



Pilgrim Rest  
MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH  
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

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# PRAY, PRAY, PRAY THEN, WHAT ARE WE SUPPOSED TO DO, DO, DO?

Unfortunately, we are currently living in a time and environment in which there is a continual disregard for human life and for the just and equitable treatment of all human beings independent of their individual differences and distinctions. This disregard is manifested in a variety of ways. Some of those ways include:

- ✓ Senseless shootings and killings
- ✓ Reckless driving
- ✓ Lack of respect and honor for parents and grandparents
- ✓ Lack of respect and honor for those who serve (including teachers, nurses, flight attendants, food servers, etc.)
- ✓ Lack of respect and regard for the LGBTQ community
- ✓ Lack of respect and regard for certain ethnic groups (including Asian, Hispanic and Caribbean)
- ✓ Lack of respect and regard for certain religious groups (including Jews and Muslims)
- ✓ Lack of respect and regard for seniors, the poor and urban areas

In November of 2022, I preached a sermon series titled: *Doing for Others as Jesus Has Done for Me*. Following are the scripture texts that were used in the series. Please meditate on these scriptures and pray for God to provide revelation as you strategize what we (individually and as a church) are supposed to do, do, do.

### **Jude 1:20-23**

*<sup>20</sup> But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, <sup>21</sup> keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. <sup>22</sup> And on some have compassion, making a distinction; <sup>23</sup> but others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire, hating even the garment defiled by the flesh.*

### **Proverbs 24:10-12**

*<sup>10</sup> If you faint in the day of adversity, Your strength is small. <sup>11</sup> Deliver those who are drawn toward death. And hold back those stumbling to the slaughter. <sup>12</sup> If you say, “Surely we did not know this,” Does not He who weighs the hearts consider it? He who keeps your soul, does He not know it? And will He not render to each man according to his deeds?*

### **Isaiah 1:16, 17**

*<sup>16</sup> “Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean; Put away the evil of your doings from before My eyes. Cease to do evil, <sup>17</sup> Learn to do good; Seek justice, Rebuke the oppressor; Defend the fatherless, Plead for the widow.*

# 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.



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

## MAY MEMORY VERSE

<sup>5</sup> I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you

**2 Timothy 1:5**

## MAY MEDITATION QUOTE

"Education commences at the mother's knee, and every word spoken within the hearing of little children tends towards the formation of character."

**African Proverb**

## TODAY'S STUDY QUESTIONS AND MEDITATION:

In what ways am I exercising faith and courage as a Woman of Virtue? \_\_\_\_\_

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Men: How am I helping to support the Women of Virtue in my life? \_\_\_\_\_

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## FOR THE YOUTH

Ask your mother, grandmother, aunt and/or significant woman in your life what you can do now to begin growing into a Woman of Virtue \_\_\_\_\_

Young men: Ask your father, grandfather, uncle and/or significant men in your life what you can do now to begin growing into a supporter of young ladies in your life \_\_\_\_\_

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