



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 6:8

THE PASTOR’S PEN July 3, 2022

Many of us are aware that the Supreme Court has overturned Roe vs Wade, thereby eliminating the constitutional right for women to have an abortion. Independent of which side of the issue that you stand, know that it will greatly influence the lives of women all throughout the country.

As individuals will discuss and debate this decision over the next several months, following are two considerations that I offer to be included in the debate.

First, I believe it is important to draw a distinction between someone who is choosing to living a sexually promiscuous lifestyle, choosing not to use a contraceptive, becoming pregnant and choosing abortion because a child interrupts her lifestyle, and someone who has been sexually molested by a family member / family friend and/or family associate, and someone who was raped.

Whereas it is easy to stand back and point our fingers in judgment, what would we do if it were us or our daughters and granddaughters? Chances are, we would not point our fingers in judgment, rather, we would respond with love and compassion.

Second, many Conservatives are taking a victory lap as they have suggested that they are standing on a moral high ground as it relates to abortion. Please do not be deceived. In general, Conservatives are not pro-life. They say that they are pro-life, however, in reality they are pro-birth. Let me explain:

Conservatives generally tend to be Pro-Life. That is, they are against abortion and believe that all pregnancies should be continued to full term and the babies born into this world. Additionally, Conservatives generally tend to be against social policies that affect and influence the lives of children once they are born into this world. Consequently, they support life before the child is born, however, after the child is born, the child is on her own.

Progressives generally tend to be Pro-Choice. That is, they support abortion and a woman’s right to choose if she will permit her pregnancy to continue to full term and have her baby born into this world. Additionally, Progressives generally tend to support social policies that affect and influence the lives of children once they are born into this world. Consequently, they may not support life before the child is born, however, after the child is born, they will support him.

Therefore, I pray that we do not get caught up in the surface level, narrowly focused, guilt ridden views that will be presented from both sides and prayerfully, intentionally and holistically consider where the opportunities are for love and ministry to occur

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

JULY MEMORY VERSE

²² But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves
James 1:22

JULY MEDITATION QUOTE

"When I got religion, I found some work to do to benefit somebody."
Sojourner Truth

TODAY'S STUDY QUESTIONS AND MEDITATION:

Am I falling or not shaking? _____

More than knowing the words of Jesus, I want to be doing the words of Jesus _____

FOR THE YOUTH

If I know and do the words of Jesus, I will not shake _____
