



Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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Song of Song 2:8-13 (NIV)

⁸ Listen! My beloved!
Look! Here he comes,
leaping across the mountains,
bounding over the hills.
⁹ My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag.
Look! There he stands behind our wall,
gazing through the windows,
peering through the lattice.
¹⁰ My beloved spoke and said to me,
"Arise, my darling,
my beautiful one, come with me.
¹¹ See! The winter is past;
the rains are over and gone.
¹² Flowers appear on the earth;
the season of singing has come,
the cooing of doves
is heard in our land.
¹³ The fig tree forms its early fruit;
the blossoming vines spread their fragrance.
Arise, come, my darling;
my beautiful one, come with me."

Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9 (NIV)

¹ My heart is stirred by a noble theme
as I recite my verses for the king;
my tongue is the pen of a skillful writer.
² You are the most excellent of men
and your lips have been anointed with grace,
since God has blessed you forever.

⁶ Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever;
a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom.
⁷ You love righteousness and hate wickedness;
therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions
by anointing you with the oil of joy.
⁸ All your robes are fragrant with myrrh and aloes and
cassia;
from palaces adorned with ivory
the music of the strings makes you glad.
⁹ Daughters of kings are among your honored women;
at your right hand is the royal bride in gold of Ophir.

James 1:17-27 (NIV)

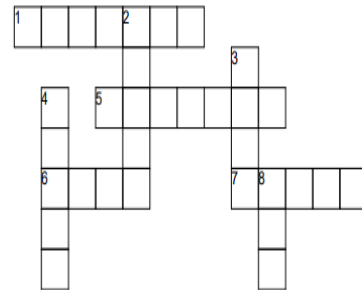
¹⁷ Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.
¹⁸ He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.
Listening and Doing
¹⁹ My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, ²⁰ because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires.
²¹ Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.
²² Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.
²³ Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror ²⁴ and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like.
²⁵ But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.
²⁶ Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless.
²⁷ Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.



Clean Hands ~ Clean Heart

So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, "Why don't your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with 'unclean' hands?" Mark 7:5 (NIV)

Based on Mark 7:1-7, 14-15, 21-23 (NIV)



ACROSS

- To express love and adoration toward God
- Something that is dirty or soiled
- The two edges of flesh around the mouth
- The center of your emotion, I love you with all my _____.

DOWN

- The body part at the end of the arms that includes the fingers
- To make something clean using soap and water
- The accepted way that things should be done
- To take food into the mouth, chew it, and swallow

"Love is not a finite emotion.
We don't have only so much to share.
Our hearts create love as we need it." ~ Dan Brown

"To permit ignorance is to empower it." ~ Dan Brown, Origin

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IN OUR PRAYERS

- Margaret reported that Doss was looking extremely well.
- Meg will need to regain full strength with their son's wedding only a few weeks away.
- The days are getting warmer and we are thankful there have been fewer colds and viruses afflicting our congregation over these winter months.
- Please keep in your prayers, past members of Peel Valley congregations, that we may once again have them join us in worship.

Meg's Musings

Meg is home and resting comfortably. A few more weeks of recovery time is required. Meg and Laurie thank everyone for their continued prayers and well-wishes.

You've heard me mention a few times recently, Rev. Mark Faulkner, Director of Rural and Remote Ministry Initiatives and I am pleased to say that Mark will be taking the service at West Tamworth on Sunday 16th September, sharing his warmth and enthusiasm. He has quite a busy weekend in Tamworth but is looking forward to meeting our congregation.

This from the UCA website.....

Interviewer: So, let's get some essential fun facts from you Mark...how do you take your coffee, what is your current song on your itunes and favourite colour?

Mark: I take my coffee black, I listen to Grace Jones and orange is my favourite colour.

Can you tell us something, that not everyone may know about you?

Mark: My first degree was in Visual Arts and I have a little studio in which I paint, in oils, mostly circles.

Tell us about your journey in Ministry to date...

Mark: I've been in congregational Ministry for 23 years; firstly in Tenterfield, then Wagga Wagga and lastly in Gungahlin ACT. And now I find myself as part of the Uniting Mission and Education team as the Director of Rural and Remote Ministry Initiatives!

Why did you choose to take up this role with UME?

Mark: It's a long story, one that began when I was in Tenterfield NSW, but I have been thinking about rural Ministry for decades and the way we support, as the wider church, distant, often smaller, Christian communities.

What are you hoping to achieve in accepting the role?

Mark: It is my hope, as I exercise Ministry in my new position, that I will help gather and encourage these scattered Christian communities and creatively draw together ideas and optimistic people to help make this happen. I call it – Uniting the Scattered Community!



Blessings this week from Evelyn

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

31 August ~ Alan Littlejohn
5 September ~ Fay Monckton

CHURCH SERVICES

31 August	6pm	Hallsville ~
2 September	8.30am	Gowrie ~
2 September	9am	Hallsville ~
2 September	11am	West ~

TBA



1st Sunday of the month

~ Luncheon @ West

3rd Sunday of the month

~ Trading Table @ West Tamworth

4th Sunday of the month

~ Markets @ Hallsville

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 (NIV)

That Which Defiles

7 The Pharisees and some of the teachers of the law who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus² and saw some of his disciples eating food with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed.

³ (The Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they give their hands a ceremonial washing, holding to the tradition of the elders.

⁴ When they come from the marketplace they do not eat unless they wash. And they observe many other traditions, such as the washing of cups, pitchers and kettles.)

⁵ So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, "Why don't your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with defiled hands?"

⁶ He replied, "Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written:

"These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.

⁷ They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules.'

⁸ You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to human traditions."

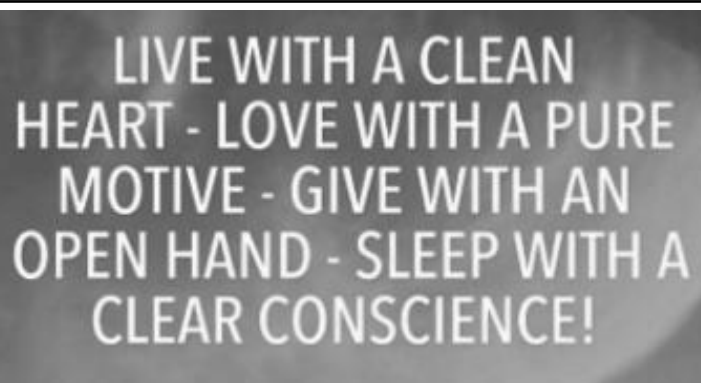
¹⁴ Again Jesus called the crowd to him and said, "Listen to me, everyone, and understand this.

¹⁵ Nothing outside a person can defile them by going into them. Rather, it is what comes out of a person that defiles them."

²¹ For it is from within, out of a person's heart, that evil thoughts come—sexual immorality, theft, murder,

²² adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly.

²³ All these evils come from inside and defile a person."



"May our philosophies keep pace with our technologies. May our compassion keep pace with our powers. And may love, not fear, be the engine of change." ~ Dan Brown, Origin

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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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