

It was a cold Monday in Milwaukee, WI. Pastor C. V. Harrington and his wife Susie were praying, listening and obeying God's calling to them. God spoke to Pastor Harrington and told him to establish a place where people weary of this world could find rest in Jesus Christ.

Pastor Harrington had previously served as Assistant Pastor of Canaan Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor C. O. Manney. Because of the spirit of unity and confidence of this fine young leader, Pastor Manny gave him full support and assistance.

Pastor Harrington, Sis. Susie Harrington, and their children, went to establish a house of worship on February 18, 1952, and named it Charity Mission. The church was housed at Mt. Zion Church of God in Christ located at 620 West Brown Street. The church was pastored by Pastor J. O. Sims.



**Pastor C. V. and Susie Harrington  
1952 – 1967**

On May 8, 1952, the Baptist Council met with Pastor Louis S. Beauchamp and Charity Mission was organized into a church and declared a Baptist Church, named by the pastor, Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church. The church voted for Pastor C. V. Harrington to become its first pastor. Following were the first members: Martha Wilson, Cleora Brooks, Ella Westmoreland Voss, Georgia Harris Strayhon, Beatrice Brooks, Rosa Lee Toliver, Bessie Thomas, Cordilia Brooks, Tiny Draper, and Elijah Voss.



**1932 North 9<sup>th</sup> Street  
September 15, 1952**

On September 15, 1952, after seven months of having organized, Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church purchased our first church edifice at 1932 North 9th Street for \$11,500.00 on land contract. By faith, the congregation continued to work in the community and the congregation grew. We felt the need for expansion, for building more for God.

Pastor Harrington continued to pray, listen and obey God's voice. God directed him to lead this congregation into a new church building. But not like any other historically Black church in Milwaukee had done before.

In November of 1958, we located a tract of land at 2567 North 8<sup>th</sup> Street. We made a cash purchase for the land, and started the long trail of building a brand new edifice for God. The members, spearheaded by Sis. Harrington and Sis. Hattie Barnett, worked long and hard with Baby Contests, King and Queen Contests and many other special efforts in order to see our dream come true – a new church edifice.

As is true in any worthwhile effort, there were many crises to pull through, and it would take too much

time to try and cite all of the struggles that the pastor and members had in trying to build a church. However, we think it only fitting and proper to name a few of them. Following are what we called the *Three Major Crises in the Building of Pilgrim Rest*.

“God may challenge you to walk out into what may seem like empty space, but as your feet travel onward and out on faith, underneath you will find a rock.”

#### First Crisis:

After excavation, there was only five hundred dollars left in the building fund to start building although the membership had pledged over \$5,000. One week remained. We were faced with the ultimatum from the city to rebuild the walls which had caved in on one side from the torrential rainstorms that had plagued the building. It seemed as if all was lost. The pastor went to the Board of Building Supervisors at City Hall and stood as Paul did before Apollo and persuaded them to grant an extension of time for rebuilding the walls.

Pastor Harrington remembered a clipping about an oil millionaire, Mr. William Broadhurst, who made it a practice of helping churches in distress. Pastor Harrington contacted Mr. Broadhurst, and he wrote a letter to the Milwaukee Board of Building Supervisors informing them that he would lend ten thousand dollars to the congregation to rebuild the walls and place a top on the basement until they could continue with the building.

The members rallied to the rescue and signed personal pledges to the Broadhurst Foundation that would guarantee that the \$10,000.00 loan would be paid. A copy of the original guarantee is on file in the church archives.

Joy and hope once again reigned in the church. A new church was coming. However, more dark clouds were on the horizon. After rebuilding the walls and having the basement completed and paying off the rest of the contractors for materials, there was no money left to continue building. The old building was sold and the new owners were demanding the building. Days were dark once more.

