



Pilgrim Rest  
MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH  
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** December 25, 2022

## THE SEVEN PRINCIPLES OF KWANZAA

Kwanzaa is a weeklong celebration that honors African-American culture. Kwanzaa is observed from December 26th to January 1st.

### **Day One: Umoja (Unity)**

To Strive for and maintain unity in the family, community, nation and race. (*“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren[and sisters] to dwell together in unity!”* Psalm 133:1)

### **Day Two: Kujichagulia (Self-Determination)**

To define ourselves, name ourselves, create for ourselves and speak for ourselves, instead of being defined, named and spoken for by others. (*“Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands”* 2 Timothy 1:6)

### **Day Three: Ujima (Collective Work and Responsibility)**

To build and maintain our community together and make our brother’s and sister’s problems our problems and to solve them together. (*“And the eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you”; nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” No, much rather, those members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary... And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it”* I Corinthians. 12:21-22, 26)

### **Day Four: Ujamaa (Cooperative Economics)**

To build and maintain our own stores, shops and other businesses and to profit from them together. (*“But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased “* Hebrews 13:16)

### **Day Five: Nia (Purpose)**

To make our collective vocation the building and developing of our community in order to restore our people to their traditional greatness. (*“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; Before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations”* Jeremiah 1:5)

### **Day Six: Kuumba (Creativity)**

To do always as much as we can, in the way we can, in order to leave our community more beautiful and beneficial than we inherited it. (*“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.”* Ephesians 2:10)

### **Day Seven: Imani (Faith)**

To believe, first, in God, then with all our heart in our people, our parents, our teachers, our leaders and the righteous and victory of our struggle. (*“... I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you”* Matthew 17:20)

# *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.*

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

# WORK FOR THE WEEK

## DECEMBER MEMORY VERSE

<sup>6</sup>When they could not find them, they dragged Jason and some brothers and sisters before the city authorities, shouting, "These people who have been turning the world upside down have come here also

**Acts 17:6**

## DECEMBER MEDITATION QUOTE

"I'm no longer accepting the things I cannot change...I'm changing the things I cannot accept."

**Dr. Angela Davis**