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WEEKLY SERVICES

WEDNESDAYS:

- 6:00 p.m.—Prayer Service
- 7:00 p.m.—Bible Study

SUNDAYS:

- 9:00 a.m.—Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m.—Worship Service

ALL ARE WELCOME !
*“A Church Inspired by
the Word and
Empowered by the
Spirit!”*

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*“This is the day the Lord
hath made; let us rejoice
and be glad in it.”*
- Psalms 118:24

PILGRIM’S ELEVATOR WING

PILGRIM IS EXCITED! . . . about the planned construction of an elevator wing! After church service on Sunday, September 10, a *PowerPoint* presentation was made to the congregation by the architectural, engineering, and design firm of Richard L. Johnson Associates, Inc. showing plans and options for the new wing.

After reviewing the screen presentation and handouts and receiving answers to questions, Pilgrim *members voted unanimously to proceed with Options 1 and 2*, which will include a hospital-size Otis elevator and other agreed-upon facilities in a wing to be constructed on the north side of the present building.

Pastor Board and the Elevator Wing Committee, chaired by Deacon Willie Reed, have been faithfully praying and planning for this new construction. Other committee members are Keith Crawford, Lillie Hamberlin, Mother Lillie Martin, Deacon Ben Newson, Carl Towns, and Barbara Wilson.



READY TO RIDE! Mothers Cordelia Hunter, Emma Gipson, and Beatrice Taylor (L to R) are happily waiting to use the new elevator. *(Photo by Patrick Johnson)*

The *fundraising effort officially began on Sunday, September 10, and will conclude December 10, 2006.* However, some members have been so excited about the plans for this new wing, they were moved to make early pledges or donations before the fundraising started — some up to \$2,000.

Recognizing that not everyone can contribute a thousand or more dollars, Pastor Board and the Elevator Wing Committee are *“encouraging donations in any amounts from members and non-members as well.* You may give in memory of a family member, co-worker, neighbor, teacher, mentor, or friend. Every giver will be highlighted in a memorial book, and donors of a certain level of giving (*to be determined by the Committee*) will have their names on an engraved plate on a wall in the elevator wing. Please contact the church office with any questions.”

Not only will the elevator wing serve our physically-challenged members and visitors, it will also better facilitate funerals, special events, or emergencies.

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HOW TO SUBMIT INFORMATION

We welcome your ideas, news items, and articles, which may be placed in the Newsletter mail slot near the church office. Our goal is that *the newsletter will be available on the first Sunday of each month.* Information is requested by the 15th of the preceding month.

All published information will have been reviewed and/or edited by the Pastor and the editorial staff.

WORDS FOR LIVING

“Kind Words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless.”

—*Mother Teresa*

“Any child can tell you that the sole purpose of a middle name is so that he can tell when he’s really in trouble.”

—*Dennis Fakes*

SAC – “STAND Against Cancer”

By Shurice Hunter

October is Breast-Cancer-Awareness Month! Breast Cancer is the most common cancer that women may have to face in a lifetime. It can occur at any age but is much more likely after age 40.

For African-American women, breast cancer is the most common cancer, and Illinois has the sixth highest mortality rate for breast and cervical cancer in the nation, with women of color and uninsured women showing significantly higher mortality rates than white women and/or insured women. For example, African-American women have a 13 percent higher chance of dying from breast cancer than their Caucasian counterparts. Although a higher percentage of Caucasian women are diagnosed with breast cancer, African-American women have the highest mortality rate due to delayed diagnoses and less access to early screenings.

The STAND Against Cancer program was created to ensure that all women, regardless of their circumstances or ability to pay, could have access to the early screening services they need to protect them from this terrible disease.

The STAND Against Cancer program is a collaboration among Illinois churches, faith-based organizations, hospitals, clinics, and community organizations with the mission to reduce racial disparities in access to breast and cervical cancer screenings and treatments. This program is funded through the Illinois Department of Public Health. STAND offers free mammograms and cervical and pelvic exams to any woman who is an uninsured Illinois resident or college student who meets certain maximum income levels.

Let’s work together to bridge the gap of breast cancer. For more information on scheduling a screening opportunity, please ***contact Shurice Hunter or Beverly Owens by calling 968-4449.***

PILGRIM’S YOUTH LEADERS . . .

. . . are seemingly tireless, unsung heroes and heroines for our youth. They are a blessing to the young people and their parents as well. One Youth Leader, ***Carmen Jordan***, is shown below (*center*) surrounded by youth at the Friday-night sleepover as another Youth Leader, Mr. Chris Morris, snaps photos. (*Youth photos courtesy of Chris Morris.*)



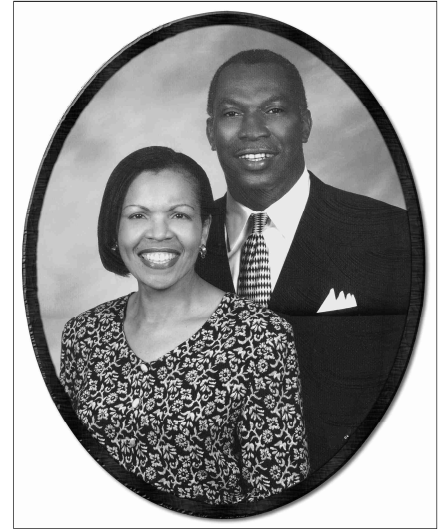
For Pilgrim's Senior Pastor & First Lady: FIRST ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

The first-year anniversary celebration of Pilgrim's First Family, the Rev. Dr. Kenneth R. Board and Mrs. Marilyn Board, will begin with a social time and dinner at **6:00 p.m. Friday, October 6**, at the Paragon Restaurant in downtown Rockford.

