



**PRAISE and PRAYER**  
**AUGUST 2022**

**WORSHIPFUL WISDOM**

*“The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace.”*

Romans 8:6

Life and peace. Every human being craves such blessings. Every human being strives for them too. The striving can take many forms. Some seek their life and peace in work, others in relationships. Some focus on their sexuality; others on intellectual inquiry. Some even reduce life and peace to such things as eating and drinking or spending and acquiring. Pleasure, passions and people become the objects of our desire, as we try to construct our life and peace from the things around us. And though we seek the blessing of life and peace in such things, we are really accomplishing death for ourselves. Nothing will satisfy apart from the Spirit of God. Nothing!

The mind is a miraculous thing. It is also corrupt. It doesn't know how to worship God until it is told. Even then, it must be empowered. Fallen flesh does not worship God naturally, so our only hope is beyond the natural. If we really want life and peace, we have to realise that the mind will not find it with its own intuition or inquiry. It has to embrace an outside Guide. It needs the Spirit of God.

Contrary to the tradition of many Christians, the mind is a critical focus of worship. The heart has its passions, and God loves it when those passions are directed toward Him. But God is worshipped logically and reasonably as well. The Logos who designed all of creation with unfathomable brilliance and precision is worthy of our worship, and our worship of Him is not to be a worship from ignorance. The Creator gave us our own minds so that we might begin to understand His.

Use your brain. That's the encouragement of all Scriptures that urge wisdom and intelligent worship. But submit your brain to the guidance of the Spirit. Make this your prayer: “Lord, fill my mind with Your thoughts; give me insight into Your ways; help me to appreciate Your wisdom. Let my mind behold your glory. Grant me life and peace through Your Spirit. Amen.”

*Taken from: Worship the King – Chris Tiegreen*

## **BLOEMFONTEIN YW**

### **PRAISE:**

- We are thankful and grateful that God has kept us safe and healthy in the YW House Bfn.
- We thank God that the girls that left have been impacted and touched by GOD.
- Currently we have 19 girls and 8 rooms that still need to be filled but we praise God that our house will be full and the girls will feel safe and loved.
- Thankful that we live by John 3:16.

### **PRAYER:**

- We still trust God to keep us safe and restore our health.
- We trust and believe that the suburb of Willows will be a safe haven for all students.
- We trust we will become a full house and on fire for the Lord.
- We trust our ministry evenings will be where God will pour out His love on all of us and the girls will be open and filled with His Spirit.

**STAFF: *Willem & Vanessa, Mittah, Adeline & Winnie***

## **CAPE TOWN YW**

### **We THANK GOD for:**

- the safe return of our residents;
- the new Managers, Mike & Cynthia, and the birth of their new granddaughter;
- God's amazing provision and for His protection over this House;
- our Staff and their dedication to this work;
- the wonderful rains we enjoyed;
- Jacob (Dawn Marais's grandson) improvement.

### **PRAYER for:**

- our Residents, as they commence the second semester;
- more Residents for the balance of this year and for funding for many of the students who are battling to find accommodation. We have a number of spaces available. Finances are a challenge for many families.
- We pray too for the enquiries we are receiving for 2023 – that God will direct their paths;
- our Women's Day celebration with Red Harbour Church;
- to call additional Committee members to serve on our Committee;
- Michael and Cynthia Stemmett as they settle into the House, get to know the Staff and Residents. We pray that God will bless them mightily. We pray too for their family, for Joshua who is still studying and will be living here with them. For their other sons and daughters-in-laws and grand-children, that God will direct their paths.
- We pray for Jacob, the grandson of our Local Association President, Dawn Marais. Jacob has a few challenges, feeding is one of them, he has tongue-tie and this might be the reason.
- Marion Pallant (Manager of this House from the mid-1980's to mid-1990's), as she settles into a new environment in a retirement home and for her health.
- Distone's brother who is not well.

- Bijou, one of our Committee members, for her school project as they feel God leading them into a new property and for all the needs to serve in this ministry.
- One of our suppliers, we will call her C, (God knows who she is) who has followed God's call to move to Mauritius and to minister to the local people. Giving thanks to God to providing accommodation and praying for her work permit so that she can interact with more of the local people.
- Malcolm and Amanda and their future as they plan to immigrate to Australia;
- protection from Covid and other winter illnesses;
- Wayne and Megan as they enjoy a well-earned break.

