

*Before your mother was your mother*, she was a playful little girl who hated bugs, loved candy and never wanted to go to bed when she was sent. She was an adolescent with zits and wanted a boyfriend. She was a teenager who had cramps and wanted a prom date to kiss her. She was a young woman ready to leave home but afraid to go. She had problems and fears and bad days.

*Before your mother was your mother* she had dreams, goals and yes, she had a life. **Then she had you.** Even if she didn't expect you, she welcomed you. She gave you the best of who she was and what she had even when it didn't look like it. She was afraid for herself and even more so for you, even if she never said anything.

She wanted you to have things she didn't have to give. She wanted to tell you things she couldn't bring herself to say. There were times she hurt your feelings and times she made you mad but in the middle of the good and bad times she remained your mother and always will be **your mom.**



### **SOMEBODY SAID:**

...it takes about six weeks to get back to normal after you've had a baby.... somebody doesn't know that once you're a mother, 'normal' is history.

...you learn how to be a mother by instinct .somebody never took a three-year-old shopping.

...being a mother is boring .... Somebody never rode in a car driven by a teenager with a driver's permit.

...if you're a 'good' mother, your child will 'turn out good'....somebody thinks a child comes with directions and a guarantee.

...you don't need an education to be a mother.... somebody never helped a fourth grader with his maths.

...you can't love the second child as much as you love the first.... somebody doesn't have two children.

...the hardest part of being a mother is labour and delivery....somebody never watched her 'baby' get on the bus for the first day of kindergarten.

...a mother's job is done when her last child leaves home....somebody never had grandchildren.

... your mother knows you love her, so you don't need to tell her.... somebody isn't a mother.

*The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God is the love of a Mother.*

-St. Therese of Lisieux

*The heart of a Mother is a deep abyss at the bottom of which you will always find FORGIVENESS.*

Honore De Balzac

# Trinity Methodist Church

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

*10 May 2015*

*HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY  
To all the Trinity moms and grans*

Honour your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you." *Exodus 20:12*

"As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you; and you will be comforted over Jerusalem." *Isaiah 66:13*

"I have been reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also." *2 Timothy 1:5*

"As apostles of Christ we could have been a burden to you, but we were gentle among you, like a mother caring for her little children." *1 Thessalonians 2:7*

She carefully watches all that goes on in her household and does not have to bear the consequences of laziness. Her children stand and bless her. Her husband praises her: "*There are many virtuous and capable women in the world, but you surpass them all!*"

***Charm is deceptive, and beauty does not last; but a woman who fears the LORD will be greatly praised.*** *Proverbs 31:27 -30 (NLT)*

**CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

**ANDREA & DAVID FRASER** and big brother Danie on the birth of **Jade Ashley Fraser**, born on the 5<sup>th</sup> May.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILIES OF:**

**RENEE BARNES** passed away Mon 4<sup>th</sup> May. Funeral will take place at Trinity on Mon 11<sup>th</sup> May at 13:00pm. Our love and sympathy are with family & friends. Charles, Keith & family thank Trinity for their prayers - *our "Gonnie" is finally in her Garden!*

**DON WOODBURN** – Gary's dad passed away on the 3<sup>rd</sup> May. Our love and sympathy are with Gary, Linda and family and Debbie Woodburn.

**RONA CLOETE** – passed away 20<sup>th</sup> April – our love and sympathy go out to Julian & Marjorie Cloete & Family.

**JOAN PENNY** passed away 24 April. Our love & sympathy go to family & friends.

**SHEILA WALKER, Jean Cole's** sister, passed away on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2015. The following week Jean started with shingles which has gone into her eye.

**GRAEME SMEATON** passed away suddenly after suffering a heart attack on the 7<sup>th</sup> May. Our love and sympathy are with his mother, Gwen Smeaton. The service will be held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at 2pm at Trinity.