#### Second Crisis:

Faced with eviction from their old building, Pilgrim Rest was forced to vacate, with no money in sight and only a basement of the new church standing. The pastor and members were forced to rent the Baptist Center in order to hold services. Disappointment and discouragement, the two greatest enemies of progress, stepped right into the midst of the membership. There were grumblings, people leaving, crying and weeping. It seemed as if there was no hope. The lending agencies refused to release any money for building the church. The ones who did want to lend the money wanted outrageous interest. Although disappointment and discouragement stepped in, many of Pilgrim Rest's members were fighters and they fought off the enemies. After going back and forth with financial institutions, the Spirit of the Lord directed the Pastor's wife to make a personal call to Mrs. Ardie Halyard with a plan that might interest her in lending enough money to build the church. The Columbia Savings and Loan Company, of which Mr. Halyard, Mrs. Halyard's husband was founder and President, had been contacted before and had refused to consider the loan. Mrs. Halyard, touched by the sincerity, the faith, and the courage of Pastor Harrington, his wife, and his loyal members, said that nothing would please her more than to see this church completed. She took a personal stand and appealed to the Board of the Columbia Savings and Loan and pleaded that they reconsider the request for a loan.

This was good news to the congregation. Pastor Harrington requested that the church fast and pray. Additionally, he requested that those who did not have savings in the Columbia Savings and Loan should immediately open an account. Many rallied to the call and not only put their savings in Columbia, our only Black Savings & Loan Association in Milwaukee, but also asked their friends in the community and out of town to place their money in Columbia Savings and Loan as evidence of their

support. Special thanks to the adopted parents of Pastor and Sis. Harrington, Frank Mesiah, of Chicago, Illinois, who was the first to give \$100 to the cause and immediately opened up an account with Columbia Savings and Loan on behalf of the Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church. The Executive Board, responding to Mrs. Halyard's appeal, approved a loan of twenty four thousand, five hundred dollars (\$24,500.00). The building program started anew. Reverend Dawson of Madison, Wisconsin, a Black contractor, with the assistance of Pastor Harrington, some of the members and friends of the community, worked on the building of the church until again, all the money was gone.

### Third Crisis:

The completion of the church was in sight, the permit for completion of the building was rapidly expiring, and the members of the church could not move in until certain parts of the building were completed. Storm clouds gathered again on the horizon, overshadowing the light of hope, casting despair over the members. Where could we turn? Where could we go but to the Lord?

Mrs. Halyard, warm-hearted and sincere, with Christian love in her heart, and having sound business sense, reasoned with the Executive Board and interceded again on behalf of Pilgrim Rest. Although the board had gone their limit according to set business policy, she presented a new plan to them because we were too close to the finish to stop. The Executive Board of the Columbia Savings and Loan Association once again listened to the appeal made by Mrs. Halyard and loaned us seven thousand, eight hundred dollars (\$7,800.00) to complete our church for occupancy. Pilgrim Rest obtained the services of Petasnik, who prepared the church enough so that we could move in on Easter Sunday, 1962. Pilgrim Rest held its first services on Easter Sunday, April 22, 1962, in their new church. The Corinthian No. 5 Lodge held cornerstone services August 22, 1964.

The congregation of Pilgrim Rest was so happy to get into their new church, Pastor Harrington received special permission to hold service when the church was incomplete: the basement steps were unfinished and the restrooms were inaccessible. Neighbors of the church gave permission for the young people to use their restrooms so that there would be no danger of anyone being injured trying to get to the basement.

Although Pilgrim Rest was not a large edifice, nor did it consist of a large congregation, it was a courageous and creative church which succeeded in bearing this record for all Blacks to take pride in – Pilgrim Rest is the first

Black church in Milwaukee to build a church. Even more, the church was designed, built, financed and legal transactions conducted by Blacks. Following are those who contributed to building of the church.

1. Designed by a Black Architect – Alonzo Roberson
2. Financed by a Black Savings & Loan Association – Columbia Savings & Loan Association
3. Built by Black Contractors – Reverend Dawson, Pastor Harrington and Men of the Church
4. Black Plumbing Services – Octavius Hudson
5. Black Legal Services – Attorney Clarence Parish

By faith, God cleared a path of distinction and dedication to the community in which we live. And by faith, and God's grace, this family continued to grow thrive and work in this community.



**2567 North 8<sup>th</sup> Street  
April 22, 1962**

Through faith, foresight, fortitude, and friendship, we came through much. God has been good to Pilgrim Rest and blessed us with loyal members, faithful leadership, a wonderful and dedicated pastor and a wonderful pastor's wife, all added together in Love of God, Love of Humanity, and a genuine desire to be a beacon light in the community to draw everyone to God.

