

# Trinity Methodist Church

LINDEN, JOHANNESBURG



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

**11 October 2015**

Nehemiah said, *go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is sacred to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength*

Nehemiah 8:10

So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature.

The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

***But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness and faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.***

*Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.*

Galations5: 16-24 (selected)

### **WE PRAY FOR:**

**MIKE RYCROFT** surgery to remove growth on his leg on Mon went well but Mike has to have a skin graft to close up the wound, he is very tired and on pain killers.

**LES CHATTEN (John Simmonds dad)** passed away this week after a bad fall a month or so ago. Our thoughts & prayers are with John and family at this sad time.

**HEATHER THOMAS (John Simmonds sister)** has an appointment in Leicester hospital (UK) re chemotherapy. Although she has UK citizenship there are a lot of 'issues'. Please pray for her as she feels very alone in the UK with her illness.

**ETHEL** had her first cataract op this past week, all went well. She is due for another one very soon. Praise God for His provision.

**CHRIS MATTHEWS (wife Viv)** ex Discovery Methodist is in severe pain with B cell lymphoma.

**HAZEL MATTHEWS** passed away the end of last month, our love, sympathy and prayers are with her family and friends at this sad time.

**MARJORIE BAIRD** underwent a partial mastectomy on Wed 30<sup>th</sup> September.

**PAUL MULLER (Karin Oakes mum, Maynie's brother)** passed away 2 weeks ago. Our thoughts and prayers are with his daughter's Natasha & Petro, his grandson Omar, Maynie, Karin and family.

**EVERARD** has prostate cancer and had brachytherapy treatment on 7<sup>th</sup> October; this will be followed by radiation for 3 months.

**ELAINE VERMAAK** is greatly improved; she is not pain free yet but thanks everyone for their prayers. She is on the waiting list for a hip replacement. Elaine's faith has been an inspiration to all.

**TERRY (Maureen Dewberry's brother in law)** has lung cancer which has now spread; he has had radiation and is due to have chemo soon. **Maureen** is very tired.

**BABY BELLA (related to Joy Anderson)** is recovering well after her op. We thank God and pray for complete healing.

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

**DENISE HILL** has a hairline fracture of the pelvic bone causing great pain. She has been moved down to the step down facility in Northcliff.

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

**FLEURETTE POULTNEY** is not doing well after surgery to remove a clot from her lung. She is also suffering with gastro problems.

- **FRANCIS SIMPSON** now permanently in frail care at St Michaels.
- **MAY BARTMAN** is living back with her family after being at Tarantal Village.
- **GREG & REBECCA** both going through a very difficult time at the moment.
- **CORAL FISHER (husband Peter, son Paul)** had surgery on her hand 30<sup>th</sup> September.
- **DUDLEY MIDDLETON** not well & due for an aggressive course of chemo soon.
- **ELAINE ORPEN** underwent a hernia procedure on Tuesday (22<sup>nd</sup>).
- Pray strength & guidance for **MATRICES** preparing for their final exams.

**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 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* (confined to bed, with 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), *JANCSI* (missing) *Jean & Doug Cole*, *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 Cleeve-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).

### ***The Lord is my friend and my companion.***

*How can I ever be lonely so long as He is with me?*

He walks along a country road with me and opens my senses to loveliness never noticed before.

*He accompanies me along the busy streets.* The shop windows are newly enticing. The lights dance more brightly upon the pavements. The crowds don't overwhelm me. I can look into their passing faces and briefly, joyously know them – for the Lord is within them too.

I can go to a party where all are strangers, yet I am happy and at ease *for my Lord is also there.* I can come home to an empty place, a silent place, *yet the Lord enters the room with me and fills it.* *How lovely is the sense of communion I feel sometimes.*

***Oh God. How sweet is the sense of Your nearness.***

Marjorie Holmes

## WHY JESUS WENT TO PARTIES ----Max Lucado

*Why would Jesus, on his first journey, take his followers to a party?*

Didn't they have work to do? Didn't he have principles to teach? Wasn't his time limited? How could a wedding fit with his purpose on earth?

*Why did Jesus go to the wedding?*

**The answer?** It's found in the second verse of John 2. "*Jesus and his followers were also invited to the wedding.*" Why did they invite him? *I suppose they liked him.*

I think it's significant that common folk in a little town enjoyed being with Jesus. I think it's noteworthy that the Almighty didn't act high and mighty.

*The Holy One wasn't holier-than-thou.*

May I state an opinion that may raise an eyebrow? *May I tell you why I think Jesus went to the wedding?* I think he went to the wedding to- now hold on, hear me out, let me say it before you heat the tar and pluck the feathers - ***I think Jesus went to the wedding to have fun.***

Maybe these thoughts catch you by surprise. *They do me.* It's been awhile since I pegged Jesus as a party-lover. But he was. *His foes accused him of eating too much, drinking too much, and hanging out with the wrong people!*

**I must confess:** It's been awhile since I've been accused of having too much fun. *How about you?* We used to be good at it.

*What has happened to us? What happened to clean joy and loud laughter?*

HAVE  
FUN!

*Joyful Journeyer,*

I hear you call to me this day:

*"Behold! Enjoy! Appreciate!*

Welcome all who enter this new day.

*Live wild with rapturous wonder.*

Look with awe and smile with elation.

Forgive those who stand at a distance.

Thank those who have settled in your heart.

Be tender with the rough edges of yourself.

Taste each morsel of life with fullness."

May I live each day with heartiness,  
keeping things in clear perspective...

May I not zoom mindlessly through my days  
missing the passionate gift of life.

**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.*