



Preaching, Teaching and Reaching for
Transformation and Liberation

“CONSCIOUS AND INTENTIONAL MINISTRY: DOING WHO I AM WITH UNDERSTANDING”

Of Issachar, those who had understanding of the times, to
know what Israel ought to do... 1 Chronicles 12:32

THE PASTOR’S PEN March 19, 2023

BLACK HISTORY / BLACK CHURCH THOUGHTS

WHAT WAS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE BLACK CHURCH (SLAVE CHURCH) DURING SLAVERY?

“SLAVE CHURCH”

- A. The Black Church was born in rebellion
- B. At its very beginning, the Black church was Radical and Revolutionary
- C. The Slave Church was being Radical and Revolutionary without trying to be, and was doing Black Theology without knowing what Black Theology was
- D. Slave masters taught our enslaved ancestors that their Christianity had nothing to do with physical freedom...
- E. Our enslaved ancestors, however, saw Christianity differently. For our enslaved ancestors, it meant freedom. This freedom was not only considered to be something to be achieved in the great by and by over yonder, when the morning comes. It was also achievable in the mediocre here and now. Liberation was a part of Christianity because Jesus was the liberator.
- F. The Black Church / the Slave Church
 - 1. Held in secret
 - 2. In the middle of the night
 - 3. Out in the woods
 - 4. In a brush arbor / hush harbor
 - 5. Or with wet quilts hanging around to make an enclosure
 - 6. With a big, black kettle or pot at the entrance to capture the noise
 - 7. Our enslaved ancestors were challenged to move beyond the slave mentality that the slave masters were teaching and considered themselves to be children of God, made in the image of God

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

MARCH MEMORY VERSE

⁸ Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things *are* noble, whatever things are just, whatever things *are* pure, whatever things *are* lovely, whatever things *are* of good report, if *there is* any virtue and if *there is* anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.

Philippians 4:8

MARCH MEDITATION QUOTE

"I must confront my own complicity with a European way of thinking"

Dr. Miguel De La Torres