



“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 October 1, 2023

I GIVE TO A GIVING GOD

The Sermon Series for the month of October is titled, *I Give To A Giving God*. This series is based upon our Offertory Principle and Offertory Creed, which was developed in 2007. Following are our Offertory Principle and Offertory Creed:

OFFERTORY PRINCIPLE:

When I increase my ability to handle it, God will increase my ability to have it

OFFERTORY CREED:

I give to a giving God. God owns it all. Therefore, I will seek God first, give Him His, and He will give me the power to gain wealth; that I may also give to others.

THERE ARE THREE PRIMARY GOALS FOR THIS SERIES:

- **To obey God and receive God’s promises**
 - God promised, “*He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully... for God loves a cheerful giver.*” (2 Corinthians 9:6, 7)
 - God promised, “*Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom.*” (Luke 6:38)
 - God promised to, “*... open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it.*” (Malachi 3:10)
- **To work towards fulfilling the 10-10-80 Challenge** (Of my income, I will give 10% to God, save and/or invest 10% for myself and live off of the 80%)
- **To encourage those in the 20-50-ish age group to begin tithing, and to teach the principles of tithing, saving and investing to their children**

To assist in the fulfillment of these goals, please understand that giving is not a matter of finances; it is a matter of faith. Giving is not a matter of budgets; it is a matter of belief. Therefore, the question is not, “Can I afford to tithe?” Rather, the question is, “Can I afford not to tithe?”



PILGRIM REST

MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

**Teaching, Preaching and Reaching for
Transformation and Liberation**

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

OCTOBER MEMORY VERSE

³² And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free

John 8:32

OCTOBER MEDITATION QUOTE

"This proposition (Greeks were not the authors of Greek philosophy, but the Black people of North Africa, the Egyptians), will become a philosophy of redemption to all Black people when they accept it as a belief and live up to it."

George G. M. James

TODAY'S STUDY QUESTIONS AND MEDITATION:

Since everything belongs to God, I am going to trust who God is and what God has _____

What does it mean to know that God created everything and has everything? _____

FOR THE YOUTH

Since God created everything and owns everything, what do I need to do to get to know God? _____

What do I need to learn to give like God gives? _____
