



Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 (NIV)

¹⁵ The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.

¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; ¹⁷ but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die."

The Fall

3 Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?"

² The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, ³ but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'"

⁴ "You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman.

⁵ "For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

⁶ When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

⁷ Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

Memory Lane 10:00 am at West

Tuesday 3 March ~ Margaret Gentle from Nemingha will tell us about religious instructions at Nemingha Primary School.



Tuesday 17 March ~ we will tour through Vietnam through the eyes of Marg Crowell.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

4 March ~ Ella Davidson

Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak. ~ Alan Dundes



1st Sunday of the month ~ Luncheon @ West
4th Sunday of the month ~ Markets @ Hallsville

1st & 3rd Tuesday MEMORY LANE

Romans 5:12-19 (NIV)

Death Through Adam, Life Through Christ

¹² Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned—

¹³ To be sure, sin was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not charged against anyone's account where there is no law.

¹⁴ Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who is a pattern of the one to come.

¹⁵ But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many!

¹⁶ Nor can the gift of God be compared with the result of one man's sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification.

¹⁷ For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ!

¹⁸ Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people.

¹⁹ For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

CHURCH SERVICES

8 March there will be no service at **West** Tamworth.

There will be a service of baptism at Hallsville at 11:00am, and everyone is invited to attend that service.

If you need to arrange a lift, please speak to Meg.



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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."

Pastoral Care: **Meg Mangan 0466 337 005**

Elders: Margaret Crowell Ross Davidson Bruce Jarrett



I'm supposed to respect my elders, but it's getting harder and harder for me to find someone older than me. ~ unknown

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IN OUR PRAYERS

- Max Whitten has spent time in hospital this week. Please pray for Max and for Shirley.
- We thank God that Mel Mangan is back at home.
- We pray for Elphie Lang, Judith Watts and Noreen Dobbie, and all the other residents of Tamworth's aged care facilities.
- We pray for the people affected by tropical cyclones and floods over the past week.
- We pray for good judgement for people in health departments around the world as they attempt to contain the coronavirus.

Psalm 32 (NIV)

- ¹ Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.
- ² Blessed is the one whose sin the LORD does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit.
- ³ When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.
- ⁴ For day and night your hand was heavy on me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer. ^[b]
- ⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." And you forgave the guilt of my sin.
- ⁶ Therefore let all the faithful pray to you while you may be found; surely the rising of the mighty waters will not reach them.
- ⁷ You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.
- ⁸ I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.
- ⁹ Do not be like the horse or the mule, which have no understanding but must be controlled by bit and bridle or they will not come to you.
- ¹⁰ Many are the woes of the wicked, but the LORD's unfailing love surrounds the one who trusts in him.
- ¹¹ Rejoice in the LORD and be glad, you righteous; sing, all you who are upright in heart!

There are two good rules which ought to be written on every heart - never to believe anything bad about anybody unless you positively know it to be true; never to tell even that unless you feel that it is absolutely necessary, and that God is listening. ~ Henry Van Dyke

Matthew 4:1-11 (NIV)

Jesus Is Tested in the Wilderness

- ⁴ Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.
- ² After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry.
- ³ The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."
- ⁴ Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"
- ⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple.
- ⁶ "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written:
- "He will command his angels concerning you,
- and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone."
- ⁷ Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"
- ⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. ⁹ "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me."
- ¹⁰ Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'"
- ¹¹ Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him

Meg's Musings

A couple of weeks ago my hand-held vacuum cleaner started playing up. I cleaned the filters. It didn't help. Next, I rang the manufacturer. The man at the other end of the phone decided that the filters needed replacing. This week the filters arrived and I installed them. The machine worked brilliantly for 2-3 minutes, and then stopped. After several attempts to get it to work for longer, I rang the manufacturer again. They promised to send a new battery. I'm hoping that will bring it back to life. As Christians, we don't need new filters, or new batteries. Sometimes we need to see life in a new way. We can find it very difficult to serve God in the way He wants to be served. We have to let go of our egos and opinions, and let God rule our hearts. That can be hard to do!

Blessings from Meg



Knowledge is knowing that a tomato is a fruit; wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad."

~ Miles Kington