

# Trinity Methodist Church

LINDEN, JOHANNESBURG



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

21 June 2015

*We thank our Lord for all our Trinity fathers and pray that our Heavenly Father will guide them, encourage them and keep them in His perfect will.*



## A FATHER'S ORDERS

*Listen, O Israel!*

*The LORD is our God, the LORD alone.*

*And you must love the LORD your God*

*With all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength.*

*And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly  
to these commands that I am giving you today.*

*Repeat them again and again to your children.*

*Talk about them when you are at home*

*And when you are on the road,*

*When you are going to bed and when you are getting up.*

*Tie them to your hands*

*And wear them on your forehead as reminders.*

*Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. (NLT)*

My son, do not despise the LORD's discipline or be weary of his reproof, for the LORD reproves him whom he loves, as a father the son in whom he delights.

Proverbs 3:11-12 ESV

Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.

Proverbs 22:6 ESV

**THE WELL** – a weekly healing service is held in the Church  
every **Thursday** from **17h45 until 18h30**.

All are invited to 'come to the well' whatever the problem is.

### WE PRAY FOR:

**EDWARD POLLARD** passed away 14<sup>th</sup> June. Our prayers and sympathy are with **Mark & Haley Pollard, family & friends.**

**AVRIL ROGERS** passed away 14<sup>th</sup> June; we pray comfort & peace for **Nic & Delene Muller, their daughter-in-law, family and friends.**

### WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:

**ULRICH BRACHT** a tumour was removed from his pancreas on Friday 12<sup>th</sup>. He is out of hospital but suffering with severe pain. He will be starting chemo next week.

**DOUG COLE** (wife Jean, son Rob) was discharged on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> and is now in frail care at Garden Village. Jean's shingles are a lot better. Continue to pray for them.

**WILLA RETIEF (Sonja & Deona's mum)** is in High Care suffering with pneumonia, docs have also found that she is suffering with heart & lung problems.

**HELEN & MIKE URBAN & SONS CHRISTOPHER & MATTHEW** are going through a very difficult period health wise. Pray God's healing hand on them all.

✠ **AVRIL THOMPSON** is blind and her son has been diagnosed with leukaemia.

✠ **FRANCES SIMPSON** is now in Frail Care, at St Michaels Village.

✠ **ELLY WINKLEMAN** very weak and not well.

✠ **ARLENE & PARTNER** pray problems in their relationship will be resolved.

✠ **ZELMA'S** 2 sons, caught up in violence now home on bail. Zelma is very worried.

### MESSAGES FROM TRINITY WEB SITE-please continue to pray for:

✠ **SYLVIA GANSA (Lindiwe Gansa's sister)** very ill.

✠ **MARISA MOORLEY & sons, Aaron, Uzziah, Jaaziah** - facing eviction.

✠ **CRYSTAL VINES** needs employment.

**OUR TRINITY FAMILY** - everyone in Trinity needs prayer, in one form or other bearing in mind we all have our own situations that we deal with on a daily basis. **Philippians 4 v 6** exhorts us "*Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer & supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God.*"

**CHRONIC LIST:** **Gloria McPherson** (emphysema), **Denese Pieterse** (severe pain), **Thembile** (back problems), **Anna Wadsworth** (90 - frail), **Sonette Mac Gregor** (thymus gland removed), **Woolf Schulze** (dementia), **Sean** (schizophrenia), **Reef** (USA - on-going 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), **Norma Morgan** (fall), **Miguel Moco** (13 - rugby injury), **Henrietta Small** (breathing problems), **Cecil & Sue Edwards** (stressful times), **Innocentia Liphoko** (recovering from surgery), **Patti Price** (recovery from surgery).

**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 Cleve-Edwards, Joanna, Joy, Gilbert Hughes, 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.



### DADDY'S HANDS

I remember daddy's hands folded silently in prayer  
and reaching' out to hold me, when I had a nightmare.  
You could read quite a story in the callous' and lines  
Years of work and worry had left their mark behind  
I remember daddy's hands how they held my mama tight  
and patted my back for something done right.

There are things that I'd forgotten that I loved about the man  
but I'll always remember the love in daddy's hands.  
Daddy's hands were soft and kind when I was cryin'  
Daddy's hands were hard as steel when I'd done wrong  
Daddy's hands weren't always gentle but I've come to understand  
There was always love in daddy's hands.

I remember daddy's hands workin' 'til they bled  
Sacrificed unselfishly just to keep us all fed.

*If I could do things over, I'd live my life again  
and never take for granted the love in daddy's hands.*

Holly Dunn

'Sherman made the terrible discovery that men make about their fathers sooner or later... *that the man before him was not an aging father but a boy, a boy much like himself, a boy who grew up and had a child of his own and, as best he could, out of a sense of duty and, perhaps love, adopted a role called 'Being a Father' so that his child would have something mythical and infinitely important: A Protector, who would keep a lid on all the chaotic and catastrophic possibilities of life*' (Tom Wolfe, 'the bonfire of the Vanities')

*By the time a man realizes that maybe his father was right,  
he usually has a son who thinks he's wrong.*

Charles Wadsworth

I once heard a famous Scottish preacher, relate this incident. During his boyhood in Scotland he worked a long distance from home. The walk home took him through a dense forest and a wide ravine. The ravine was known to house wild animals and robbers.

Darkness would often gather before he got to the woods, and he said: *‘how I dreaded, to make the last part of the trip! I never went through these woods without trembling with fear’*

*‘One night it was especially dark, and I was aware that something or someone was moving stealthily towards me. I was sure it was a robber. A voice called out and its eerie tone struck my heart cold with fear...’*

Then came a second call, and this time I could hear the voice saying, *“John is that you?”* It was my father’s voice. He had known my fear of the ravine and the darkness of the forest, and he had come to meet me. *‘My father took hold of my hand and put his arm around me, I never had a better walk in my life. His coming changed the whole trip’*

This is God’s relationship with you and me! ***He is your Father and my Father***



### **WHAT MAKES A DAD**

God took the strength of a mountain,  
*The majesty of a tree,*  
The warmth of a summer sun,  
*The calm of a quiet sea,*  
The generous soul of nature,  
*The comforting arm of night,*  
The wisdom of the ages,  
*The power of the eagle's flight,*  
The joy of a morning in spring,  
*The faith of a mustard seed,*  
The patience of eternity,  
*The depth of a family need,*  
Then God combined these qualities,  
When there was nothing more to add,  
*He knew His masterpiece was complete,*  
*And so, He called it ... Dad.*

The greatest gift I ever had came from God; *I call him Dad.*” - Author unknown