

# Peel Valley Congregation Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

18 July 2021

Meg Mangan 0476 375 989

P.O. BOX 3315 WEST TAMWORTH

#### Psalm 89:20-37 (NIV)

- <sup>20</sup> I have found David my servant; with my sacred oil I have anointed him.
- My hand will sustain him; surely my arm will strengthen him.
- The enemy will not get the better of him; the wicked will not oppress him.
- <sup>23</sup> I will crush his foes before him and strike down his adversaries.
- My faithful love will be with him, and through my name his horn will be exalted.
- <sup>25</sup> I will set his hand over the sea, his right hand over the rivers.
- <sup>26</sup> He will call out to me, 'You are my Father, my God, the Rock my Savior.'
- And I will appoint him to be my firstborn, the most exalted of the kings of the earth.
- <sup>28</sup> I will maintain my love to him forever, and my covenant with him will never fail.
- <sup>29</sup> I will establish his line forever, his throne as long as the heavens endure.
- <sup>30</sup> "If his sons forsake my law and do not follow my statutes,
- if they violate my decrees and fail to keep my commands,
- <sup>32</sup> I will punish their sin with the rod, their iniquity with flogging;
- but I will not take my love from him, nor will I ever betray my faithfulness.
- <sup>34</sup> I will not violate my covenant or alter what my lips have uttered.
- Once for all, I have sworn by my holiness and I will not lie to David—
- that his line will continue forever and his throne endure before me like the sun:
- it will be established forever like the moon, the faithful witness in the sky."

What we think, we become. ~ Buddha

#### 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 0476 375 989

Elders: Margaret Crowell Ross Davidson Bruce Jarrett

# **2 Samuel 7**:1-14a (NIV)

#### **God's Promise to David**

**7** After the king was settled in his palace and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, <sup>2</sup> he said to Nathan the prophet, "Here I am, living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God remains in a tent."

<sup>3</sup> Nathan replied to the king, "Whatever you have in mind, go ahead and do it, for the LORD is with you."

<sup>a</sup> But that night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, saying:

<sup>5</sup> "Go and tell my servant David, 'This is what the LORD says: Are you the one to build me a house to dwell in?

<sup>6</sup> I have not dwelt in a house from the day I brought the Israelites up out of Egypt to this day. I have been moving from place to place with a tent as my dwelling. <sup>7</sup> Wherever I have moved with all the Israelites, did I ever say to any of their rulers whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?""

<sup>8</sup> "Now then, tell my servant David, 'This is what the LORD Almighty says: I took you from the pasture, from tending the flock, and appointed you ruler over my people Israel. <sup>9</sup> I have been with you wherever you have gone, and I have cut off all your enemies from before you. Now I will make your name great, like the names of the greatest men on earth. <sup>10</sup> And I will provide a place for my people Israel and will plant them so that they can have a home of their own and no longer be disturbed. Wicked people will not oppress them anymore, as they did at the beginning <sup>11</sup> and have done ever since the time I appointed leaders over my people Israel. I will also give you rest from all your enemies.

"The LORD declares to you that the LORD himself will establish a house for you:

<sup>12</sup> When your days are over and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom.

<sup>13</sup> He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

<sup>14</sup> I will be his father, and he will be my son. When he does wrong, I will punish him with a rod wielded by men



### IN OUR PRAYERS

- > We pray for Sophie Littlejohns, who is isolated in hospital in Sydney. She has been there for some time, having suffered a medical misadventure. Due to lockdown, she has been unable to receive visitors.
- We pray for Stuart Brown, one of Beulah's grandsons.
- > We pray for the medical experts who are advising governments on Covid19 procedures and decisions.
- We give thanks for the dedication of medical professionals vaccinating people, and looking after Covid19 patients.



### **Ephesians 2:11-22** (NIV)

Jew and Gentile Reconciled Through Christ

11 Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called "uncircumcised" by those who call themselves "the circumcision" (which is done in the body by human hands)— 12 remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world.

<sup>13</sup> But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

<sup>14</sup> For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, <sup>15</sup> by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, <sup>16</sup> and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. <sup>17</sup> He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were

<sup>18</sup> For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

<sup>19</sup> Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, <sup>20</sup> built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. <sup>21</sup> In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. 22 And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

Be kind to the unkind.

You will teach them what they lack. ~ B Gautam

## Mark 6:30-34,53-56 (NIV) Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand

30 The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught.

31 Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest."

32 So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place.

<sup>33</sup> But many who saw them leaving recognized them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them.

<sup>34</sup> When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.

CHURCH: The Premier has extended lockdown for another two weeks. This means that we will not be holding church during this period. As soon as we are able to gather again without masks being compulsory, we will hold church again. We look forward to that time, and will let everyone know when it is possible.

#### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



Members of our congregation have been busy. Marble bags, larger bags, bears, purses, and dollies in pockets

have been made, or are in production. We also have sufficient coloured pencils. What we need are items of clothing for children, 2-4, or 5-9 years old. Susie is making some, but we will need more. Skirts, T-shirts and shorts are what we usually send.



I find that my days are happier when I give people a piece of my heart, rather that a piece of my mind.



~ anon

18 July 26 July

~ Donna Harrow

26 July

~ Beulah Fenwick



~ Sue Budden

27 July

~ Amity Debenham