During that evening, the Boards will be feted with comments by their long-time friend from Gilbert, Louisiana, Mr. Gralin Davis. Many Pilgrim members and friends are planning to attend to show their love and appreciation for the Boards and the positive influences they bring to the Pilgrim Baptist Church and the Rockford community.

In celebrating, Pilgrim will take ample time to praise God and thank him for sending the Boards to Rockford and Pilgrim. Two **worship services** are scheduled for Sunday, **October 8, at 10:30 and 4:00 p.m.** The Rev. Asriel McLain of Beaumont, Texas will deliver sermons during both services.

Some sick and shut-in members who will be unable to physically attend these celebrations have let the Boards know of their well wishes in other ways with cards, prayers, and phone calls.



YOUTH SLEEP-OVER AND BARBEQUE

By Carmen Jordan, Youth Leader

Pilgrim's Youth Ministry hosted a sleep-over at the church on Friday, September 8, for the middle and high school students. The evening was filled with food, games, movies, and a rap session with Pastor and Mrs. Board and a couple of the youth leaders. As was to be expected, there was little sleep, much laughter, and



the Boards' home for a barbecue/fish-fry. Many of the girls stayed inside and watched past performances of the "Unlimited Praise" dancers, as the boys opted to play volleyball, badminton, and their made-up version of soccer.

good old-fashioned fun. The fun continued into Saturday afternoon, as the youth were invited to

I would like to extend a *special thank-you* to all those who helped to make the entire weekend a *successful and joyous event for the youth*. Please

continue to pray and support our Youth Ministry as we begin our fall session of programs and as our youth conduct the Morning Worship services each second Sunday.

The Boys-to-Men and Girls-to-Women youth programs meet on Monday evenings from 6:00 to 7:30. The programs are open to all youth ages 4 to 18. We have many fun and Christian-based educational activities planned to engage our youth in



active learning, while providing a fun, safe atmosphere for them to fellowship with their peers.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**OCTOBER:**

01 Vivian White
 02 Faye Reed
 03 Jackie Tenard
 06 Justin Morgan
 06 TéShaude Sockwell
 16 LaTisha McEastland
 25 Lori Sockwell
 29 Leona Charles

NOVEMBER:

06 Naomi Brame
 07 Nicole Walker
 25 Forest Patterson, Jr.
 29 Marilyn Board



You're Invited . . . To Pilgrim's Annual
HALLELUJAH PARTY!



Pilgrim will again host its Annual Hallelujah Party on **Tuesday evening, October 31, beginning at 6:00 o'clock.**

This tradition is an alternative to trick-or-treating for our young people and the young-at-heart to have fellowship and fun in a safer environment.

Those who attend, adults and children, may want to "dress up" in appropriate costumes. Some very creative costumes at past Hallelujah parties depicted famous, historical, or Biblical figures.

Mrs. Traci Staten is coordinating this year's event and is **asking adults for donations of treats or cash and their time** to help out with serving food and conducting activities.

To donate or sign up, please see Sister Traci Staten or call the church office at 968-4449.

**TUESDAY MORNING
 BIBLE STUDY RESUMES**

(Announced by Mrs. Whitelow)

As of Tuesday, September 12, the Morning Bible Study Class resumed at Pilgrim and will continue to meet each Tuesday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., with *Mrs. Angeline Whitelow* as the study leader.

Although the majority of class attendees have previously been women, EVERYONE is welcome and encouraged to attend!

The class is for one hour only and will continue to be an exciting and learning time of journeying through the Bible.

Please plan to make this class a part of your regular weekly worship schedule.

EVENTS CALENDAR

(Also see Weekly Services on Page 1)

OCTOBER, 2006

01 Sunday 10:30 am—Morning Worship, Communion
 06 Friday 6:00 pm—First Anniversary / Pilgrim's "First Family" at Paragon Restaurant
Speaker: Mr. Gralin Davis (Louisiana)
 08 Sunday 10:30 am—Anniversary Worship—"Unlimited Praise"
Speaker: Rev. Asriel McLain (Texas)
 4:00 pm—Anniversary Worship
Speaker: Rev. Asriel McLain
 15 Sunday 10:30 am—Morning Worship
 22 Sunday 10:30 am—Morning Worship, "Unlimited Praise"
28 Sat. Midnight—DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS
Set clocks back one hour.
 29 Sunday 10:30 am—Morning Worship

DECEMBER, 2006

17 Sunday 6:00 pm—Christmas Theatre Production

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