



## **“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 15, 2023

# **FAMILY DAY – 2023**

Praise God for the Family Day Celebration that took place on yesterday. What a wonderful time we had, first, being challenged and spiritually fed by Dr. Donna Childs at our Mixon Institute. I pray that each of us are more equipped and encouraged to establish a specific Sabbath Time with God. Remember, Jesus said in Mark 2:27, *The Sabbath was made for man (woman)...* That is, the Sabbath was made for the benefit and to the advantage of humans.

Second, what a blessing it was to laugh and play together as we fellowshiped and ate all of the delicious and delectable chili and desserts prepared by our church family.

There was Faith, Fun, Food, Fellowship and Family in abundance. The Faith was deep; the Fun was memorable; the Food was delicious; the Fellowship was meaningful and the Family was in abundance. There was a mixture of biological family, spiritual family and community family.

I look forward to continuing to share together as a church family and a community family. For many families, laughter and playing together create cherished memories. Many of us can remember wonderful times of sharing together as family. We remember the drives to other cities across the country as we traveled for family reunions. We remember the get-togethers in big mama’s kitchen and cousin’s backyard. We may not remember the specific reason for being together or the holiday that we were celebrating, however, we do remember the laughter and fun that we had, and still have stories to share.

Cherished memories were created on yesterday with our church family, and community family and we pray that those memories will remain with us for years to come.

Finally, praise God for the awesome cooks who prepared the chili on yesterday for the Chili Cook-Off. And the desserts for the Dessert Cook-off. We have awesome, great cooks here at Pilgrim Rest. Again, we look forward to continued opportunities to share together, and pray that God will continue to bless us in all of our endeavors.



# **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.

	<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

## OCTOBER MEMORY VERSE

<sup>32</sup> 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

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## FOR THE YOUTH

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

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What do I need to learn to give like God gives? \_\_\_\_\_

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