Understanding the Great Commission that God gave all disciples, Pastor Leroy B. Mixon and Sis. Georgia Mixon were installed as our second Pastor and First Lady on March 16, 1968. Pastor Mixon accepted God's high calling to the Gospel ministry at the Tabernacle Community Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor Jewell Lawrence Williams. Pastor Mixon later became the Associate Minister of the Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor Obie B. Sartin. Building on the foundation already established, Pastor Mixon quickly expanded the scope and the reach of the church.



**Pastor Leroy Bernard and Georgia Mixon  
1968 - 2001**

Furthering God's work, the Pilgrim Rest congregation grew rapidly under Pastor Mixon's leadership thus prompting several additions and modifications to the edifice. Modifications included: the installation of a balcony to provide adequate seating for the growing congregation, a baptismal pool for new and born-again believers, and central air conditioning. Pastor Mixon liquidated the mortgage and positioned the church to impact the community, city, state, country and world.



**3737 North Sherman Boulevard  
April 15, 1980**

In April of 1979, Pastor Mixon received information of the availability of a potential, future church home for Pilgrim Rest. Pastor Mixon went in prayer and did not mention anything to the church board until he received the confirmation from God. After receiving confirmation, Pastor Mixon shared the presentation with the board that we sell our church that was built from the ground and purchase the potential, future church. The board unanimously agreed

and voted to recommend to the congregation to purchase the church building. After hearing the

recommendation from the board to sell our debt free property and purchase a church building that was older than the one we owned, the church gave Pastor Mixon and the Trustee Board the authority to negotiate an agreement for the purchase of the church building.

On May 27, 1979, Pilgrim Rest and her sister church, Wanderer's Home Baptist Church, inspected the church located at 3737 North Sherman Boulevard, then known as New Life Community Church. After determining that the church building was sufficient to meet the needs of the growing congregation – large sanctuary, over 10 classrooms to facilitate its Christian Education ministry, a fellowship hall with a stage, and office space – Pastor Mixon began the process for purchasing the church building.

On Tuesday, April 15, 1980, Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church purchased its third edifice. By faith, on April 29, 1980, our church family moved from 2567 North 8<sup>th</sup> Street to a new, larger building at 3737 North Sherman Boulevard.

Pastor Mixon also erected a large cross on the front lawn of the Sherman Boulevard location to reflect the continuance of God's people in service. Pastor Mixon's desire was that everyone would see it and be reminded of the "Old Rugged Cross."



**3752-3762 North 44<sup>th</sup> Street  
February 1, 1986**

On February 1, 1986, we purchased a tract of land at 3752-3762 North 44<sup>th</sup> Street. We had the land leveled, paved and landscaped to be used as our parking lot to facilitate 62 vehicles.

During the summer months, this parking lot was known as our Community Cathedral as we held Sunday Worship Services, Sunday School classes, Saturday Youth Rally Services, clothing giveaways, and other outdoor community engagement activities. Many lives in the community were touched and transformed through the ministry that occurred on this parking lot – the Community Cathedral.

Pastor Mixon was a visionary with a mission to "Preach Christ to the Nations." By faith, and under his leadership, Pilgrim Rest was instrumental in supporting ministries in Mexico, Nigeria and Hong Kong. Because of his commitment to fulfill his mission, Pastor Mixon was well known and greatly respected throughout the country. His contribution to humanity yet remains in many organizations both locally and nationally including: President of the House of Correction Chaplaincy Association, Board Member of the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches Board of Missions, Founder-Director of Hands Across the Sea, instructor for the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education and instructor for both the General Baptist State Congress of Christian Education and the Wisconsin General Baptist State Congress of Christian Education.

Additionally, Pastor Mixon was one of the first Baptist Pastors in Milwaukee to extend the ministry of the church beyond the walls of the physical church edifice through the purchase of properties and the establishment of several outreach ministries.

On May 1, 1987, we purchased a building located at 4427-4429 West Fond du Lac Avenue. There we established Pilgrim Rest West. Pastor Mixon knew that there were people who needed to experience the love of God through positive interactions with God's People. He also knew that some would not enter into a traditional church setting to receive it.

Thus, he established Pilgrim Rest West as a non-threatening church outreach center in the community.