**Staff: Distone, Terenia, Wendy, Irene, Alice, Nikki, Bernadette, Heathia, Megan & Wayne, Cynthia & Mike**

*"I have told you this so that you will have peace by being united to me. The world will make you suffer. But be brave! I have defeated the world!" John 16:33*

## **PIETERMARITZBURG YW**

**PRAISE:** John 10:10b *"I have come that they may have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."*

- Thank you, Jesus, that in You we have life, and life in abundance, to show your glory.
- For the start of this semester with a full House. God is so faithful!
- For a good meeting with Ntokozo and Khwezi about the next few months of Connect Group.
- For lectures starting on campus – 50% of classes will take place on Campus.
- For financial support from the YW Trust which enables us to have a Biometric reader installed at the pedestrian gate, and the CCTV system upgraded.
- For the safe return of the girls for the start of the second semester.

### **PRAYER:**

- That the Holy Spirit will reveal Jesus to each lady in these next few months.
- For the girls to take their studies seriously from the beginning of this semester.
- For health for each of the staff and girls, as the flu season is in full force.
- For Ntokozo and Khwezi to be filled with the Spirit as they share His Word with the girls.
- For each of the girls to stand against the prevailing anti-Christ world view that they encounter and not be deceived or pressured into compromise.
- For the finances to come in on time so that we are able to steward well.
- For wisdom for Penny and Fred as we deal with all the issues which crop up.

**Staff: Fikhile, Zodwa, Jackson, Penny and Fred**

## **THE YW NATIONAL OFFICE**

### **PRAISE:**

- For **Mike & Cynthia Stemmett** as they work together with Wayne & Megan in the Cape Town YW.
- Also for **Willem & Vanessa McKuur** who are managing the Bloemfontein YW.

- We thank God for all our Managers. We greatly appreciate each of them and praise God for His hand of wisdom and guidance upon each one.
- We praise God for the young women He has directed into the Houses for 2022 and pray that His will be outworked in each one's heart and life.
- We thank God for the people who assist in the spiritual ministry that is done in each House. This is the heart of our YW's vision and mission, and we are so blessed to know that many of the Residents respond to God's call.
- We also give thanks for the many people involved in the work of The YW voluntarily: all the Local Association Committee members; all EXCO members, and the Trustees of our YW Trust. We ask that God continues to keep each one safe and healthy throughout the year.

**PLEASE PRAY:**

- That the advert in the **July** issue of the **Joy magazine** will bring in suitable applications for the Bloemfontein YW management positions. We would like to have a couple in there by the 1<sup>st</sup> September so they can work alongside Willem & Vanessa for a while.
- We pray that each House's Residents will be girls who are hungry to grow in knowledge and wisdom to pass their exams, but also with a hunger and thirst to know the Truth and to meet with Christ as their personal Lord and Saviour.
- For God to continue to direct young women into our YW Residences so that each one will be full for the rest of the year.
- For God's protection over each of our YW Houses, the Managers, their Staff and Committees throughout 2022.
- We pray for the young women who minister in the local universities of Pretoria and Johannesburg under the 'umbrella' of Campus Outreach. We pray for the Holy Spirit to give them godly wisdom and to direct and guide them in their daily ministry.
- Please keep the following Retired Workers in your prayers: Cheryl Hooper (EL) and Beverley Green (PE/Q).
- Please also keep our still serving and ex-Missionary ladies in prayer: Denise Atkins (CT); Heather Simkin and Jeanette Lelliott (Comoro Islands); Lynne (& Nick) Swanepoel (UK) and Margy Cowell (Jhb).
- ***Continue to pray for healing*** for: Jean & Henri Pienaar (Jhb); Norma Green (PE); Lorna Jackson and Kathy Chetty (Dbn); Almarie Gouws and Veronica & Richard Werth (Bft). Thank you.

**National Directors of The YW :** Margrit Temple (President); Mark Baisley (Treasurer); Alice Mathew, and Noreen Hallam (Administrator).

**THE YW BROMLEY HOUSE, HARARE**

**PRAISE:**

- Thankful for a staff member's quick recovery on her sprained ankle which happened whilst going down the stairs.
- We thank God for the gift of life and His provision in our daily lives.
- To praise God for the improvements that are happening at Bromley House.
- We give thanks because the high electricity bill debt has been cleared.

**PRAYER:**

- To draw more God-fearing girls that will uphold the standards of the house.
- For harmony, peace, love, and unity amongst the girls.
- For protection upon all our families.

**Staff: *Mrs P Ncube and Bromley House staff.***

Psalm 32:8a – *“I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go.”*