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Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19 (NIV) The Ark Brought to Jerusalem

6 David again brought together all the able young men of Israel—thirty thousand. ² He and all his men went to Baalah in Judah to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the Name, the name of the LORD Almighty, who is enthroned between the cherubim on the ark. ³ They set the ark of God on a new cart and brought it from the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, sons of Abinadab, were guiding the new cart ⁴ with the ark of God on it, and Ahio was walking in front of it. ⁵ David and all Israel were celebrating with all their might before the LORD, with castanets, harps, lyres, timbrels, sistrums and cymbals. "The LORD has blessed the household of Obed-Edom and everything he has, because of the ark of God." So David went to bring up the ark of God from the house of Obed-Edom to the City of David with rejoicing. ¹³ When those who were carrying the ark of the LORD had taken six steps, he sacrificed a bull and a fattened calf.

¹⁴ Wearing a linen ephod, David was dancing before the LORD with all his might, ¹⁵ while he and all Israel were bringing up the ark of the LORD with shouts and the sound of trumpets.

¹⁶ As the ark of the LORD was entering the City of David, Michal daughter of Saul watched from a window. And when she saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD, she despised him in her heart.

¹⁷ They brought the ark of the LORD and set it in its place inside the tent that David had pitched for it, and David sacrificed burnt offerings and fellowship offerings before the LORD. ¹⁸ After he had finished sacrificing the burnt offerings and fellowship offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD Almighty. ¹⁹ Then he gave a loaf of bread, a cake of dates and a cake of raisins to each person in the whole crowd of Israelites, both men and women. And all the people went to their homes

Psalms 24 (NIV)

¹ The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it;
² for he founded it on the seas and established it on the waters.
³ Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD? Who may stand in his holy place?
⁴ The one who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god.
⁵ They will receive blessing from the LORD and vindication from God their Saviour.
⁶ Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek your face, God of Jacob.
⁷ Lift up your heads, you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.
⁸ Who is this King of glory?
The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.
⁹ Lift up your heads, you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.
¹⁰ Who is he, this King of glory?
The LORD Almighty—

Ephesians 1:3-14 (NIV)

Praise for Spiritual Blessings in Christ

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. ⁴ For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves.

⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace ⁸ that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, ⁹ he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, ¹⁰ to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

¹¹ In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, ¹² in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. ¹³ And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

18 July ~ Donna Harrow

Memory Lane~ MEMORY LANE will be held this Tuesday, 17th July. Evelyn and Tony will be sharing photos and stories about a trip to Africa which they took a few years ago.

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
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IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray for a rapid recovery for Kevin Hoyt who damaged his arm in a fall last week.
- We continue to pray for Patrick Johnston, who is recovering from a hip replacement.
- We pray for Elphie Lang who has been unwell with a cold for a few weeks now.
- We pray for the family and friends of Marg's friend Lou Perry who died recently. She will be greatly missed.
- We pray for an improvement in health for the Scorgie family.
- Our prayers for rain continue.

Meg's Musings

They say that there is rarely more than 6 degrees of separation between people - people always seem to know someone who knows someone.

Richard (Harry) Harris, the doctor and diver who has played a critical part in the rescue of the boys trapped in a cave in Thailand, is the nephew-in-law of Val and Daryl Lush from our Gowrie congregation. Naturally they are proud of the role which Harry has played.

But they are also proud of the modest and capable way in which Harry conducts himself - he hasn't spoken to the media. The media has chased up his friends and acquaintances to find out some background information.

Harry has instead focussed on the task at hand - the rescue.

Maybe when there is no ego to get in the way, God finds it easier to use people in His service.

Well done, Harry!

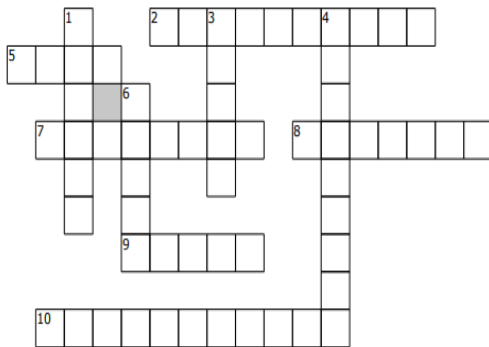
Blessings from Meg



He Has Chosen Us

His unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. And this gave him great pleasure. Ephesians 1:5 (NLT)

Based on Ephesians 1:3-14 (NIV)



ACROSS

2. Remaining the same
5. A proposed course of action
7. A considerate and thoughtful act
8. The ability to go wherever one chooses without restriction
9. To have confidence in someone or something; to depend on
10. Money or property left to children by their parents

DOWN

1. A group of persons consisting of one or two parents and their children
3. To have selected something from several possibilities
4. Assurance that something will be done as promised; to make certain
6. To take into one's family and raise as one's own child

Mark 6:14-29 (NIV)

John the Baptist Beheaded

¹⁴ King Herod heard about this, for Jesus' name had become well known. Some were saying, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead, and that is why miraculous powers are at work in him."

¹⁵ Others said, "He is Elijah."

And still others claimed, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of long ago."

¹⁶ But when Herod heard this, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised from the dead!"

¹⁷ For Herod himself had given orders to have John arrested, and he had him bound and put in prison. He did this because of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, whom he had married. ¹⁸ For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹ So Herodias nursed a grudge against John and wanted to kill him. But she was not able to, ²⁰ because Herod feared John and protected him, knowing him to be a righteous and holy man. When Herod heard John, he was greatly puzzled; yet he liked to listen to him.

²¹ Finally the opportune time came. On his birthday Herod gave a banquet for his high officials and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. ²² When the daughter of Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his dinner guests.

The king said to the girl, "Ask me for anything you want, and I'll give it to you." ²³ And he promised her with an oath, "Whatever you ask I will give you, up to half my kingdom."

²⁴ She went out and said to her mother, "What shall I ask for?"

"The head of John the Baptist," she answered.

²⁵ At once the girl hurried in to the king with the request: "I want you to give me right now the head of John the Baptist on a platter."

²⁶ The king was greatly distressed, but because of his oaths and his dinner guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷ So he immediately sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. The man went, beheaded John in the prison, ²⁸ and brought back his head on a platter. He presented it to the girl, and she gave it to her mother. ²⁹ On hearing of this, John's disciples came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

Forward Planning Operation Christmas Child. 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.

CHURCH SERVICES

20 July 9am **Hallsville** ~ NO SERVICE
 22 July 8.30am **Gowrie** ~ Meg Mangan
 22 July 11am **West** ~ Meg Mangan



29 July 5 Sunday of the month ~ Service at West followed by A SURPRISE DESTINATION for our lunch!



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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