**WE PRAY FOR:**

**VENETIA & GEORGE JOANNOU** had a burglary last week but fortunately they were not at home.

**ALFRED LE GRANGE** is suffering with high blood pressure.

**MARI THOMASSET** – had knee surgery on the 30<sup>th</sup> April.

**GRAHAM** (Barbara Atkinson's brother) cancerous wart to be removed 11<sup>th</sup> May.

**WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:**

**EDWARD POLLARD (Mark & Haley Pollard's Father / in law)** lives at Elm Park and has gone back into frail care.

**LAWRENCE DAVIES (wife Joy)** is not at all well, suffering with memory loss, chest pains, stomach problem & headaches.

**REBECCA OWENS (mother Heather)** her body has rejected the bone marrow transplant & there is nothing more the docs can do. Without medication she only has a few weeks to live & with medication the doctors give her about 6 months.

**THE VIOLENCE IN OUR COUNTRY**

We pray for the people who are victims of violence in our city centres these past few weeks. Pray that peace & calm be brought to bear, along with insight and clarity of thought for our President, and for the safety of police seeking to control these attacks.

**PATTI PRICE** (husband Rob) we continue to pray for her recovery.

**CHRONIC LIST:** *Gloria McPherson* (emphysema), *Denese Pieterse* (severe pain), *Thembile* (back problems), *Anna Wadsworth* (90 - frail), *Sonette Mac Gregor* (thymus gland removed), *Wolf Schulze* (dementia), *Sean* (schizophrenia), *Reef* (USA - ongoing problems), *Omar* (kidney problems), *Kate Waterston* (cortisol levels), *Peter Clarke* (back problems), *Steven Basson* (Atrial fibrillation), *Lanie* (Marie Palmer's godchild - domestic problems), *Val Tyler* (heart fibrillation), *Elly Winkelman* (frail), *Louis Brugman* (heart problems), *Duncan Edwards* (stroke), *JENNA* (enthesitis) *Pat Levins* (very ill), *Julian Squires* (skin grafts), *Audrey Newberry* (low blood pressure), *Sue* (hip replacement), *Sumi* (depression), *Harold Adams* (frail), *Russell Harrison* (colon problems), *Norma Morgan* (fall),

**CANCER LIST:** *Gordon Bennett*, *David Edwards* (UK), *Anton Marais* (Sydney), *Lee Barnes*, *Nola Dodds*, *Tracy Hoy* (UK), *Hilda Louter*, *Val Warren*, *Dudley Middleton*, *Marguerite*, *Peter*, *Myrren* (18), *Diane Turner*, *Maureen Lupton*, *Martin vd Merwe* (Karin Blackburn's dad), *Russell Jones*, *Ursula Ryder*, *Lesley Steyn*, *Don Carneson*, *Louise Shaw* (Texas), *Brian K*, *John Sandison*, *Cindy Saunders*, *Marina van de Ruit*, *Brian Tromp*, *Elizabeth Innes*, *Greg Cleeve-Edwards*, *Joanna* (Maurice's niece), *Joy* (Sam's sister), *Gilbert Hughes*, *John Clarke*, *Dudley Hudson*, *Bill Coulle*, *Rev Hans Visser*, *Colleen*, *Gordene*, *Lizelle Slabber*, *Stuart Dixon*, *Maureen Booth*, *Marie Vosloo*, *Nick Breytenbach* (leukaemia), *Elaine Orpen*, *Colin Bertram*, *Geoffrey Waters*, *Mykel*, *Brenda Hulshoff* (leukemia), *Ingrid Ingram*, *Clive Glover*.



### ***A Blessing for Mothers of All Sorts, Sizes and Shapes of Body, Mind and Spirit***

***Mothers***, one and all, some of you have carried your children in your womb. Others of you have welcomed babes in need of your attention who came to you from another birth mother. May the love you've extended return to you a hundredfold.

***Mothers***, do not live in regret of what you wished you would have done, or what you did do and wished you had not. As you look back on your mothering, may you remember that you tried to do your best.

***Mothers***, do not forget to care for yourself. Find what enriches and enlivens your deepest self. May you have the vitality it takes to generously give of yourself daily.

***Mothers***, you who have gone on to another sphere of life. We bring you to mind and heart today. May the peace you now have seep into the weary and troubled places of mothers' hearts everywhere.

Joyce Rupp



*"A mother is the truest friend we have, when trials, heavy and sudden, fall upon us; when adversity takes the place of prosperity; when friends who rejoice with us in our sunshine, desert us. When troubles thicken around us, still will she cling to us, and endeavour by her kind precepts and counsels to dissipate the clouds of darkness, and cause peace to return to our hearts."*

Washington Irving