

# The Pilgrim Messenger

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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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# September Annual Events

## WOMEN'S ANNUAL DAY

Women of Pilgrim celebrated their Annual Day on Sunday, September 25. Speaker for the morning worship service was Dr. Lisa Malone, Physician and First Lady of Jerusalem Baptist Church, who delivered an inspiring message, "12 Steps for Victorious Christian Living." Dr. Malone was accompanied by her husband, Rev. Calvin L. Malone, Pastor of Jerusalem, their congregation, and her parents who traveled from Chicago.

Pilgrim women wore white as a show of unity, and many sang with the special Women's Choir. We knew we were in for a special blessing beginning with the Praise and Worship Team, and "awesome" is the only way to describe the Special Women's Choir. After only a few rehearsals with Beverly Owens, who directed them, and Musician Tony Tennyson, their voices filled the sanctuary and brought many worshipers to their feet! Minister Sharon Olson also joined in with her violin.

The women of Pilgrim serve in almost every activity within the church as well as some in the community. President of the Women's Ministry is Albertha Towns.

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*Women's Day speaker, Dr. Lisa M. Malone, poses with her husband, Rev. Calvin Malone, at the Reception.*

## SENIOR SAINTS' ANNUAL DINNER



*Posing for a before-dinner photo are (L to R) Lorraine Thurmond (Chairperson of the Senior Saints), Lady Marilyn and Pastor Board, and Deloras Ransom.*

Pilgrim's Senior Saints held their 12th Annual Fall Dinner on Saturday evening, September 24, in the Nancy Smith Youth Center. Guest speaker was Rev. DeCarto Draper, Jr., Senior Pastor of Providence Missionary Baptist Church. Many from Providence's congregation as well as other churches also attended this celebration. Also in attendance were Rev. Ed Libby and Mrs. Libby.

Pastor Board read a note from the group's Honorary Chairperson, Mother Beulah Slaughter, who was in New Jersey. The "Saints" meet at 12:00 noon each third Thursday for fellowship and a meal.

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## 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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Janie Wilson-Cook at [www.pilgrim baptist.org](http://www.pilgrim baptist.org)

**EVENTS CALENDAR**

**OCTOBER, 2011**

- 02 Sunday 10:30 am - Worship Service / Communion
- 09 Sunday 10:30 am - Worship Service
- 15 Saturday 5:00 pm - Pastor's Anniversary Banquet - Speaker, Mr. Dennis Koehler
- 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

**NOVEMBER, 2011**

- 06 Sunday Daylight Savings Time Ends (Set clocks BACK one hour)
- 06 Sunday 10:30 am - Worship Service / Communion
- 08 Tuesday ELECTION DAY
- 12 Saturday 9:00 am - Pilgrim Church Family Meeting (until 10:30 am)
- 12 Saturday 10:30 am - Ministry Leader Training (until 12 noon)
- 12 Saturday 12:00 noon - Leadership Council Meeting (until 1:30 pm)
- 13 Sunday 10:30 am - Worship Service
- 20 Sunday 10:30 am - Worship Service
- 24 Thursday THANKSGIVING DAY (Church Closed)
- 27 Sunday 10:30 am - Worship Service



CST begins at 2 am Sun., Nov. 6. Set clocks BACK ONE HOUR!

**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

All are birthdays unless stated otherwise!

**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
- 16 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

**NOVEMBER, 2011**

- 01 Ruby Brown
- 07 Mary Bonner
- 07 Nicole Walker
- 08 Jacci Mannery
- 11 Joyce Bowden
- 12 Janet Wyatt
- 19 Jeanette Towns
- 25 Forest Patterson, Jr.
- 28 Gale Richard
- 29 Marilyn Board
- 29 Hallie Williams
- 30 Randy Cook



**IN THE NEWS!**

■ Missionaries Wilondja and Shirley (Wright) Masongezi send greetings to Pilgrim as they relocate from Canada to Atlanta, GA. They hope to see us soon and have requested our prayers for their rigorous travel schedule. E-mail them at [wsmasongezi@yahoo.com](mailto:wsmasongezi@yahoo.com)

■ Don't miss the bus that will be headed to Clinton, Iowa at 12:00 noon on Sunday, Oct. 23. Pilgrim will serve at a 4:00 pm service at Second Baptist Church in Clinton. Cost is \$20 per person, and all of the 52 seats must be reserved! Contact the office for more information or to make reservations.



**"WORSHIP IN THE GARDEN"**

For two seasons from May through September, Beverly Owens of Pilgrim has coordinated a half-hour worship service at Anderson Japanese Gardens from 7:00 to 7:30 a.m. each Thursday with many local clergy members participating. On Thursday, September 29, Pastor Board and Pilgrim closed out the 2011 season.