At Pilgrim Rest West, we held Outreach Sunday School Classes, tutoring for school-aged children, a space for our youth and children to safely gather for social and recreational activities, a space for our adults to gather for family activities and our Summer Learning Camp. Numerous people were ministered to in this building who had never entered a church edifice. This building would later be used as a business incubator, providing opportunity for new businesses to start, develop and build the capacity to be successful. Many have fond memories of this space, affectionately referred to as, "The Center".



**4427-4429 West Fond du Lac Avenue  
May 1, 1987**



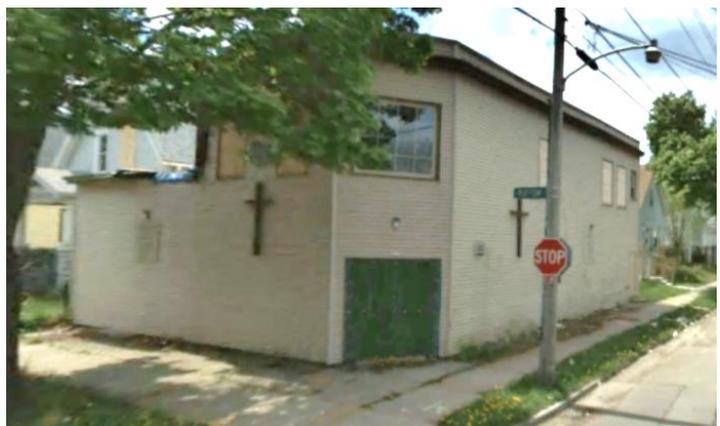
**4433-35 West Fond du Lac Avenue  
April 1, 1992**

On April 1, 1992, we purchased the building located at 4433-4435 West Fond du Lac Avenue to expand upon our mission to honor Jesus' command in Matthew 25:40, *...inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren [and sisters], you did it to Me*, by opening a food pantry and clothing bank. Many in the community who were in need received the love of God exemplified through the hands of God's children in the form of food and clothing. Additionally, they received the Gospel of

Jesus, the Christ to ensure their spiritual needs were also met.

In July of 1995, we purchased the former Bible Way Church located at 2957 North Buffum Street. Pastor Mixon knew that our church on Sherman Boulevard could not reach everyone throughout the city. Therefore, he established Pilgrim Rest East on the east side of the city.

At Pilgrim Rest East, we held Sunday Worship Services, Sunday School Classes, Bible Study Classes and outreach ministry to the community. Ministers from Pilgrim Rest were assigned to minister at this location and gained valuable preaching and teaching experience.



**2957 North Buffum Street  
July 1995**

Pastor Mixon's vision of "One Church in Multiple Sites" was prophetic, provided a profound impact on the outreach ministry of the church and assisted us in reaching and touching the lives numerous people, both the churched and the unchurched, all over the city of Milwaukee.

By faith, his visionary spirit led the church to be more intentional in its ministry impact. Pastor Mixon retired on December 31, 2001 after 34 years of faithful service to Pilgrim Rest and the community. After retirement, Pastor Mixon served as Pastor Emeritus. He contributed much to give Pilgrim Rest its present identity and his legacy will forever be acknowledged, honored and built upon.

As a faithful servant of God, Pastor John H. Riser accepted God's high calling to the Gospel Ministry and was licensed and ordained at Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor Leroy B. Mixon.

Pastor Riser was called to served as the Assistant Pastor of Pilgrim Rest in 19\_\_\_. He assisted and supported Pastor Mixon and ensured that the work of the church continued.

On January 6, 2002, Pastor John H. Riser was called to serve as the Interim Pastor of Pilgrim Rest. His prayerful and faithful leadership was significant in facilitating a church in transition. Pastor Riser successfully balanced the preservation of our rich history with the preparation for a promising future.



**Reverend John Henry and Beatrice Riser  
2001**



**Pastor Martin, Jr. and Thresessa D. Childs  
2002**

Before his retirement, Pastor Mixon knew that the calling and vision for the church was not about him. He and First Lady Georgia Mixon wanted to be vessels in a ministry that would thrive long after they were gone. Pastor Mixon prayed for a smooth pastoral succession plan and desired to hand the keys of the church to his successor. In obedience with the Spirit of God for the needs of the church, God revealed to him a man of God to become involved with the life of this church family. Staying true to the rich, innovative and progressive history of this church, Pastor Mixon blazed an uncommon trail of having a standing Pastor of another congregation bring regular messages to our congregation and that pastor would later succeed him as pastor of Pilgrim Rest.

