

Trinity Methodist Church

LINDEN, JOHANNESBURG



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

5 July 2015

“Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is thrown away like a useless branch and withers. Such branches are gathered into a pile to be burned. But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you might ask for anything you want, and it will be granted!

When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father.

I have loved you even as my Father has loved me. Remain in my love. When you obey my commandments, you remain in my love, just as I obey my Father’s commandments and remain in his love. I have told you these things so that you will be filled with my joy.

Yes, your joy will overflow! This is my commandment: ‘love each other in the same way I have loved you. There is no greater love than to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command.

I no longer call you slaves, because a master does not confide in his slaves. Now you are my friends, since I have told you everything the Father told me.

You didn’t choose me, I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce lasting fruit, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask for, using my name.

This is my command: LOVE EACH OTHER.”

COME TO THE WELL

If you are ill, stressed anxious, depressed, grieving or having to cope with various problems. The invitation is open to all to attend a weekly healing service, held every Thursday from 17:45 to 18:30 at Trinity Methodist Church.

CONGRATULATIONS

MEAGAN WOODBURN (partner Geoff) had a baby girl, Olivia, on Monday 29th June. Our congratulations are with grandparents Gary and Linda & family.

WE PRAY FOR:

ELLY WINKLEMAN'S memorial service will be held on Tuesday 7th July, 11am at Trinity. Continue to pray for Vic, Marianne and all the family.

RUSSELL HARRISON was in hospital after his wound turned septic but is now recuperating with Margie at Kenton-on-sea.

HAROLD (Helen Dittberner's father-in-law) had a fall 3 weeks ago and sadly passed away 10days ago. Our prayers are with Helen and family.

ERIC (John Botha's dad) suffering with stage 4 cancer in lungs, liver and colon He is waiting for report from oncologist. John is visiting his dad in the Cape.

MARTIN VD MERWE (Karin Blackburn's dad) is physically well but blood tests show that his cancer is growing again. He will start chemo in a few weeks' time.

SEBASTIAN MSIMANG had a prostate op a few weeks ago & is barred from any physical activity for 6 weeks; docs expect a full recovery "*all things being equal*".

PETER OCHSE (wife Val) had an ear op 10 days ago which was a challenge as his ear was much worse than surgeon expected. He is doing better than with his first op.

PAT MOSTERT (husband John) had an electrical cardioversion procedure on Wednesday, which was successful. The specialist has indicated that there is a strong possibility that she will have to undergo a procedure called catheter ablation.

MAUREEN BOOTH in hospital with cancer of the liver and kidneys & has severe pain. Please, prayers of peace for her and her sister, Colleen, in Durban.

MARIETTE (Regan's mum) & KEITH (Wayne's dad) are both having tests this week for suspected cancer.

JUNE PINKERS HUSBAND is in hospital with fibrillation of his heart. He is very confused, please pray for him, June and family.

JOHANN PRINSLOO (33) had a stroke. He is now in ICU and has been intubated. He has a lung infection and is not doing well.

WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:

YVONNE BRENNAN is recovering at home, we pray for continued healing.

ELLA WATERSTON (7) (Kate's daughter) diagnosed with generalised anxiety disorder and will receiving therapy as well as being on medication for 2 years.

CLIFF WALLIS (Val's husband) having physio for his problem knee.

LONDEKA MABASO has been having problems with her back & now has pains in her stomach. She is on medication & we pray for her swift & complete recovery.

BRYAN TROMP surgery planned for the 25th was postponed until Friday the 3rd July to allow Bryan to get stronger. We pray peace for Patsy, Helen & family.

NIC BREYTENBACH (wife Estelle) is not well; his platelet count is at 10, making him susceptible to catching infections. Normal platelet count should be around 300.

BETTY BOYD is now recovering at home after having a melanoma removed from her right leg & although struggling she has assistance & sends love to all.

ULRICH BRACHT has advanced cancer of the pancreas & liver & has been told by doctors that he doesn't have long to live.

CHRONIC LIST: *Gloria McPherson* (emphysema), *Denese Pieterse* (severe pain), *Thembile* (back problems), *Anna Wadsworth* (90 - frail), *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), *JENNA* (enthesitis), *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), *Innocentia Liphoko* (recovering from surgery), *Patti Price* (recovery from surgery), *Doug Cole* (frail), *Frances Simpson* (frail), *Zelma's sons* (home on bail), *Willa Retief* (frail).

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.*



He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with a towel with which he was girded.

John 13:5 NKJV

We are heirs to a servant King, whom we honour by serving others in humility & love.

Our duty here may be something simple ... and even more important:

- * To speak a healing word to a broken heart
- * To extend a hand to one who has fallen
- * To give a smile to those whose laughter has been lost
- * To encourage the dreamer who has given up
- * To ease the burden of one bent low beneath a thankless task
- * To reassure the doubter and reinforce the believer
- * To light the candle of God's Word in the midst of another's darkest night.

CALLED TO LOVE

Jesus you are 'filled with love' for me, just as you were for the rich young person who came to you. I, too, have riches, a wealth of love within me, that is meant to be shared. I yearn to have a deep desire for goodness so that I can leave some of the things I am greedy for and focus my heart on the deeper values of your love. I yearn to love as you have loved.

Mark 10: 17-22

Jesus, there are places in my heart that are still unfree and fearful. You made yourself available to the Samaritan woman and you pursued her with your strong belief in her inner treasures. Continue to pursue me and convince me of my inner treasures. I, too, am meant to be a person of love who announces hope to others.

John 4: 1-42

Jesus, you told a powerful story of a person who stopped on a risky road to care for someone's wounds. Help me also to stop at the unpleasant places in my life, to be present to those who need a touch of love, especially on those days when my life is moving hurriedly and intensely. Grant me the courage to be less fearful of reaching out and walking with others who need a gesture of kindness and care.

Luke 10: 29-37

Jesus you welcomed a penitent woman who came to bathe your feet with her tears. You recognized the beauty of her love, the depth of her sorrow. There are tears in me which need to be shed for the pain I've caused, the hurt I've generated. You are a loving welcome for me as I come with my repentance. Thank you for all the times you have welcomed me home.

Luke 7:36-50

*Jesus, you 'loved your own, loved them to the end'. You bent low before them, smelled their dirty feet, and washed them tenderly. You then asked them to share that same great love with others. I, your servant, am called to share my gifts and talents with those who are a part of my life. I am not meant to be a doormat for them but I am called to be generous and humble with the deeds I do. **May it be so.***

Luke 13: 1-15

*Jesus, you called your disciples **friends**. You recognized the great blessing they were for you on your journey. Thank you for the gift of my significant persons, for the privilege of walking through life with them. Remind me often of the strength and courage these loved ones give to me. May the joy I experience through them radiate love in my life to all who know me.*

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