Beverly is offering thanks to the Pilgrim men who were ever so faithful in helping with setup, etc.; to the many local clergy who delivered messages and/or music; and special thanks to the owners of Anderson Japanese Gardens for their generosity to our community by providing a beautiful worship space that seems so close to God!

**Pastor's 6th Anniversary**

The 6th Anniversary of Pilgrim's First Family, Rev. Dr. Kenneth R. and First Lady Marilyn D. Board, will be celebrated as follows:

- 5:00 pm Saturday, October 15: Anniversary Dinner at Pilgrim with Mr. Dennis Koehler as guest speaker.
- 10:30 am Sunday, October 16: Morning Worship (Fellowship Meal will follow Morning Worship)
- 4:00 pm Sunday, October 16: Anniversary Celebration with Pastor Nathanael Johnson and congregation from Second Baptist Church, Clinton, Iowa.

All Pilgrim members and friends are invited to participate in this opportunity to show love to our First Family.

# SECOND MISSION TO ETHIOPIA

*By Minister Carmen Jordan*

I was blessed to have an opportunity to return to Mekelle, Ethiopia and spend three weeks with the children and staff of Lola Children's Home. Upon my arrival, the children all greeted me with a welcome sign, songs, hugs and smiles. From that point on, I loved on the children, and they loved on me! It was truly a blessing to be able to again share the love of Christ to these precious children.

One day when a group of volunteers from Israel came to visit, a little boy with a big heart gave me the gifts given to him by the volunteers. After an hour had passed, I thought he may want his gifts back. He simply said, "Thank You," and handed one of the gifts back to me, as he truly wanted me to have it. My heart just melted!

In addition to spending time ministering to the children, I was also asked to help in other ways, such as painting the new playground equipment and leading the staff in daily devotions--which I humbly accepted and completed as led by the Holy Spirit. God is doing a marvelous work in Lola Children's Home, and I was blessed and honored to be a part of His work.

The children and staff treated me like family, and I truly felt their love. The day before I left to return to the States, they presented me with a thank-you letter and hand-made banner for Pilgrim Baptist Church, as well as a beautiful dress and scarf (with shoes to match) for me to wear when I preach. These were gifts from the heart and



Children at Lola surround Minister Jordan

genuinely displayed the love of God permeating the children and staff of Lola. I am honored not only to be used by God to spread the Gospel throughout the nation of Ethiopia, but I'm also honored to do so as a representative of Pilgrim Baptist Church. I thank all of the members and friends of Pilgrim for your continued love, support, and prayers for me as well as the ministry at Lola Children's Home.

*(See July, 2011 issue of "The Pilgrim Messenger")  
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## MORE...WOMEN'S ANNUAL DAY

*(See Page 1)*

Other women who participated in this special worship service included *First Lady Marilyn Board; Minister Angela Davis; Minister Carmen Jordan; Minister Sharon Olson; Bettye Collins; Patricia Fricks; Trustees Vivette Hall and Jacci Mannery; and Rosalynd Mincy.*

All Pilgrim women are members of the Women's Ministry, and in *Patricia Fricks'* presentation, she encouraged more women to meet at 10:00 a.m. on the third Saturday of each month to help plan the on-going exciting work being done by these committed women of God. Every other meeting will be dedicated to enrichment activities.

Women's Ministry President *Albertha Towns* thanked the speaker and all the women who contributed to the success of this annual event. A special thank-you was given to *Janet Mitchell and members of the Pastor's Care Ministry* who hosted the wonderful fellowship reception.

***(Special Women's Choir shown below.)***



## MORE... SENIOR SAINTS' DINNER

*(See Page 1)*

Seated at the Head Table (above) were (LtoR) Rev. DeCarto Draper, Jr.-Providence; Lady Marilyn & Pastor Board; Mrs. E. Libby and Rev. Ed Libby of Creekwood. Center left, Rev. Draper greeted members of his congregation in attendance. Bottom left, are Mrs. Dorothy and Deacon Ben Newson.



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

# CYM Back-to-School Fest!



Thanks to Staci Wright for sharing these photos!

A fun and festive event was held on Wednesday, August 31, for students, parents, and friends to celebrate the beginning of another school year. Lady Marilyn Board is one of the many educators at Pilgrim who also have to make back-to-school preparations and adjustments. Blessings to all of our students, teachers, and principals as you transition into the new school year!

## SILVER CHALICE CHALLENGE

These photos show just a few of the many Pilgrim members who visited the Silver Chalice Challenge to get medical check-ups, gather information



on leading more healthful lives, and to help us retain the "Silver Chalice" for another year. The event was also an opportunity for socialization and fellowship. One of Pilgrim's "friendly competitors," Lloyd Hawks of Miles Memorial, is in shown in the upper photo.



## 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.
- For more information, call the church office at 815-968-4449.

The new doors pictured above were recently installed at Pilgrim's SE Entrance!

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