

# Trinity Methodist Church

LINDEN, JOHANNESBURG



*Prayer is the key of the morning and the bolt of the night.*

**4 October 2015**

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

*Worship the Lord with gladness;*

*Come before him with joyful songs.*

Know that the Lord is God.

***It is he who made us, and we are his;***

We are his people, the sheep of the pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;

*Give thanks to him and praise his name.*

***For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;***

***His faithfulness continues through all generations.*** Psalm 100



***How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called the children of God!*** And this is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know Him.

Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. *But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.*

Everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

1 John 3:

### **WE PRAY FOR:**

**FRANCIS SIMPSON** is now permanently in frail care at St Michaels.

**DENISE HILL** has a hairline fracture of the pelvic bone and is in great pain. She is in the Olivedale Clinic waiting to go to the step down facility in Northcliff.

**CAROL BOUWER** (56) who helped input information on to the database in 2013 passed away on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2015.

**MIKE RYCROFT** due to have surgery to remove a growth from his leg next week.

**MAY BARTMAN** is living back with her family after being at Tarantal Village.

**MADELEINE** (Lanie's daughter) unemployed & depressed at times. **CARLA** (granddaughter) pray that she will be able to concentrate on her exams.

### **WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:**

**MATRICES** are preparing now for their final exams. Please pray strength & guidance for them and peace for their parents. If you know anyone who is writing Matric this year, please invite them to our evening service on 18<sup>th</sup> October, where we will pray for them.

- **GREG & REBECCA** both going through a very difficult time at the moment.
- **FLEURETTE POULTNEY** is recovering from having a clot removed from her lung.
- **CORAL FISHER (husband Peter, son Paul)** had surgery on her hand 30<sup>th</sup> September.
- **CHASE (mum Christine, grandmother Diane)** had grommets fitted.
- **DUDLEY MIDDLETON** is not well & due for an aggressive course of chemo soon.
- **GILL BURTON-DURHAM (husband Warwick)** recovering at home.
- **ELAINE ORPEN** underwent a hernia procedure on Tuesday (22<sup>nd</sup>).

**CHRONIC LIST:** *Gloria McPherson* (emphysema), *Denese Pieterse* (severe pain), *Thembile* (back problems), *Anna Wadsworth* (90 – very weak), *Woolf Schulze* (dementia), *Sean* (schizophrenia), *Reef* (USA - on-going problems), *Omar* (kidney problems), *Peter Clark* (back problems), *Steven Basson* (Atrial fibrillation), *Lanie* (Marie Palmer's godchild - domestic problems), *Val Tyler* (heart fibrillation), *Louis Brugman* (heart problems), *Duncan Edwards* (stroke), *Pat Levins* (very ill), *Julian Squires* (skin grafts), *Audrey Newberry* (low blood pressure), *Sue* (hip replacement), *Sumi* (depression), *Harold Adams* (frail), *Miguel Moco* (13 - rugby injury), *Henrietta Small* (breathing problems), *Patti Price* (recovery from surgery), *Doug Cole* (frail), *Zelma's sons* (home on bail), *Willa Retief* (frail), *Pat Mostert* (heart problems), *Ella Waterston* (7 - chronic anxiety disorder), *Sebastian Msimang* (prostate), *Kerry* (severe back pains), *Grace Wilson* (fractured femur), *David* (heart problems), *Jean Thompson* (heart problems), *Tobias Steyn* (lungs & heart problem), *Bishop Peter Witbooi* (back problems), *Bob Douglas* (VP shunt), *Frances Simpson* (leg/foot problems), *Terry Sundgren* (shingles), *Slade Hodge* (motorbike accident), *Elaine Vermaak* (in pain), *Audrey Newberry* (confined to bed, with low blood pressure), *Jancsi* (missing), *Jean & Doug Cole*, *Les Chatten*, *Baby Bella*.

