



The Glen Methodist Church

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Pastoral letter to members of the Glen Methodist Church

Dear people of God,

The unprecedented events of these past few weeks, unlocked by the rise in number of those affected and infected by the Corona virus in our Country and throughout all the world, the first address by President Ramaphosa limiting activities and numbers of people gathering to nothing beyond 100 people, followed by the Lockdown announced Monday night, has no doubt left most, if not all of us, in a state of fear and uncertainty. As the leadership of the Glen, we would like to assure you of our prayers during these times of uncertainty, and draw your attention to the God of love, who assures us that he will never leave nor forsake us.

It is my prayer that during this time of Lockdown, we will endeavour to come closer together as family members, reach out to those who are lonely and vulnerable by phone call, text or WhatsApp etc, and that we will share Christ's love with others who might need our help, albeit remotely, and spend a lot of time reading the scriptures and praying for our Country and the world. Remember the powerful words of Paul in 2 Timothy 1: 7 *"For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline"*.

We have put in place some plans for the duration of the national lockdown:

Sunday Worship

We hope to continue livestreaming our services through Facebook at 9h00am on Sundays, until Easter Sunday at least. The response to the first of the services was overwhelming and reached a far greater audience than we would have had in a normal service in Church. We also hope to stream the Good Friday Service, with Rev Paul Bester from Eastview Methodist Church preaching. The process to log into the service is as follows: ***Open Facebook.com, search "The Glen Methodist Church"; "Like" the page; go to the Glen's FB page. When streaming starts, press "play" on the picture***

Tithes, Planned Giving and Offering

Please note that even though the services are not happening at the Church, all other services that the Church is involved in continues, and thus, we encourage all our members to continue to support our Church through Tithing and Offerings. You may do this electronically through EFT. The Banking details can be found on our website. The website address is: www.glenmethodist.co.za

To those who are unable to get onto our website, the Banking details are as follows:

First National Bank, Lynnwood.
Branch code – 252 045

Account No – 546 043 10688.

The Church Office

Please note that we will not be on Holiday, but simply working off site. You may contact me and the Staff members through our cell phones and by email if you have any queries. Our Pastoral Care center is also on stand-by to deal with any emergencies that might arise. Please contact Annezka on her cell phone

(Please note that we cannot publicize cell phone numbers here, as this correspondence will be on a public platform, and can thus compromise the safety of those whose personal contact details are published).

Correspondence

We will continue to send our email correspondence through the MyMethodist portal, our Facebook page, our Website page and through the different WhatsApp groups for the different Ministry groups in our Church. Please know that we will seek to communicate with you throughout this very difficult period should there be any changes. Please continue to be diligent in prayer all the time.

In conclusion, I draw your attention to the words of Paul in 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 *“Be joyful always, pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”*

Shalom

Smanga