Thank God for my shoes – *they fit*. I woke up one day and I realised that there were many things about my life I was not satisfied with or better still, there were challenges that were threatening my soul.

And I said to myself, "*Why should anyone envy me and want to be in my shoes"* they don't know how far I've come, they don't know what lies ahead of me, and neither do they know how dissatisfied I get with myself from time to time.

People don't know the troubles that you've had or the price you had to pay to get where you are. All they want to know is that they wish they were like you. Why should you wish you were in anybody's shoes when you hardly know how they fit?

When you've worn your shoes for a while, they take the shape of your feet and align to the way you walk. If you were to wear my shoes, you will not be comfortable in them. *So I stopped wishing that I am in someone else's shoes because they might not fit; rather I thank God for my shoes, because they fit!*

I have learnt to be the best in what I do, *and I know that no one can replace me anywhere and in any sphere. I am an original; my God is not in the cloning business* ***He makes originals***. Make the best of what you do; besides you have this beautiful life to live only once.

Every life is a fresh thought from God to the world. There is no person in all the world who can do your work as well as you. *And if you do not find, and enter into God's purpose for your life, there will be something missing from the glory that would otherwise have been there*.

Every jewel gleams with its own radiance. Every flower distils its own fragrance and every Christian his own particular bit of Christ's radiance and fragrance which God would pass through him to others.

God has given you a particular kind of personality. He has also created a particular circle of individuals who can be reached and touched by that personality as by none other in the world. *And then He shapes and orders your life so as to bring you into contact with that very circle.*

What a privilege to have one's own Christ in-dwelt personality, however humble! What a joy to know that God will use it, as He uses no other.

. Trinity Methodist Church

LINDEN, JOHANNESBURG

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

1 February 2015

O Lord, *You have searched me*
And you know me
You know when I sit and when I rise;
You perceive my thoughts from afar.
You discern my going out and my lying down;
You are familiar with all my ways.
Before a word is on my tongue
You know it completely, O Lord.

You hem me in – behind and before;
You have laid your hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
Too lofty for me to attain.

For you created my inmost being;
You knit me together in my mother's womb.
I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
Your works are wonderful,
I know that full well. Psalm 139: 1-6; 13-1

You created everything, and it is for Your pleasure that they exist and were created. Revelation 4:11

The Lord takes pleasure in His people Psalm 149:4a

PLEASE PRAY FOR;

JOY (Sam Wiggett's Sister) Joy was diagnosed with cancer last year but a recent ultrasound has shown that she is cancer free & does not need surgery. We praise God for answered prayers. Her fmily thanks everyone for their prayers.

LEE DE VILLIERS is recovering well from a hysterectomy that she had on 8th January, still unable to drive for a week or so.

GAVIN SMITH broke his leg badly a few weeks ago & needs metal plates & screws.

VENNIE SPEARS had a bad fall & is in a wheel chair. She is trying to strengthen her legs so that she will be able to walk again. We congratulate Tom & Vennie on their 65th Wedding Anniversary on the 11th February.

NORA SWART to have a colostomy reversal 2nd week in February.

MARIE VOSLOO has recently been diagnosed with breast & spine cancer.

KEVIN TURNER has asked for prayer for his depression, anxiety & suicidal thoughts & that he may be filled with new hope, life, peace & joy and that he may find a home & job (as he is living homeless).

NEITH THOMPSON **we** pray for her as she has a hip replacement tomorrow (Mon).

MAUREEN BOOTH in Fairland Village has cancer which has spread to her mouth.

SEAN **(mid 20's)** has been diagnosed with schizophrenia.

ELLIE WINKLEMAN is very happy in the Frail Care at Garden Village.

WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:

MAURICE **(wife Hilary)** doing well after first cataract op, 2nd eye will be done on Tuesday. Thanks to everyone for their prayers.

ROBERT **(Shirley Thompson's brother)** is extremely ill.

HEATHER CLARKE **(mother Erica)** good news is that Heather is now home being looked after by her mom. We continue to praise God for her recovery.

GLORIA MCPHERSON **(children Sandy & Stewart)** has been in hospital for 3 weeks suffering from emphysema & other problems.

GORDENE **60+ (Husband Andre)** has been in hospital for 11 weeks.

ANNA WADSWORTH **(90)** is very frail and weak and doesn't want to eat. Please pray peace & comfort for her and family.

SONETTE MAC GREGOR **(husband Roderick)** is slowly recovering after having the thymus gland removed in open heart surgery.

DALLAS CASS **(parents Pat & Mickey)** had a shoulder op to reattach the labrum. His shoulder has to remain completely immobilised for 6 weeks.

HELEN DITTBERNER is having terrible back and chest pains. She visited cardiologist on Wednesday who said her heart was fine.

MERRI BAYNE is now recovering from her knee op at home.

CRAIG (Kate Waterston's brother) is sore and tired after surgery to his neck a week ago but we thank our Lord that he is progressing well.

NORMA HART recovering well after 2nd cataract op, thanks to all for prayers.

<u>CHRONIC LIST:</u> ***Christine Dugmore*** (broken shoulder), ***Dirk Beier*** (broken foot), ***Gloria McPherson*** (emphasema)***, Anna Wadsworth***(frail), ***Denese Pieterse*** (severe pain), ***Thembile*** (back problems).

<u>CANCER LIST:</u> ***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**)**, ***Joy vd Klis***, ***Jean Clarence, Daniela Andrade*** **(7)***, Russell Jones, Ursula Ryder, Lesley Steyn, Don Carneson, Louise Shaw*** (Texas), ***Brian K, John Sandison, Cindy Saunders, Marina van de Ruit, Brian Tromp, Chloe Thomas, Elizabeth Innes, Greg Cleeve-Edwards, Joanna*** (Maurice's niece), ***Joy*** (Sam's sister), ***Gilbert Hughes, John Clarke, Dudley Hudson, Keith Bunce*** (UK - wife Liz), ***Bill Coulle, Rev Hans Visser, Colleen, Gordene, Lizelle Slabber, Stuart Dixon.***

Rick Warren in his book, '*The Purpose Driven Life"* writes the following:

'You were planned for God's pleasure. The moment you were born into the world, God was there as an unseen witness, *smiling at your birth.* He wanted you alive, and your arrival gave Him great pleasure.

God did not *need* to create you, but He *chose to create you for His own enjoyment.* You exist for His benefit, His glory, His purpose and His delight.

Bringing enjoyment to God, living for His pleasure, is the first purpose of your life. When you fully understand this truth, you will never again have a problem with feeling insignificant.

The Tapestry of His Love

He took two threads of love and wove me in the womb
covered me with a tapestry that was made upon His loom.

He did the fine needlework of all the fibers of my frame
He skillfully sewed us together so our image would be the same.

He embroidered in my soul the desire to know His will
then interlaced us together with the Holy Spirit's seal.

He stitched so intricately all the details inside of me
so that the fabric of His life the unwoven eye could see.

He held the needle in His hand and used love as His thread
He formed me in the womband to Him ~ I'm forever lead.