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THE PASTOR'S PEN

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We are all, when very young, possessors of a splendid gift:
a mind that knows no limits. It enables us, in the face of
a new experience, to see beyond what is,
to what might be.

We make discoveries, gain insights and,
with time, learn something more
of the world around us.

And,
if we're truly fortunate,
we'll never completely let go
of the early innocence of mind
that keeps us forever curious.
and forever open to new ideas.

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IMAGINATION

Imagination viewed as the imaginary, the unreal.

When we think of the imaginary, we often think of children. Children are uninhibited. As such, they are not controlled by external expectations, neither are they constrained by outward opinions. Whereas they see through their physical eyes, they also see through another set of eyes, the eyes of the imaginary. For children, a dream becomes real, and fantasy becomes factual. Children sip tea with their imaginary friends, and point out the sights to their imaginary friends as they are riding in the car.

Imagination viewed as the imaginative, the possible.

When we think of the imaginative, we also often think of children. Children are optimistic. As such, they are not bound by rational reality, neither are they tethered by logical explanation. Whereas they feel in their bodies, they also feel in that unexplainable place on the inside, in their souls. Children are so imaginative in the expression of their feelings that an extreme impossibility becomes more than possible; it becomes doable. Children will spread their arms, run across the room making motor sounds with their mouths and declare they are flying.

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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

EXODUS 24:12-18, ¹²THEN THE LORD SAID TO MOSES, "COME UP TO ME ON THE MOUNTAIN. STAY THERE, AND I WILL GIVE YOU THE TABLETS OF STONE ON WHICH I HAVE INSCRIBED THE INSTRUCTIONS AND COMMANDS SO YOU CAN TEACH THE PEOPLE." ¹³SO MOSES AND HIS ASSISTANT JOSHUA SET OUT, AND MOSES CLIMBED UP THE MOUNTAIN OF GOD. ¹⁴MOSES TOLD THE ELDERS, "STAY HERE AND WAIT FOR US UNTIL WE COME BACK. AARON AND HUR ARE HERE WITH YOU. IF ANYONE HAS A DISPUTE WHILE I AM GONE, CONSULT WITH THEM." ¹⁵THEN MOSES CLIMBED UP THE MOUNTAIN, AND THE CLOUD COVERED IT. ¹⁶AND THE GLORY OF THE LORD SETTLED DOWN ON MOUNT SINAI, AND THE CLOUD COVERED IT FOR SIX DAYS. ON THE SEVENTH DAY THE LORD CALLED TO MOSES FROM INSIDE THE CLOUD. ¹⁷TO THE ISRAELITES AT THE FOOT OF THE MOUNTAIN, THE GLORY OF THE LORD APPEARED AT THE SUMMIT LIKE A CONSUMING FIRE. ¹⁸THEN MOSES DISAPPEARED INTO THE CLOUD AS HE CLIMBED HIGHER UP THE MOUNTAIN. HE REMAINED ON THE MOUNTAIN FORTY DAYS AND FORTY NIGHTS. (NLT)

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Beginning



Current

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	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