



Peel Valley Congregation

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Isaiah 9:1-4 (NIV)

9 Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honour Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan—

2 The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.

3 You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder.

4 For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor.

1 Corinthians 1:10-18 (NIV)

A Church Divided Over Leaders

10 I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought.

11 My brothers and sisters, some from Chloe's household have informed me that there are quarrels among you.

12 What I mean is this: One of you says, "I follow Paul"; another, "I follow Apollos"; another, "I follow Cephas"; still another, "I follow Christ."

13 Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Were you baptized in the name of Paul?

14 I thank God that I did not baptize any of you except Crispus and Gaius, **15** so no one can say that you were baptized in my name.

16 (Yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I don't remember if I baptized anyone else.)

17 For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel—not with wisdom and eloquence, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

Christ Crucified Is God's Power and Wisdom

18 For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Don't limit your challenges. Challenge your limits. ~ Anon

Psalm 27:1, 4-9 (NIV)

1 The LORD is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?

4 One thing I ask from the LORD, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.

5 For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent and set me high upon a rock.

6 Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me; at his sacred tent I will sacrifice with shouts of joy;

I will sing and make music to the LORD.

7 Hear my voice when I call, LORD; be merciful to me and answer me.

8 My heart says of you, "Seek his face!" Your face, LORD, I will seek.

9 Do not hide your face from me, do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my helper. Do not reject me or forsake me, God my Saviour.

24 January

~ Phyl Bylund

30 January

~ Trevor Forrester

31 January

~ Margaret Crowell

31 January

~ Cameron

1 February

~ Beth Scorgie

2 February

~ Daryl Lush



Die with memories, not dreams. ~ Anon



1st Sunday of the month

~ Luncheon @ West

4th Sunday of the month

~ Markets @ Hallsville

1st & 3rd Tuesday MEMORY LANE

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 Ross Davidson Bruce Jarrett



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IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray that the cancer treatment Max Whitten is receiving will be effective, and that his health will improve.
- Patrick Johnston has a bad bout of the flu. We pray that he will soon return to good health.
- We pray for safe travel for all those attending the Country Music Festival.
- We pray for children returning to school this week, and especially for those beginning kindergarten.
- We pray for all members of our church family.
- We hold Ian Blanch in our prayers.

Meg's Musings

Like many Aussies, we have been watching some of the Australian Open tennis this week.

In theory, they are all playing the same game, according to the same set of rules.

Yet how they dress, and how they play the game varies quite a bit.

Some players are cool, calm and collected, whilst others get quite volatile.

Several racquets have been destroyed as a result of temper tantrums.

Some players have made an art of hitting balls in unorthodox and unusual ways.

The crowd accept some players more readily than others. They want to be entertained, as well as to see some serious tennis.

So, especially in the early matches, there are quite a few different motivations and mindsets at work.

As Christians we don't always dress, behave or come across to others as "the same".

That doesn't mean that one person is a "better" Christian than another - it just means that we have different gifts, and are called in different ways.

But we, too, are all playing the same "game".

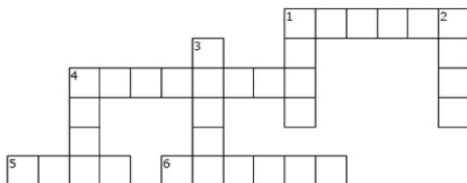
We are here to share God's love with the world.

Blessings from Meg



Fishing for People

Jesus called out to them, "Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!" Matthew 4:19 (NLT)



ACROSS

1. To move along behind someone
4. Two or more males who have the same parents
5. Open fabric made of threads or cords used to catch fish. (Plural)
6. Men, women, and children; human beings

DOWN

1. An animal without legs that lives in water
2. To move along by putting one foot in front of the other
3. The land along the edge of the sea, lake, or wide river
4. A small vehicle for traveling on water

Mathew 4:12-23 (NIV)

Jesus Begins to Preach

¹² When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee.

¹³ Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali— ¹⁴ to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah:

¹⁵ "Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali,
the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan,
Galilee of the Gentiles—

¹⁶ the people living in darkness
have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of the shadow of
death a light has dawned."

¹⁷ From that time on Jesus began to preach,
"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come
near."

Jesus Calls His First Disciples

¹⁸ As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen.

¹⁹ "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people."

²⁰ At once they left their nets and followed him.

²¹ Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, ²² and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Jesus Heals the Sick

²³ Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.

"Write it on your heart that every day is the
best day in the year.

He is rich who owns the day,
and no one owns the day who allows it to be
invaded with fret and anxiety.

Finish every day and be done with it.

You have done what you could.

Some blunders and absurdities, no doubt crept in.
Forget them as soon as you can, tomorrow is a
new day;

begin it well and serenely,

with too high a spirit to be cumbered with your
old nonsense.

This new day is too dear,

with its hopes and invitations,

to waste a moment on the yesterdays." ~ Emerson

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