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"A Church Inspired by the Word and Empowered by the Holy Spirit."
ALL ARE WELCOME!



WEEKLY WORSHIP

Tuesday:

9:30 am—Bible Study

Wednesday:

12:00 Noon—Bible Study
6:00 pm—Prayer Service
6:30 pm—Adult Bible Study
6:30 pm—Youth Bible Study

Sunday:

9:00 am—Sunday School
10:30 am—Worship Service
10:30 am—Children's Church

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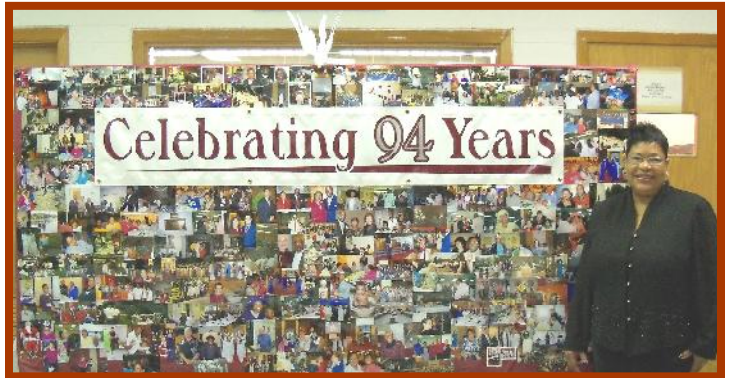
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Pilgrim is 94!

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION - AUGUST, 2011

"We've Come This Far by Faith"

At right, Matti Chappel poses with the historical picture board she created in celebration of Pilgrim's 94th Anniversary.



Pilgrim held a double celebration on Sunday, August 28: The church's 94th Anniversary and 50 years at the present location on South Central Avenue!

To prepare for these celebrations, Pastor Board led the congregation in a week-long "Daniel Fast." He said: ***"During the fast, we should pray for God's revelations, strength, direction, and His will for ourselves, our church, family, community, religion, and world . . ."***

The Sunday Morning Worship celebration on August 28 was highlighted with a message from Minister Brandon Russell, an associate minister at New Zion Baptist Church, where Rev. K. Edward Copeland is pastor. His title was, ***"If you do your best, God will do the Rest."*** Scriptures: *1 Corinthians 10:31; Colossians 3:22-24.*

A "Friends and Family" dinner followed worship, prepared by the men and women of Pilgrim and coordinated by Lillie Hamberlin and Matti Chappel. The laden tables included "oh-so-good" catfish fried by Mitch Chappel and Deacon Roby Johnson and other foods and desserts too numerous to mention.

Pastor Board held the microphone as past and present members blessed and entertained with testimonies of their Pilgrim memories and blessings.

Below left, Catherine Dixon, Deacon Ben Newson, and Hallie Williams are three who shared testimonies as members of the Pilgrim Family. Below right, shows some of the many foods available at the "Friends and Family" dinner.



VISION STATEMENT:

The vision of the Pilgrim Baptist Church is the fulfillment of God's promise of salvation through the belief in the ministry of Jesus Christ and the empowerment of excellence in all people through Christian education and community activism.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER, 2011

- 04 Sunday 10:30 am - Worship Service / Communion
- 05 Monday **LABOR DAY Observed - Church Closed**
- 11 Sunday 10:30 am - Worship Service - Grandparents' Day!
- 17 Saturday 8:00 am - Silver Chalice Challenge at Ellis School (until 2:00 pm)
- 18 Sunday 10:30 am - Worship Service
- 18 Sunday 4:00 pm - Pilgrim in worship at St. Paul Baptist, Freeport, IL
- 24 Saturday 6:00 pm - Senior Saints' Fall Banquet at Pilgrim
- 25 Sunday 10:30 am - Worship: Women's Ministry Annual Celebration
Speaker: Dr. Lisa Malone, Jerusalem Baptist Church
- 25 Sunday 6:00 pm - Fall Piano Recital - Mr. Donald Robinson



Pilgrim: Let's keep the "Chalice" we won last year by showing up in large numbers for free health screenings at Ellis School on Saturday, September 17!

