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- Minister Angela Davis
- Minister Ernest Evans
- Minister Carmen Jordan
- Minister Sharon M. Olson
- Minister Willie Reed
- Minister David Sidney
- Minister Carl L. Towns

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

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

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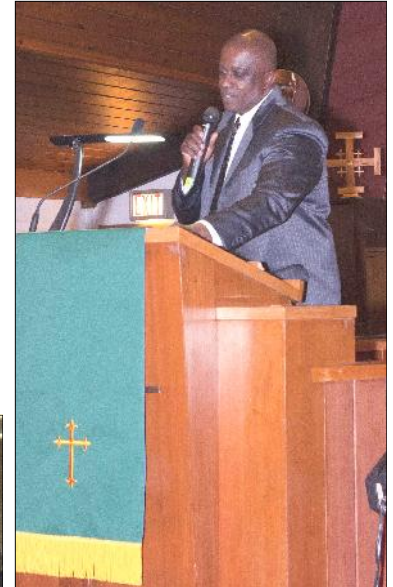
God Called; Deacon Evans Answered!

Narrative by Beverly Owens

Deacon Ernest Evans and his family have been faithful members of Pilgrim for many years. He said that his mother had prophesied over his life at an early age that he would be a preacher of God's Word. Deacon Evans said he has tried to do what his mother showed him by example: *Study the word of God and strive to live a life pleasing to Him!* Even after he had publicly acknowledged God's call, Deacon Evans said he had run many times from the thought of becoming a preacher; but



with God's consistent nudging and Pastor Board's counsel, leadership, prayer, and encouragement, he finally surrendered to God's call. Deacon Evans gave his trial sermon on Sunday evening, January 22, 2012, to members and friends at Pilgrim. His topic was *"Discipling Others with Godly Wisdom"* from scriptures found in Proverbs 3:1-6. Both the



message and the messenger were well received!

In the photo at left, Pastor Kenneth R. Board, other Pilgrim ministers, and deacons bless and encourage Minister Evans and his wife, Mrs. Beverly Evans. Others visible in the photo are Minister Sharon Olson and, back row, Minister Carl L. Towns and Deacon Chris Morris (partially shown).

(See Page 3 for more about Minister Ernest Evans.)

A fellowship reception for Minister Evans was held in the Youth Center following the worship celebration.

Photos on this page courtesy of Mr. Robert Roby.



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.

EVENTS CALENDAR

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Janie Wilson-Cook at
www.pilgrimbaptist.org

FEBRUARY, 2012 (BLACK HISTORY MONTH)

- 04 Saturday 8:30-11:00 am - Ushers' Council Annual Prayer Breakfast
- 05 Sunday 10:30 am - Morning Worship - Communion
- 05 Sunday 5:00 pm - "Big Bowl" Party at Pilgrim
- 12 Sunday 10:30 am - Morning Worship
- 14 Tuesday Valentine's Day
- 19 Sunday 10:30 am - Morning Worship
- 20 Monday President's Day (Observed)
- 22 **Wednesday ASH WEDNESDAY**
- 26 Sunday 10:30 am - Morning Worship



MARCH, 2012

- 04 Sunday 10:30 am - Morning Worship - Communion
- 11 **Sunday DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS (Set clock ahead one hour.)**
- 11 Sunday 10:30 am - Morning Worship
- 18 Sunday 10:30 am - Morning Worship
- 20 Tuesday FIRST DAY OF SPRING
- 25 Sunday 10:30 am - Morning Worship

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

All are birthdays unless stated otherwise!

FEBRUARY, 2012	MARCH, 2012
01 Sonia Johnson	01 Tracy Iverson
04 Noah Wheaton	02 Grace Elliott
07 Emma Gentry	03 Patrick Cook
07 Helena Mandujano	04 Jerry "Deuce" Owens
09 Monica Reed	07 Shirley Talacford
10 Candace Edgeston	11 Akeyla Evans
10 Keisha Whitaker	11 Asia Foster
11 Mia Rigsby	11 Destyni Schaefer
12 Dawana Johnson	11 T. L. Weddle
12 Bertha Rigsby	13 Vera Forte
14 Phenique Lake	15 Deloras Ransom
15 Erick Hall	28 Candus Jones
17 Michael Blackmon	30 De'Vonte Sims
17 Rebecca Towns	
18 Jacqueline Edwards	
22 Melva Price	
24 Staci Wright	
25 Evelyn Huey	
28 Ray Cooper	
28 Evon Sams	
28 Roosevelt Sims	



During morning worship on Sunday, January 15, we were blessed with a visit by Rev. Lasha Tennyson, wife of Mr. Tony Tennyson, our faithful "master musician." The Tennysons reside in Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois.