Continuing on the foundation of prayer, Pastor Martin Childs, Jr. and Sis. Thresessa D. Childs were installed as our third Pastor and First Lady on Sunday, December 1, 2002. By faith, Pastor Childs and our First Lady

have continued the proud charge of service to others and the community. By faith, Pilgrim Rest has embraced this mandate to take ministry beyond the walls of the church building.

Continuing on the foundation of prayer and faith, Pilgrim Rest continued to build on our spiritual foundation, emphasized Christian Education and reached out to the world while remaining relevant to and creatively connecting with the contemporary needs of the day.

By faith, Pastor Childs has encouraged this congregation to meet the needs of all people.

On May 1, 2003, we purchased a building at 4441 West Fond du Lac Ave. Understanding that newly formed churches needed support and assistance to become fully established and thriving churches, Pastor Childs' vision was to use this space as a church incubator to assist those churches in growing, building capacity and moving to their own church edifice.

Since establishing the Pilgrim Rest Church Incubator, four newly formed churches have come, received the support and assistance they needed and moved into their own buildings to fulfill God's call for them.



**4441 West Fond du Lac Avenue  
May 1, 2003**

By faith, on October 6, 2006, Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church established Nehemiah, Inc., our first 501.c.3 non-profit entity. Nehemiah's mission is "Rebuilding the walls of our community one brick at a time". Nehemiah, Inc. has ministered to the community through four ministry areas: First, our Summer Learning Camp for children K-5 through 6th Grade provides supplemental math and reading taught by state certified teachers in the morning, and facilitated cultural/social trips and activities in the afternoon. For six weeks in the summer, we educate an average of 80 students. Additionally, children who are entering 7th grade have the opportunity to gain valuable work experience as they volunteer as Camp Helpers. When those students enter high school, we employ them as Camp Counselors or Teacher Assistants (some funded through the City of Milwaukee Earn and Learn Program, and some funded internally). We have had an average of 8 volunteers and 15 youth employed every summer.

Second, our business incubator provides office and meeting space at a reduced rent to assist entrepreneurs in establishing and developing their businesses.

Third, our Prison Aftercare Ministry (PAM) provided assistance for men who were recently released from prison. Through PAM, we ministered to the men by providing housing, counseling, life skills, spiritual development and other specific need that the men had. Our mission was "Transitioning Men from Incarceration to Inclusion".

Fourth, on June 29, 2007, Nehemiah, Inc. purchased two apartment building units at 3602-3606 North Sherman Boulevard and 3700-3712 North Sherman Boulevard. More than providing a place for our residents to live, we provide ministry, counseling, support and other assistance needed for our residents to build a home for their families.



**3602 - 3606 North Sherman Boulevard      3700 - 3708 - 3712 North Sherman Boulevard**  
**June 29, 2007**

In 2012, we established the N.E.W. Life Ministry (N.E.W. is an acronym for Nurture, Empower and Witness) to assist women and families in establishing a meaningful relationship with God and to build and develop a nurturing environment by encouraging confidence in them to fulfill dreams and impact lives. As the ministry continued to grow, we began encountering women who were in need of housing and the support necessary to assist them in becoming independent and self-sufficient.

Recognizing that we needed the women to be in secure housing and the need for us to be able to directly support them and hold them accountable, on October 25, 2012, Pastor Childs led the church to purchase a duplex at 3522-3524 North Sherman Boulevard. The house is named, "The Harrington House"



**3522-3524 North Sherman Boulevard**  
**October 25, 2012**

It is named after our first, first lady who was significantly involved in the community and with organizations that assisted women and families in actualizing who they are and what they do.

During the winter months of 2013 and 2014, we established and operated The Resting Place (Opening the church from the evening until morning to provide food and overnight shelter for the homeless from December through March). We have adopted and provided support to staff and students of an elementary school.

Pilgrim Rest has organized Local Youth Service Projects, Youth Missions Trips to the Mississippi Delta, and Youth Cultural Trips to Black History Museums and Civil Rights Museums in the country.

