



## FAITH IN ACTION: TRACING A LEGACY OF LOVE

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### THE PASTOR'S PEN

February 9, 2025

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On March 16, 1968, Pilgrim Rest called The Reverend Leroy B. Mixon to serve as the second pastor of the church. As with Pastor Harrington, the motivations behind decisions Pastor Mixon made were in consideration of his love for and welfare of the Pilgrim Rest family. The love motivated by his decisions has created a legacy of love. We now live the legacy of his love and have a responsibility to ensure that the legacy continues for future generations to experience.

Pastor Mixon was called to serve at a difficult time in the life of the church. Because of his strong, confident passion for God and compassion for God's people, he restored faith and hope in the life of the congregation.

Pastor Mixon's love for God's Word was visibly manifested in his teaching and preaching. He was well known for his deep theological thought and his solid biblical exposition. His love for God's Word also opened doors for him to expand his teaching and preaching beyond the ears of his Pilgrim Rest family. His love for God's Word touched lives in the state through the Wisconsin General Baptist State Congress of Christian Education; in the country through the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education and throughout the world, including Mexico, Nigeria and Hong Kong.

As the congregation grew, Pastor Mixon was led to lead another building project and the church added a balcony in the sanctuary to provide adequate seating, a baptismal pool for new believers, and central air conditioning.

Pastor Mixon's love for God's Word was infectious and Pilgrim Rest was respected for its teaching ministry. Consequently, the church edifice on 8<sup>th</sup> Street was not large enough to facilitate his Christian Education vision. Through much prayer, God led Pastor Mixon to our third church edifice at 3737 North Sherman Boulevard on April 15, 1980. This edifice provided more than ample classroom space for children, youth and adults to have individual classrooms.

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."

Because of his consistent concern for the well-being of the congregation, Pastor Mixon led the church to purchase a tract of land at 3752-3762 North 44<sup>th</sup> Street on February 1, 1986. The land was leveled, paved and landscaped to be used as our parking lot to facilitate 62 vehicles.

The sacrifices of love from Pastor Leroy and Sister Georgia Mixon will also be remembered and cherished. We remain resolved in our belief that we are who we are and where we are because of the legacy of love that was laid by them and those who were a part of the Pilgrim Rest family at that time, and commit to forever remember and share their stories and live their love.

"Our hope is that these facilities will enable Pilgrim Rest to engage in a more fruitful Christian ministry to the Milwaukee community." **Pastor Leroy B. Mixon, 1983**

# PASTORAL TRANSITION

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## PASTORAL TRANSITION PRAYER:

Dear God, In my mind, I make my plans, But I desire You, Lord, to direct my steps.

So, show me Your ways, O Lord; Teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth and teach me, For You are the God of my salvation; On You, I wait all day long.

As you show me, teach me and lead me, I will seek your will, I will trust your leading and I will follow your directing as I pray regarding our next pastor. In the name of Jesus, the Christ, Amen

## PASTORAL TRANSITION TIMELINE



## BIBLICAL SCRIPTURE REFERENCE

**PSALM 40:8, <sup>8</sup> I TAKE JOY IN DOING YOUR WILL, MY GOD, FOR YOUR INSTRUCTIONS ARE WRITTEN ON MY HEART.” (NLT)**

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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>