



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

December 22, 2024

DEACONS

Deacons are called to be servants. Our English word, 'Deacon' is a transliteration of three Greek words primarily used in the New Testament:

- *Diakoneo* (*v*) = to be an attendant, to wait upon, to serve
- *Diakonia* (*n*) = service or attendance as a servant
- *Diakonos* (*n*) = a waiter, attendant, service or minister, servant

BIBLICAL QUALIFICATIONS FOR DEACONS

MORAL QUALIFICATIONS

- **Not Double-Tongued** (I Timothy 3:8)
Two-faced, deceitful in one's words. Saying one thing and meaning another. Making different representations to different people about the same thing
- **Not Given To Much Wine** (I Timothy 3:8)
- **Not Greedy Of Money** (I Timothy 3:8)
A person who is eager to gain even if such gain degrades their moral character
- **Proven** (I Timothy 3:10)
Tested, approved. It has the notion of proving a thing whether it is worthy or not
- **Blameless** (I Timothy 3:10)
Not merely unaccusable, but unaccused; free from any legal charge
- **Good Reputation** (Acts 6:3)
To bear honorable testimony; to be well-testified about. To have a good witness

DOMESTIC QUALIFICATIONS

- **Husband Of One Wife** (I Timothy 3:12)
One at a time. Not having multiple wives. This qualification does not disqualify those who are not married or those who are divorced, nor does it disqualify women
- **Ruling His Children Well** (I Timothy 3:12)
- **Ruling His Own House Well** (I Timothy 3:12)

SPIRITUAL QUALIFICATIONS

- **Full Of The Holy Spirit** (Acts 6:3)
Full = abounding or abundant
- **Full Of Wisdom** (Acts 6:3)
- **Grave (Reverent)** (I Timothy 3:8)
Having majestic and awe-inspiring qualities which do not repel but invite and attract
- **Holding The Mystery Of The Faith In Pure Conscience** (I Timothy 3:9)
A significant association of faith with ethics. Weiss notes, "It is as if the conscience were the vessel in which the mystery of the faith is preserved"

TRUSTEES

Trustees are also called to be servants, as well as stewards. Since the position of Trustee is not a Biblical Office, there are no Biblical qualifications provided. However, we believe that the Biblical Qualifications and the Pilgrim Rest Qualifications used to select Deacons, should be the same qualifications used to select Trustees.

PILGRIM REST QUALIFICATIONS

- Willing to submit to leadership
- Willing to regularly attend Worship Service, Bible Study, Sunday School and Prayer Meetings
- Willing to Tithe

WORK FOR THE WEEK

DECEMBER MEMORY VERSE

¹⁶ Have I now become your enemy because I am telling you the truth?
Galatians 4:16 (NLT)

DECEMBER MEDITATION QUOTES

“Even when they call your truth a lie, tell it anyway”
Rev. Dr. Katie Geneva Cannon

TODAY'S STUDY QUESTIONS AND MEDITATION:

Do you want to see Jesus? Why? _____

FOR THE YOUTH

If you could see anybody in the world, in person,
who would it be? Why?

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