin."  
<sup>30</sup> He said this because they were saying, "He has an impure spirit."  
<sup>31</sup> Then Jesus' mother and brothers arrived. Standing outside, they sent someone in to call him.  
<sup>32</sup> A crowd was sitting around him, and they told him, "Your mother and brothers are outside looking for you."  
<sup>33</sup> "Who are my mother and my brothers?" he asked.  
<sup>34</sup> Then he looked at those seated in a circle around him and said, "Here are my mother and my brothers!"  
<sup>35</sup> Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother."

## We Are Family

"Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother." Mark 3:35 (NIV)

The words are taken from Mark 3:20-35 (NIV)



#### ACROSS

- 2. A woman who has given birth to a child
- 5. Parents and children; people descended from a common ancestor
- 6. A follower of Jesus
- 8. A male with the same parents as another person

#### DOWN

- 1. A large number people gathered together
- 3. A dwelling that serves as living quarters for one or more families
- 4. A female with the same parents as another person
- 7. To take in food

Love is the energy of life. ~ Robert Browning

#### The Family of God

I'm so glad I'm a part of the Family of God,  
I've been washed in the fountain, cleansed by His blood!

Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod,  
For I'm part of the family,  
The Family of God.

You will notice we say "brother and sister" 'round here,  
It's because we're a family and these are so near;  
When one has a heartache, we all share the tears,  
And rejoice in each victory in this family so dear.

~ Bill and Gloria Gaither

Family is not an important thing. It's everything.

~ Michael J. Fox

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

11 June ~ Glenda Whitten

17 June ~ Elphie Lang (95 years young)

You don't choose your family. They are God's gift to you, as you are to them. ~ Desmond Tutu

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