**CANCER LIST:** David Edwards, Anton Marais, Nola Dodds, Hilda Louter, Val Warren, Dudley Middleton, Marguerite, Peter, Myrren (18), Diane Turner, Maureen Lupton, Martin vd Merwe, Russell Jones, Ursula Ryder, Lesley Steyn, Don Carneson, Louise Shaw, Brian K, John Sandison, Cindy Saunders, Marina van de Ruit, Brian Tromp, Elizabeth Innes, Greg Clevee-Edwards, Joanna, Joy, John Clarke, Bill Coulle, Rev Hans Visser, Colleen, Gordene, Stuart Dixon, Maureen Booth, Marie Vosloo, Nick Breytenbach (leukaemia), Elaine Orpen, Geoffrey Waters, Mykel, Brenda Hulshoff (leukemia), Ingrid Ingram, Clive Glover, Eric, Ulrich Bracht, Brian (leukemia), Jaco Barnard, Deidre Standsfield, Nan Tippett, Trevor Bartlett, Terry, Michael De Roos, Heather (John Simmonds sister).



## WHO AM I?

*“How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called the children of God”!*

1 John 3:1

We remind ourselves today that we are **the adopted children of God**.

A man once wrote to Selwyn Hughes with this request: *“I don’t know who I am, can you help me?”* Selwyn Hughes replied: *“You won’t know who you are until you know **whose** you are.... and if you have received Jesus into your heart you are a child of God”.*

It was suggested that he should reflect on the fact that he belonged to the family of God, and that he should say to himself every day: ***“I am God’s child. God is my Father, Jesus is my Saviour, the Holy Spirit is my comforter, heaven is my home, the Bible is my guide, and the angels are my companions”.***

This man shared how he had repeated these words to himself every morning and evening for a whole month, and they had served to bring him into a deep realization of who he was in Christ.

***How thrilled are you*** at the fact that you have been adopted into the royal family of heaven?

***Do you daily remind yourself*** of the great privilege that is yours of not only standing before God as if you had never sinned, but of actually being drawn into a close relationship with your heavenly Father?

***Are you aware of the Spirit’s cry in your heart*** prompting you to look into the Father’s face and say: *“Your will is my will”?*

*My Father and my God set my heart on fire with a new understanding and awareness of what it means to belong to You. **Draw me closer to You, Father, closer than I have ever been before.** In Jesus’ Name. Amen.*

I dreamed I had an **INTERVIEW WITH GOD**.

"So, you would like to interview me?" **GOD asked**. "If you have time," I said.

**GOD smiled**. "My time is eternity... what questions do you have for me?"

"What surprises you the most about humankind?" I asked

**GOD answered...**

- "that they get bored with childhood, rush to grow up, and then long to be children again."
- "that they lose their health to make money... and then lose their money to restore their health."
- "that by thinking anxiously about the future, they forget the present, such that they live in neither the present nor the future."
- "that they live as if they would never die, and die as though they had never lived."

**God's hand took mine...** and we were silent for a while.

And then I asked, "As a parent, what are some of life's lessons you want your children to learn?"

**GOD replied**

- "to learn that they cannot make anyone love them. *All they can do is let themselves be loved.*"
- "to learn that it is not good to compare themselves with others."
- "to learn to forgive by practicing forgiveness."
- "to learn that it only takes a few seconds to open profound wounds in those they love, *and it can take many years to heal them.*"
- "to learn that a rich person is not one who has the most, *but is one who needs the least.*"
- "to learn that there are people who love them dearly, *but simply do not yet know how to express or show their feelings.*"
- "to learn that two people can look at the same thing, *and see it differently.*"
- "to learn that it is not enough that they forgive one another, *they must also forgive themselves.*"

"Thank you for your time," I said humbly. "Is there anything else you would like your children to know?"

**GOD** smiled, and said... "**Just know that I am here. . . ALWAYS.**"

**COME TO THE WELL** if you are ill, stressed anxious, depressed, grieving or having to cope with various problems. '**The Well**' is a weekly healing service, held every Thursday from 17h 45 to 18h30 at Trinity Methodist Church.