Additionally, we have established a Ministry Partnership with churches in Uganda, East Africa. Our ministry is titled, R.A.I.S.E. Uganda. R.A.I.S.E. is an acronym for Remembering Africa in Support and Empowerment. In 2005 and 2008, we went on Missions Trips to Uganda and assisted in building a Church in Bulumba, Uganda. We also provide resources and support to dig wells, build and support schools, provide children's tuitions and assist in the health and welfare of our brothers and sisters in Uganda. In 2008, we assisted in hosting the Hope For Africa Children's Choir from Uganda – helping to raise scholarships to support the education of children.

As news spread about our desire to transform lives, we were approached by All Saints Catholic Church in the fall of 2014 to provide ministry and services to a group of women who would soon be displaced.

God's plan was so much bigger than that. That meeting led to broader discussions and led us to purchase our fourth edifice.



**3456 North 38<sup>th</sup> Street  
January 30, 2015**

By faith, on Friday, January 30, 2015, God blessed us to purchase a 51,000 square foot campus located at 3456 North 38<sup>th</sup> Street. With this move, we were very intentional regarding our call to the community. Whereas we were previously on a major boulevard, we were now in the middle of a neighborhood, surrounded by residents. We were clear that God placed us in the community, to be a part of the community, to serve the community. One of our

members, Claudia Reid, shared a phrase that continually motivates us regarding our call to this community, “We do not want to be *that* church,” meaning a church that simply sits on the block, does not provide any meaningful contribution to the community and takes up all of the parking spaces on Sunday morning.

On September 6, 2016, we established our second nonprofit entity, Hosea, Inc. Hosea, Inc. is a ministry of restoration for men, women and children who have found themselves outside of fellowship with God and humanity. Hosea, Inc. places emphasis on being restored – first to God, then spiritually, physically, mentally, emotionally, etc. Hosea, Inc. facilitates three ministries designed to assist and support women who are in transition because of abuse, AODA, sex trafficking and poor decisions: The Harrington House (Transitional housing for young women and children), The Healing House (Transitional housing for young women and children), and The Hospitality House (Emergency Housing for persons in transition).

On June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021, we established our third nonprofit entity, Pilgrim Rest Oasis, Inc., to extend our service to the community by creating an environment for refreshment, renewal, restoration, refuge and recreation (re-creation) built upon three foundations: an Education Center (An elementary school with a comprehensive educational program built upon academic rigor, cultural understanding and character development, and to facilitate and expand our Summer Learning Camp), a Community Center (A center to support and invigorate the capacity of residents to thrive in recreation, athletics, performing arts, technology, along with other areas of their lives) and a Community Venue (A venue to support and encourage the creative and innovative work of our neighbors while gathering to discuss and debate, as well as GED/HSED and continuing education classes for adults, intergenerational gatherings, and more.

Our focus on ministry to the community has set us apart from the masses. Pilgrim Rest has a tremendous distinction in our city and state as we have regularly been contacted to serve where other churches have not been willing to do so. Due to our obedience to God for service, God again blessed us with an opportunity to expand. And because of our obedience to God for service, God blessed us with an opportunity to expand.

On July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021, after years of conversations and negotiations,, God blessed us to purchased the former Frederick Douglass School building from the City of Milwaukee. We named the school, the Pilgrim Rest Oasis. The Pilgrim Rest Oasis will house the ministries of the Pilgrim Rest Oasis, Inc. and stand as an oasis of refreshment, restoration, and recreation for all who enter its doors, expecting to leave out thinking, feeling and believing differently than when they entered.



**3409 North 37<sup>th</sup> Street  
July 21, 2021**

# WORK FOR THE WEEK

## MAY MEMORY VERSE

<sup>14</sup> If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.

**John 14:14**

## MAY MEDITATION QUOTES

"I live by the conviction that God answers prayer. This is not a statement of conjecture or opinion or a conclusion that is formed on the basis of information. I live by the conviction that God answers prayer."

**Rev. Dr. Gina M. Stewart**

## TODAY'S STUDY QUESTIONS AND MEDITATION:

Ask Jesus to teach you how to pray \_\_\_\_\_  
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What is my favorite miracle/healing story of Jesus? Why? \_\_\_\_\_  
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## FOR THE YOUTH

Ask your parents and/or grandparents to teach you the Lord's Prayer \_\_\_\_\_  
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What is your favorite story from the Bible? Why? \_\_\_\_\_  
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## *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>