



Peel Valley Congregation

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1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14 (NIV)

¹⁰ Then David rested with his ancestors and was buried in the City of David. ¹¹ He had reigned forty years over Israel—seven years in Hebron and thirty-three in Jerusalem. ¹² So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David, and his rule was firmly established.

³ Solomon showed his love for the LORD by walking according to the instructions given him by his father David, except that he offered sacrifices and burned incense on the high places.

⁴ The king went to Gibeon to offer sacrifices, for that was the most important high place, and Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. ⁵ At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, "Ask for whatever you want me to give you."

⁶ Solomon answered, "You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day.

⁷ "Now, LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. ⁸ Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. ⁹ So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?"

¹⁰ The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. ¹¹ So God said to him, "Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, ¹² I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be. ¹³ Moreover, I will give you what you have not asked for—both wealth and honor—so that in your lifetime you will have no equal among kings. ¹⁴ And if you walk in obedience to me and keep my decrees and commands as David your father did, I will give you a long life."

Psalm 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.

Ephesians 5:15-20 (NIV)

¹⁵ Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.

¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.

¹⁸ Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, ²⁰ always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

O be careful little eyes, what you see,
O be careful little eyes, what you see,
For the Father up above is looking down in love,
So be careful little eyes what you see.

other verses:

- O be careful little ears, what you hear.
- O be careful little mouth, what you say.
- O be careful little hands, what you do.
- O be careful little feet, where you go.

CHURCH SERVICES

24 August	6pm	Hallsville	~ Henry Swindon
26 August	8.30am	Gowrie	~ NO SERVICE
26 August	9am	Hallsville	~ NO SERVICE
26 August	11am	West	~ Henry Swindon



Talent is God given.
Be humble. Fame is
man-given. Be
grateful. Conceit is
self-given. Be careful.

— John Wooden

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



Meg's Musings

"Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it he rested from all his work which God had created and made." Genesis 2:3

If the Creator of the Universe rested from work, then we his children should make sure we rest too. And so, it is with our blessings that Meg has taken a few weeks away to relax and refresh!

Apologies if today's Council meeting is a bit of a surprise. The notice didn't get into the news sheet last week. We will try to make it a short meeting. There are a few important things to discuss and payments to approve, so if you are able to stay on, it would be greatly appreciated. Memory Lane on Tuesday 21st August – Sue Budden will be telling us all about her most recent overseas adventure. Hope to see you there.

Beulah attended a wonderful afternoon tea last Sunday hosted by Southside UC and purchased a swag of goodies for our Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes. She has also arranged for a speaker from the organisation to visit us on Tuesday 4th September to talk about the great work being done and the logistics of getting many thousands of boxes to children all over the world who would otherwise never receive a Christmas gift.

We continue to pray for rain and for our farmers. Peel Valley UC donated \$1000 in Visa cards to the rural chaplain, Rev Phil Matthews, as he visits these folks regularly and knows which families in our area are in need of a helping hand. City UC continues to pack bags of groceries for distribution to the farmers. The response from local churches, community organisations and individuals has been overwhelming.

We pray for Viv and Doss, and Patrick as he regains his strength and mobility and all of our church family. We pray that Meg and Laurie have a happy holiday and return to us safely. We pray for our farming families and we pray for each and every volunteer working long hours packing and delivering food and gift vouchers to our farmers.

We thank God there are so many kind and generous people visiting these families and letting them know that we care.

Blessings this week from Evelyn



John 6:51-58 (NIV)

⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world."

⁵² Then the Jews began to argue sharply among themselves, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?"

⁵³ Jesus said to them, "Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you.

⁵⁴ Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day.

⁵⁵ For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

⁵⁶ Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them.

⁵⁷ Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me.

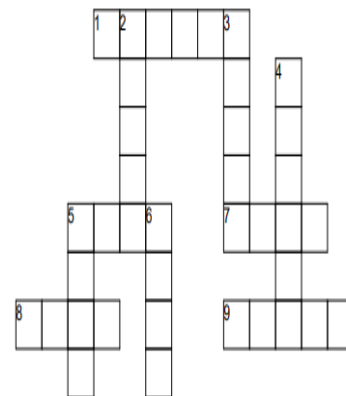
⁵⁸ This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your ancestors ate manna and died, but whoever feeds on this bread will live forever."



O Be Careful!

So be careful how you live. Don't live like fools, but like those who are wise. Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days. Don't act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do. Ephesians 5:15-17 (NLT)

The puzzle is based on Ephesians 5:15-20.



ACROSS

- To express appreciation for something
- Having good judgement or common sense
- To make music with the voice
- A drink made from fruit, especially grapes
- Beautiful sounds made by the voice or instruments

DOWN

- Songs of praise to God
- A short musical composition with words
- To express appreciation for something
- A drink made from fruit, especially grapes
- Something that causes great harm

"Trust that still, small voice that says, This might work and I'll try it." ~ Diane Mariechild



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD :

The focus on the age-range of 3 to 9. Suggestions of things which would be useful are small metal cars or planes, toy tools, plastic dinosaurs, toy jewellery, clothes, soft toys, coloured pencils, sunhats.

A garden is a grand teacher. It teaches patience and careful watchfulness; it teaches industry and thrift; above all it teaches entire trust. ~ Gertrude Jekyll



1st Sunday of the month

~ Luncheon @ West

3rd Sunday of the month

~ Trading Table @ West Tamworth

4th Sunday of the month

~ Markets @ Hallsville

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."

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