

Trinity Methodist Church

LINDEN, JOHANNESBURG



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

9 August 2015

Then he told them many things in parables, saying:

A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, where it grew up and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop – a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. *He who has ears let him hear'*

Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: *when anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it*, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is the seed along the path.

The one who received the seed that fell on rocky places is the man who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. But since he has no root, he lasts only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, he quickly falls away.

The one who received the seed that fell among the thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke it, making it unfruitful.

But the one who received the seed that fell on good soil is the man who hears the word and understands it. *He produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.*

Matthew 13: 3-9; 18-23

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*

WE PRAY FOR:

TREVOR BARTLETT (wife Hanna-Marie) had op on Thursday to remove cancerous lesions on the sigmoid colon.

MARIE LE GRANGE (husband Alfred) admitted to hospital 5th Aug with congestive heart failure, lung & other problems. Waiting for results of tests.

PAT MOSTERT (husband John) having an electrophysiological study 24th August; the results of this will decide if it is necessary for her to have a heart ablation op.

BISHOP PETER WITBOOI has been suffering with severe back pain for about 3 weeks. Neurosurgeon is hoping the pain can be managed with medication for about 6 months. There is a possibility that Peter may need a back op in the New Year.

JOHN BOTHA'S COUSIN (46) unexpectedly passed away in her sleep, our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

MME BUTAKE, MME KHATHATSE, MME KHALA & MME MOEKETSI our thoughts are with these families

NAN TIPPETT has been diagnosed with a malignant lump in her breast, which is presently infected. Pray wisdom for docs in dealing with this problem.

JEAN & DOUG COLE Jean asks for prayers for herself and Doug. Doug will be permanently in Frail Care which he is not too happy about.

NIC BREYTENBACH both Nic and Estelle rejoice in the fact that, although his platelet count is very low, the count has doubled. Family give God the praise.

WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:

ELSIE & LOUIS TRICHARDT - Louis is a lot better, he is on a ventilator, has difficulty talking but can move his legs & squeeze with his left hand. Elsie is doing well.

BOB DOUGLAS (74 - Angela Wessel's dad) hasn't needed further surgery, scan showed good improvement. Bob will be moving to a step down facility soon.

DEIDRE STANDSFIELD is in hospital suffering with cancer in the hip. Her husband Jeff is a Deacon at St Thomas' Anglican Church in Linden.

BONOLO SHUPING (Society Steward at Trinity) has a problem with his eye & will have to undergo surgery on this eye.

HEATHER THOMPSON (John Simmons sister) diagnosed with breast cancer, she is in England at the moment & feels far from home.

MARTIN VD MERWE (wife Liz, daughter Karin Blackburn) had chemo treatment last Tuesday which leaves him feeling unwell for about 5 days.

FRANCES SIMPSON recovering from surgery to unblock veins in her leg.

CHRONIC LIST: *Gloria McPherson* (emphysema), *Denese Pieterse* (severe pain), *Thembile* (back problems), *Anna Wadsworth* (90 - frail), *Wolff Schulze* (dementia), *Sean* (schizophrenia), *Reef* (USA - on-going problems), *Omar* (kidney problems), *Peter Clarke* (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), *Frances Simpson* (frail), *Zelma's sons* (home on bail), *Willa Retief* (frail), *Pat Mostert* (chronic heart problems), *Ella Waterston* (7 - chronic anxiety disorder), *Kate Waterston* (severe migraines), *Sebastian Msimang* (prostate), *Kerry* (severe back pains), *Grace Wilson* (fractured femur), *David* (heart problems), *Jean Thompson* (heart problems), *Tobias Steyn* (lungs & heart problem).

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 Cleeve-Edwards*, *Joanna*, *Joy*, *John Clarke*, *Bill Coulle*, *Rev Hans Visser*, *Colleen*, *Gordene*, *Lizelle Slabber*, *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*.



MY PRAYER

God, give me eyes that I might see the work that can be done by me;
God, give me ears that I might hear the cry of those who need me near.
God, give me lips that I might speak comfort and peace to all that seek.
God, give me a mind that I might know how to help those who need me so.
God, give me hands that I might do some large or simple task for You;
God, give me a prayer that I might pray Thy help and guidance every day.
And this one thing, all else above; God, ***give me a heart that I might love.***

Vincent Magro-Attard

WHAT DID YOU FIND, LORD?

*What did you find, Lord, on that day
while sowing your seed, you came by my way?
When seeds of grace to me you threw,
what did you find here, amidst the dew?*

Was my heart like a path, hardened and cold
No place for your truth to burrow and take hold?
Did it lay there unyielded, left open as prey
for the birds of the air to come take it away?

Did you see me as weak and unable to bear
the suffering I'll have when your name I declare?
Did your truth find a joy that would wither away,
when my faith is tested, and finds a cost to pay?

When you looked my way and truth you cast down
did the way of my heart cause you to frown?
Was I pulled by worry and distracted by things
that won't stand the fire when eternity rings?

*Or did you, Lord, as the seed left your hand
find a fertile heart on which it would land
Will your truth take hold and grow to yield
a legacy of grace, Your kingdom to build?* Jim Elder



ONLY YOU

Oh Lord, My God, search my heart.
Please, search every inch, every part.
*Purge my heart Lord, of any wicked thing.
Fill my heart with a new song to sing.*

Clean my heart Lord, make it brand new.
Teach me to do all that, 'You,' want me to do.
*Wash my heart Lord, whiter than snow.
Fill it with the wisdom You want me to know.*

With the Spirit, my heart, please fill.
Mould me and use me Lord, to do Your will.
With a clean heart Lord, all that I do,
Will bring honour and glory to You, 'only You.'