



Preaching, Teaching and Reaching for
Transformation and Liberation

“CONSCIOUS AND INTENTIONAL MINISTRY: DOING WHO I AM”

Also I heard the voice of the Lord saying: “Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?” Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.” Isaiah 6:

THE PASTOR’S PEN May 8, 2022

Happy Mother’s Day

When we think about everything that mothers do and the numerous ways in which mothers have sacrificed, delayed and adjourned their dreams, goals and agenda for us, I am certain that all of us would agree that Mother’s Day should be everyday. There is, unquestionably, no valid argument that too much can be said about or too much time could be devoted to the celebration of motherhood.

If motherhood is so great, then it would be nice if everyone was a mother, right? Well, we know that this is not possible, or is it? Biologically speaking, we know that men cannot give birth to children, even if they desired to. However, as you have heard me say for years, true motherhood is more than biology. There are many men and women who have never given birth to a child, yet have been more effective mothers than those who have actually birthed those children.

Therefore, as we celebrate motherhood on this day, we celebrate those who have given birth to children, but more importantly, we celebrate those who have gotten in touch with their ‘Motherly Side’ and have hearts and hands that have, in the tradition of the mothers who have gone before us, been large enough to ‘keep it together’ until it is time to ‘put it together’ and once it is together, ‘keep it together until the end’.

For the men, let me provide a special expression here: Getting in touch with your ‘Motherly Side’ is not the same as getting in touch with your ‘feminine side’. Many men reject the notion of embracing a feminine side because we have been taught to believe that it makes us weak and vulnerable. Therefore, we overcompensate on the strong, manly side and, unfortunately, end up hurting and destroying those whom we say we love.

Getting in touch with your ‘Motherly Side’ is getting in touch with the foundation of love that is given to us through the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit within us. As I get in touch with my ‘Motherly Side’ I am able to provide ‘Motherly Love’ to my children. As well, and of equal if not more importance, I am able to provide ‘Motherly Love’ to my wife [the little things that your mother did for you and the little things that you do for your children – are you doing them for your wife?]. Then provide ‘Motherly Love’ in all of my relationships.

For those who may be especially challenged, recite this statement: “I am so glad that the Father / Jesus have large hearts, are in touch with their ‘Motherly Side’ and show me ‘Motherly Love’”.

The Pilgrim Rest Oasis

Sharing the Faith · Securing the Future

Through faith God has given us the space to be an oasis in the middle of the city.

An oasis is a fertile spot in the desert where refuge, relief, and refreshment is found.

Be part of God's plan for Pilgrim Rest and this community.

Start contributing to the Oasis today!
Let's continue to make progress!

Thank you for your continued support of God's plan for us.



Beginning



Current



Your contribution can be dedicated to a specific activity or the Oasis, in general.

	Educational Enrichment	Technology Literacy	Athletics & Recreation	Performing Arts	Facility Innovation
\$500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 15 Subject books for elementary (math, literature, history, etc.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 iPad 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 basketballs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 art sets for aspiring artists 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> External security lighting to keep the street well-lit and safe
\$1,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100 Summer Bridge books to help students retain learning during breaks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100 "learn how to code" kits for elementary students 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 tennis rackets 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 beginner saxophones or 8 beginner violins 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Camera security system to keep everyone safe
\$2,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9 students can be challenged to excel using interactive problem-solving programs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 computer for graphic design and website creation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12 sets of golf clubs for children 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 Play Scripts with performance/licensing fee and cast instructions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wireless PA system to easily communicate at the school
\$5,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 smartboard to help teachers engage students in learning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 STEM lab cart of materials for a classroom with multiple activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3-day Speed and Agility workshop for 15 young aspiring track stars 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100 pairs of tap shoes for aspiring dancers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Battery operated floor scrubber to keep the building looking its best
\$10,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 trip for 15 students to visit 1 HBCU 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100 Robotic kits to reinforce studies in STEAM subjects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open gym for 20 young people 1 X a week throughout the winter in a safe place 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 200 tickets to see Alvin Ailey Dance Company 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LED light fixtures throughout the school to promote learning and natural light

WORK FOR THE WEEK

MAY MEMORY VERSE

Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.
Ephesians 4:2

MAY MEDITATION QUOTE

“Don’t be in a hurry to condemn because he doesn’t do what you do or think as you think or as fast. There was a time when you didn’t know what you know today.”

Malcolm X

TODAY’S STUDY QUESTIONS AND MEDITATION:

I know I have nothing to do with the problem. However, what do I have to do with the resolution of the problem? _____

What have I done in the past, and what do I need to do differently now? _____

FOR THE YOUTH

God has placed me where I am for a reason. Do I know why I am where I am? _____
