



Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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Psalm 121 (NLT)

- ¹ I look up to the mountains—
does my help come from there?
- ² My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth!
- ³ He will not let you stumble;
the one who watches over you will not
slumber.
- ⁴ Indeed, he who watches over Israel
never slumbers or sleeps.
- ⁵ The LORD himself watches over you!
The LORD stands beside you as your
protective shade.
- ⁶ The sun will not harm you by day,
nor the moon at night.
- ⁷ The LORD keeps you from all harm
and watches over your life.
- ⁸ The LORD keeps watch over you as
you come and go,
both now and forever.

Other Lectionary Reading for this week:

Genesis 12:1-4a
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 Matthew 17: 1-9




CHURCH SERVICES

12 March 11am **West** ~ Marg Crowell



The most important gifts you can give
are your love, time and attention.
Slow down, take time to smile and enjoy
friends and loved ones....life goes by way too
fast.
~ unknown



 **Fabulous Finds Op Shop @ Hallsville**
Open 9:30 to 1:00pm
Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays.

4th Sunday of the month ~ Markets @ Hallsville



John 3:1-17 (NLT)

- ³ There was a man named Nicodemus, a Jewish
religious leader who was a Pharisee.
- ² After dark one evening, he came to speak with
Jesus. "Rabbi," he said, "we all know that God
has sent you to teach us. Your miraculous signs
are evidence that God is with you."
- ³ Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, unless you
are born again, you cannot see the Kingdom of
God."
- ⁴ "What do you mean?" exclaimed Nicodemus.
"How can an old man go back into his mother's
womb and be born again?"
- ⁵ Jesus replied, "I assure you, no one can enter
the Kingdom of God without being born of water
and the Spirit.
- ⁶ Humans can reproduce only human life, but the
Holy Spirit gives birth to spiritual life.
- ⁷ So don't be surprised when I say, 'You must be
born again.'
- ⁸ The wind blows wherever it wants. Just as you
can hear the wind but can't tell where it comes
from or where it is going, so you can't explain
how people are born of the Spirit."
- ⁹ "How are these things possible?" Nicodemus
asked.
- ¹⁰ Jesus replied, "You are a respected Jewish
teacher, and yet you don't understand these
things?"
- ¹¹ I assure you, we tell you what we know and
have seen, and yet you won't believe our
testimony.
- ¹² But if you don't believe me when I tell you
about earthly things, how can you possibly
believe if I tell you about heavenly things?
- ¹³ No one has ever gone to heaven and returned.
But the Son of Man has come down from heaven.
- ¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the bronze snake on a
pole in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must
be lifted up, ¹⁵ so that everyone who believes in
him will have eternal life.
- ¹⁶ "For this is how God loved the world: He
gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who
believes in him will not perish but have eternal
life.
- ¹⁷ God sent his Son into the world not to judge
the world, but to save the world through him.

.... enjoy & share the gift of the friendship of Jesus



IN OUR PRAYERS

- We continue prayers for Glenda, who is currently in hospital.
- We pray that Lent may be a time of renewal and reflection for Christians throughout the world.
- We give thanks for each other - for each and every person who reads this newsletter.
- Our prayers continue for Evelyn and Tony in Canada.



Meg's Musings

There are all sorts of pasta. It comes in all sizes, shapes and lengths...bows, shells, spirals, spaghetti, lasagna sheets to name just a few. Pasta is also made into all sorts of "pillows" with different fillings and flavours.

There seems to be a special sort of pasta to go with each type of sauce.

Some experts say that the different pasta types mean that the right amount of sauce coats the pasta.

I have a different theory.

Many children are picky eaters. If pasta can be varied so that different people have different "favourites", than children can be coaxed to try different pastas, and pick a "favourite".

We humans choose all sorts of "favourite" things during our lifetime, and it seems natural to do so.

Yet our Heavenly Father has no favourites. He loves each one of us absolutely, completely and forever.

Blessing from Meg

I'm still here, I'm still alive, I'm still blessed, on my way to my destiny, because the favor of God is on my life. ~ Hezekiah Walker

Uniting Churches in Tamworth LENT and EASTER - Combined Services

Maundy Thursday 6 April – Tamworth Southside

7pm ~ Rev S Hansford

Good Friday 7 April – Tamworth City

9am ~ Rev S Hansford

Easter Sunday - Tamworth Southside

9.30am ~ Rev S Hansford

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."

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A grandfather was walking through his yard when he heard his granddaughter repeating the alphabet in a tone of voice that sounded like a prayer. He asked her what she was doing.



The little girl explained: "I'm praying, but I can't think of exactly the right words, so I'm just saying all the letters, and God will put them together for me, because He knows what I'm thinking."

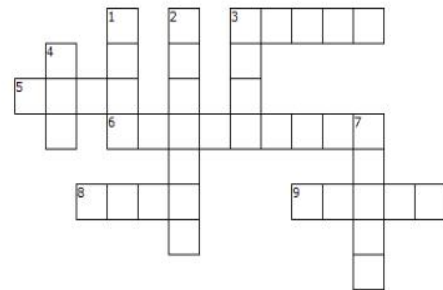
~ Charles B. Vaughan

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

**The first
ever cordless phone
was created by God.
He named it "prayer"
It never loses its
signal and you never
have to recharge it.
Use it anywhere.**

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