



Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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I John 4:7-11 (NIV)

God Is Love

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.

⁸ Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.

⁹ In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him.

¹⁰ In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

Psalms 121 (NIV)

¹ I lift up my eyes to the mountains— where does my help come from?

² My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.

³ He will not let your foot slip— he who watches over you will not slumber;

⁴ indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

⁵ The LORD watches over you— the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

⁶ the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.

⁷ The LORD will keep you from all harm— he will watch over your life;

⁸ the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

Prayer of an Anonymous Abbess

Lord, thou knowest better than myself that I am growing older and will soon be old. Keep me from becoming too talkative, and especially from the unfortunate habit of thinking that I must say something on every subject and at every opportunity.

Release me from the idea that I must straighten out other peoples' affairs. With my immense treasure of experience and wisdom, it seems a pity not to let everybody partake of it.

But thou knowest, Lord, that in the end I will need a few friends.

Keep me from the recital of endless details; give me wings to get to the point.

Grant me the patience to listen to the complaints of others; help me to endure them with charity. But seal my lips on my own aches and pains -- they increase with the increasing years and my inclination to recount them is also increasing.

I will not ask thee for improved memory, only for a little more humility and less self-assurance when my own memory doesn't agree with that of others. Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be wrong.

Keep me reasonably gentle. I do not have the ambition to become a saint -- it is so hard to live with some of them -- but a harsh old person is one of the devil's masterpieces.

Memory Lane 10:00 am at West

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



CHURCH SERVICES

15 March 6pm **Hallsville** ~ Meg Mangan
15 March 11am **West** ~



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



WE WELCOME

the friends and family of
Blake, Hallie and Mel here today



"Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends.

~ Revelations 3:20 (N.I.T)



1st Sunday of the month
~ Luncheon @ West

4th Sunday of the month
~ Markets @ **Hallsville**

1st & 3rd Tuesday MEMORY LANE

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IN OUR PRAYERS

- We give thanks that rain has fallen this week in far western NSW and Queensland.
- We pray for further rain over the Chaffey Dam catchment area.
- We continue our prayers for Max and Shirley Whitten.
- We pray for wisdom for governments and doctors throughout the world who are attempting to manage the Covid 19 virus outbreak.
- We pray for everyone whose travel plans have been overturned by this emergency.

Meg's Musings

Driving around Tamworth at the moment is a pleasure. There are so many Crepe Myrtle trees in bloom. Usually they begin to flower much earlier than this, but this year it seems that the entire trees are flowering at the one moment - rather than taking months to flower. From white to pale pink, bright pink to lipstick pink and mauve-pink - the trees are simply beautiful. Just as the rain seemed to hold off for months, and then to come in a rush, these trees are also following that pattern. Sometimes we pray, and feel that God hasn't heard, or hasn't responded to us. Then suddenly, something happens, and we are reassured - God's answer becomes obvious to us..... we have been heard, and we know that we are loved!

Blessings from Meg



Born Again

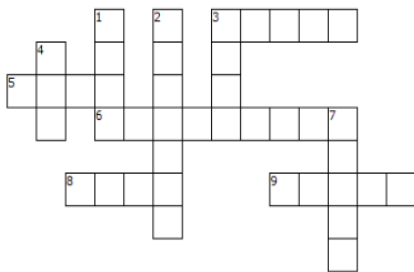
Crossword

Born Again!

In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again." John 3:3 (NIV)

Based on John 3:1-17 (NIV)

New Life in Christ



ACROSS

3. A clear, colorless liquid; H₂O
5. To receive sounds with your ears
6. A Pharisee who went to Jesus at night
8. The period from birth until death
9. The real facts about something; not false

DOWN

1. To be brought into life by birth
2. A person who instructs or trains others
3. The movement of air outside
4. To observe by using your eyes
7. Something that can be heard

Never regret anything that made you smile.

~Mark Twain

John 3:1-17 (NIV)

You Must Be Born Again

3 Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews.
2 This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him."
3 Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."
4 Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?"
5 Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.
6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.
7 Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'
8 The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."
9 Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?"
10 Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? **11** Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony.
12 If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things?
13 No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.
14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up,
15 that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.
For God So Loved the World
16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.
17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

9 March

~ Barry Constable

12 March

~ Joyce Dowsett

13 March

~ Doug Crowell

13 March

~ Reg Myer



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