OCTOBER, 2011

- 02 Sunday 10:30 am - Worship Service / Communion
- 09 Sunday 10:30 am - Worship Service
- 16 Sunday 10:30 am - Worship Service (Fellowship Meal follows morning Worship Service)
- 16 Sunday 4:00 pm - Pastor's 6th Anniversary Celebration (Guests: Pastor Nathanael Johnson & Congregation, Second Baptist Church, Clinton, Iowa)
- 23 Sunday 10:30 am - Worship Service (*Pilgrim leaves by 12 noon for Clinton, Iowa*)
- 23 Sunday 4:00 pm - Pilgrim in Worship at Second Baptist Church-Clinton, Iowa
- 30 Sunday 10:30 am - Worship Service

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

All are birthdays unless stated otherwise!

SEPTEMBER, 2011

- 01 De'Angelo Loury
- 06 Mauresha Smith
- 06 Tracey Schaefer
- 08 Georgia Moore
- 09 Elizabeth Cook
- 13 Lillie Hamberlin
- 23 Leatha Adams
- 24 Jasmine Holifield
- 26 Virginia B. Cooper
- 27 Amauri Bryant
- 29 Audrey Rivers
- 30 Robert & BB Owens
Wedding Anniversary

OCTOBER, 2011

- 01 Vivian White
- 02 Faye Reed
- 03 Jackie Tenard
- 07 Deacon Ernest Evans
- 07 Janie Wilson-Cook
- 15 Savannah Fernandez
- 15 Teena Garrett
- 15 Minister David Sidney
- 16 Minister Sharon Olson
- 16 Alexia Spivey
- 18 *Pastor's Pilgrim Anniversary*
- 19 Deacon Ernest & Beverly Evans
Wedding Anniversary
- 20 Peggy Sims
- 23 Rick Fernandez
- 23 Deacon Erick & Vivette Hall
Wedding Anniversary
- 24 Lorraine Wilson
- 29 Leona Charles
- 31 Tina Fernandez

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary!

IN THE NEWS!

- Congratulations to Mrs. Georgia Moore who was recently honored at Cliffbreakers for 16 years as an Avon representative! She received many great gifts.
- Happy Birthday to Mr. Travis Green, a 50-year Pilgrim member, who was 100 years old in August!
- Minister Carmen Jordan will soon return from her second Missions trip to Ethiopia, and she is sure to have many blessings to share!

PRAYER FOR OUR TROOPS!

Please continue to lift up our troops in prayer:

- **SSG Jimiese Crawford-Adams**-- Bagram, Afghanistan
Niece of Lady Marilyn and Pastor Kenneth Board
- **TSGT Terrell Owens** -- Kabul, Afghanistan
Son of Beverly and Jerry Owens
- **Unit 910th Airwing**-- Youngstown Air Reserve (Ohio)
Virginia Pettigrew-Wheaton's Unit -- Deployed persons include Airmen from 910th Medical Squadron.

To add information, please contact the church office.

PILGRIM'S 95th ANNIVERSARY Homecoming & Reunion!

Pilgrim Family, Friends, and Alums:

Even as we complete the celebration of our 94th year, plans are under way for Pilgrim's 95th Anniversary with a homecoming and reunion! Mark your calendars and make travel plans to be at Pilgrim in Rockford, Illinois on the **last weekend in August, 2012!** Please provide the office with contact information for out-of-town Pilgrim family and friends. Watch for updates in our weekly bulletins and *The Pilgrim Messenger!*

Children & Youth Ministry

By Minister David Sidney, CYM Director

“CYM (Children & Youth Ministry) is the overarching name for all K-12 ministries at Pilgrim. JourneyLand is the name for grades K–5, developed and voted on in 2010 by the K-5 leaders. F.Y.R.E. is the name for grades 6–12 and stands for **“Freeing Youth from world chains through Restoration in Jesus Christ and Empowerment through the Holy Spirit.”** The youth developed and adopted this name in 2009 and are now actively using it.”

F.Y.R.E. SLEEPOVER

“Over the weekend of August 12/13, the Youth Ministry of Pilgrim, F.Y.R.E., held a Youth Sleepover at the Church. Friday began with indoor games and socializing, followed up with chili-style hot dogs, pizza, chips, cookies, and more. With our bellies filled, the night was set for different games and activities. Activities ranged from “Four on a Couch” and “Pilgrim Tag & Seek” to putting together school supplies in bags for students at Pilgrim’s adopted school, Lathrop.

