



FAITH IN ACTION: TRACING A LEGACY OF LOVE

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Psalms 25:4, 5

THE PASTOR'S PEN

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While it is common for a pastor to express and extend love and compassion for his/her own congregation, many pastors fail at expressing and extending that same love and compassion for the broader community. Pastor Mixon was not one of those pastors.

Pastor Mixon's love and compassion for humanity was exemplified in his outreach ministry to the broader community in Milwaukee as he 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.

In 1987, he led the church to purchase 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 a traditional church setting to receive it. He, therefore, 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 received ministry in this building who had never entered a church edifice. This building would later be used as a business incubator, providing opportunities for new businesses to start, develop and build the capacity to be successful. Many have fond memories of this space that was affectionately referred to as, "The Center".

In 1992, he led the church to purchase the building located at 4433-4435 West Fond du Lac Avenue to expand upon its mission to honor Jesus' command in Matthew 25:40, *...inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brothers [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 1995, he led the church to purchase 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 where we held Sunday Worship Services, Sunday School Classes, Bible Study Classes and outreach ministry to the community.

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

Pastor Mixon's love for God's Word and love for God's people positioned Pilgrim Rest for greater presence and participation in our community, city, state country and world. Pastor Mixon retired at the end of 2001, after 34 years of faithful service to Pilgrim Rest and the community. After retirement, pastor Mixon served as Pastor Emeritus of Pilgrim Rest.

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, ⁸ 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.

	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