



## CONSCIOUS AND INTENTIONAL MINISTRY: MINISTRY TO ME

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thessalonians 5:23

### THE PASTOR'S PEN July 21, 2024

Whereas at this point most should be settled on the fact that they must vote and the persons for whom they will vote, unfortunately, some are yet undecided. Understanding the numerous things that are occurring in our communities, our country and the world, it is imperative that we do not react from emotions and feelings. Rather, we must act from knowledge and facts.

As some are increasingly feeling that the choice of whether to vote and for whom to vote is getting harder, the facts prove that the choice of whether to vote and for whom to vote is getting clearer.

Again, forget your feelings and focus on the facts...

Following are the Four Pillars from the Mandate for Leadership 2025: The Conservative Promise, Project 2025 Presidential Transition Project. This is the Conservative plan to enable a future anti-democratic presidential administration to take swift, far-right action that would cut wages for working people, dismantle social safety net programs, reverse decades of progress for civil rights, redefine the way our society operates, and undermine our economy.

- **Pillar I**—this volume—puts in one place a consensus view of how major federal agencies must be governed and where disagreement exists brackets out these differences for the next President to choose a path.
- **Pillar II** is a personnel database that allows candidates to build their own professional profiles and our coalition members to review and voice their recommendations. These recommendations will then be collated and shared with the President-elect's team, greatly streamlining the appointment process.
- **Pillar III** is the Presidential Administration Academy, an online educational system taught by experts from our coalition. For the newcomer, this will explain how the government functions and how to function in government. For the experienced, we will host in-person seminars with advanced training and set the bar for what is expected of senior leadership.
- **In Pillar IV**—the Playbook—we are forming agency teams and drafting transition plans to move out upon the President's utterance of "so help me God."

I am confident that the God of justice will ensure that justice is accomplished in this election. I am also aware that God is expecting us to do more than sit back and pray for God to move on our behalf. We must rise up, stand up, get in the game and fight.

"You can pray until you faint, but unless you get up and try to do something,  
God is not going to put it in your lap" **Fannie Lou Hamer**

"I prayed for freedom for twenty years, but received no answer  
until I prayed with my legs." **Frederick Douglass**

# WORK FOR THE WEEK

## JULY MEMORY VERSE

<sup>2</sup> Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. <sup>3</sup> If anyone thinks they are something when they are not, they deceive themselves.

**Galatians 6:2, 3**

## JULY MEDITATION QUOTES

"It's challenging to talk about how you're doing mentally since it's an invisible injury — people can't see it, so it's harder to understand, but I think that's why it's so important we feel empowered to open up about it."

**Simone Biles**

"In the African American community, we've been taught to tough it out, hide our suffering, but this is something none of us have ever experienced, and no one should suffer in silence."

**Taraji P. Henson**

## TODAY'S STUDY QUESTIONS AND MEDITATION:

Am I clear on the difference between important and urgent? \_\_\_\_\_

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Whose mission am I on? \_\_\_\_\_

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## FOR THE YOUTH

It is OK to not be OK \_\_\_\_\_

Am I being me or someone else? \_\_\_\_\_

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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>