“The entire evening was fun-filled and spirited. Many of the youth leaders commented about the energy level and interaction among the youth as well as with the leaders. Both leaders and youth were able to connect during a “rap” session, where no topic was off limits. Some memorable moments were when older high school students gave advice to incoming freshmen. We ended the night with movie watching and people slowly going to bed between 2:30 and 4:00 a.m.

“We woke up later in the morning to a casserole of pancakes, eggs, and sausage--and lots of yawns from those who spent the night!

“Many thanks to these dedicated leaders: Matthew Jeske, Deacon Chris Morris, Margaret Reed, Monica Reed, Minister Willie Reed, Deacon Eugene Rigsby, Mia Rigsby, and Karli Wright.

“Stay tuned for the next F.Y.R.E. Sleepover!”



One of F.Y.R.E.’s sleepover activities was to assemble bags of back-to-school supplies for students at Pilgrim’s “adopted” school, Lathrop Elementary.



CYM BACK-TO-SCHOOL FEST!

Children, youth, parents, Pilgrim members and the community gathered to celebrate the start of a new school year.

This fun and festive event was held from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 31, at Pilgrim. There was plenty of food, fun, and fellowship to help students transition back to the school classrooms.

Blessings to all students and our dedicated educators!



SUPPLIES FOR LATHROP



Photo above left: A family registers children at Lathrop. At right, Principal Trudy Court (center) posed with Deacon Chris Morris and Albertha Towns as they distributed the school supplies on Tuesday, August 16, collected and organized by Pilgrim’s youth. Helen Ware (not shown) also volunteered.

Ministry Focus for 2011: "Our Best for God's Glory!"

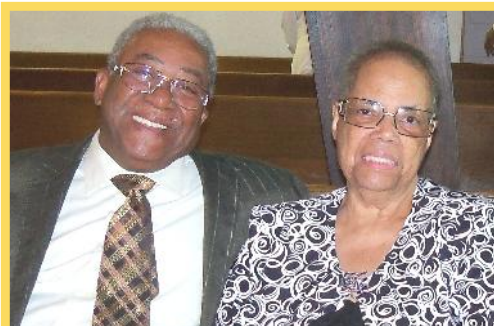


Farewell to Al and Connie!



Members of Pilgrim and the Rockford community had the opportunity to bid farewell to Mr. Alphonso N. and Dr. Constance L. Goode as they relocate to Houston, Texas, to live near family.

For these long-time members, Pilgrim hosted a farewell reception and dinner in their honor on Friday evening, August 19, 2011.



Al and Connie took time for one last photo at Pilgrim on Sunday, August 21.

Both Al and Connie will leave lasting legacies of their many contributions to Pilgrim and the Rockford community. Both were educators and community volunteers who also held many executive leadership positions.

So long Al and Connie! You will be missed, but we hope you will keep in touch with your Pilgrim Family!

Our prayers go with you!



CUB SCOUT PACK 25

Cub Scouts, Council Leaders, and Pilgrim volunteers met on Saturday, August 20, where they were assembling a tent.



Pilgrim volunteers pictured are La'Vonzele Stokes (left, 2nd row); Parnell Smith (left, back row); Minister David Sidney (2nd from left, back row); and Deacon Darryl Mitchell (right, back row.)

- Cub Scout Pack 25 meets at 9:00 a.m. on the first and third Saturdays at Pilgrim. Boys ages 7 - 10 are eligible to join.
- Boy Scout Troop 271 (ages 11 - 18) meets from *6:00 to 7:30 p.m. each Tuesday at Pilgrim.

***Note: This is a recent change!**

PILGRIM NEEDS!

- **A New Roof**
- **Volunteers:**
 - Boy Scout Troop 271
 - Cub Scout Pack 25
 - Evangelism
 - Nursery
- **Winter Wear for Lathrop Students:**
 - Hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, etc.

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MEETING AND GREETING! Pilgrim's clergy takes time after service to greet worshippers. Pastor Kenneth R. and Lady Marilyn Board are shown on Sunday, August 21.

