



FAITH IN ACTION: TRACING A LEGACY OF LOVE

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Psalm 25:4, 5

THE PASTOR'S PEN

February 23, 2025

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Before his retirement, Pastor Mixon knew that the calling and vision for the church was not about him. Pastor Mixon's passion for God and compassion for God's people led him to pray for God to reveal the person to whom he would hand the keys of the church as his successor. On Sunday, April 28, 1996, Pastor Mixon invited Rev. Martin Childs, Jr. to preach at Pilgrim Rest for the first time for the 8:00 Service. After that Service, the Holy Spirit revealed to Pastor Mixon that Rev. Childs was the one who would succeed him. In honor of that revelation, Pastor Mixon extended a standing invitation for Rev. Childs to preach on the 4th Sunday of each month at the 8:00 Service. Additionally, Pastor Mixon invited him to facilitate several workshops at Pilgrim Rest beginning in 1996.

On October 6, 2002, Pastor Mixon conferred on Rev. Childs the authority of Pastor as Pilgrim Rest was led by the Holy Spirit to affirm the recommendation from the search committee through majority vote on August 17, 2002, to call Rev. Martin Childs, Jr. as the third Pastor of Pilgrim Rest.

As with Pastors Harrington and Mixon, the motivations behind decisions Pastor Childs 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 continue to live in the legacy of his love and have a responsibility to ensure that the legacy continues for future generations to experience.

Pastor Childs' love for the Word of God led him to maintain the deep theological thought and his solid biblical exposition that Pilgrim Rest was known for through the ministry of Pastor Mixon. Additionally, Pastor Childs' desire to actively apply the biblical teachings of God's love, justice and mercy towards all of humanity laid a foundation for several ministries that were established.

Understanding that newly formed churches needed support and assistance to become fully established and thriving churches, Pastor Childs led the church to purchase a building at 4441 West Fond du Lac Avenue in May of 2003. His vision was to use this space as a church incubator to assist new churches in growing, building capacity and moving to their own church edifices.

In October of 2006, Pilgrim Rest established Nehemiah, Inc., our first 501.c.3 non-profit entity, to "Rebuild the walls of our community one brick at a time". Nehemiah, Inc. ministered to the community through four areas: Our Summer Learning Camp, Prison Aftercare Ministry (PAM), business incubator and the purchase of two apartment building units at 3602-06 and 3700-12 N. Sherman Boulevard.

We established the New Life Ministry to assist women who were in need. Recognizing that a major need was secure housing, in October of 2012, Pastor Childs led the church to purchase a duplex at 3522-3524 North Sherman Boulevard. The house is named, "The Harrington House" after our first, first lady.

During the winter months of 2013 and 2014, we operated The Resting Place (Opening the church to provide food and overnight shelter for the homeless from December through March).

Emphasizing God's love, justice and mercy, Pilgrim Rest has organized Local Youth Service Projects; Youth Missions Trips to the Mississippi Delta; and Missions Trips to and Ministry Partnership with churches in Uganda, East Africa to provide resources and support to dig wells, build and support schools, and assist in the health and welfare of our brothers and sisters in Uganda.

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