PILGRIM'S "WEIGHT-LOSS CHALLENGE 2012"

Sponsored by the Health Ministry: Rosalynd "Roz" Mincy & Joy Tolbert

Health professionals Joy and Roz have offered Pilgrim members the opportunity for better health while helping feed those in need and becoming eligible to receive cash incentives and/or gifts. The "weigh-ins" are held each Sunday after morning worship in the Nancy Smith Youth Center. The weigh-ins started January first and will conclude April 15.

Each participant is asked to bring two cans of food to each weigh-in, or one can if you attend a Pilgrim fitness class at least twice in the week, keep a food log at least three days in the week, or exercise at least three days. To begin, you must be weighed at the church by Rosalynd or Joy only, and they will keep your information in strictest confidence.



To be considered for the interim \$50 incentives, participants must weigh in on January 29, February 26, and March 25. Weigh-ins for the ultimate \$300 gift package will be on Sunday, April 15, with announcement and celebration of the winner on Sunday, April 22. **THERE'S STILL TIME TO SIGN UP!**



Joy (left) and Rosalynd conducted a "weigh-in" after church on Sunday, January 29.

Ministry Leaders for 2012

During morning worship on Sunday, January 8, 2012, Pastor Kenneth R. Board summoned to the altar all elected 2012 Pilgrim Officers and Ministry Leaders. The leaders were officially installed after alternately reciting passages of a special litany and special prayer by Pastor Board.

Guest preacher for the morning was Rev. Peggy M. Williams from Madison, Wisconsin, a friend and colleague of Pastor Board's, who challenged and encouraged the leaders as we began this new year in Christ. She is shown at right with Pilgrim's Mrs. Lorraine Thurmond. The photo below shows about half of the 2012 officers and ministry leaders.

In his "Pastor's Corner" message on that day, Rev. Board said: *"Remember that you are called to embody the humility of Jesus, the passion of Paul, and the fire of Peter as you serve others. . . Congratulations 2012 officers and leaders. It is an honor to serve with you."*



MINISTER ERNEST EVANS

Comments By
REV. DR. KENNETH R. BOARD



We welcome a new minister to our team here at Pilgrim: Minister Ernest Evans, a local fireman and former Pilgrim deacon. On Sunday afternoon, January 22, he successfully preached his trial sermon. The message was well delivered and received!

Our congregation voted unanimously to license him as a minister. With this license, Minister Evans can preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ and represent Pilgrim. Minister Evans is married to Mrs. Beverly Evans, who is a gracious leader in our Nursery Ministry. They have two adult daughters and two adult sons.

Join me in praying for Minister Evans and his family as he begins his public ministry: *Pray for total commitment to the call of ministry. Pray for devoted study. Pray for servant leadership to be evident in his life as he becomes FAT (Faithful, Available, and Teachable) for Jesus. Pray for spiritual growth and development.*

Minister Evans will be added to our preaching rotation as his varied fireman's work schedule permits.

The above comments by Rev. Dr. Kenneth R. Board were excerpted and edited from the "Pastor's Corner" of January 29, 2012.

2012 Ministry Focus
"Discipleship: God's Mission, Our Passion!" (Matthew 28:19 & 20)

Let's pray, watch, and listen for more information on new Pilgrim ministries in 2012. Minister Sharon Olson has recently announced a new **Grief Ministry** and will provide more information in coming weeks.

LATHROP SCHOOL!

Pilgrim members are still actively involved with our adopted school, Lathrop Elementary. Volunteer tutors include Rick Fernandez and Minister David Sidney.

We have more winter left, so please continue to provide warm winter wear for the students: gloves, mittens, hats, scarves, socks, etc.



Ministry Focus for 2012: "Discipleship: God's Mission, Our Passion!"
(Matthew 28:19 & 20)

"GO TELL MINISTRIES" HOSTED BY PILGRIM

Information provided by Lorraine Wilson and Beverly Owens

Pilgrim has the heart to reach outside our walls to lead as well as partner with other churches and ministries for God's glory. Over the Christmas holidays, Pilgrim helped Diane Rasch of Rock Church and other volunteers as they began the first of many out-of-school programs designed to provide structured Christian time for un-churched neighborhood children and youth.

On December 31, 2011, Pilgrim hosted approximately a dozen children for two hours of music, scripture, arts and crafts, and, of course, fun! Diane Rasch of Rock Church and Lorraine Wilson of Pilgrim were joined by Pilgrim's in-house artist, Timothy Rogers, who directed and assisted those attending in creating beautiful art projects such as those shown in photo at right.

Other volunteers were Anita Berger and Martina Berger (Youth Assistant) of



Rock Church; Betty Westlake of "Rock House Kids"; and Minister Carl L. Towns who came to church for one thing and, after seeing the activities, decided to stay as a part of the ministry and provided the above and other photos. (*Tim is way in back on the right.*) Refreshments were served; and, above all, there was lots of fun with some Christian education sprinkled in. It all added up to joy for the heart, creativity for the mind, and ministry for the soul! **Watch for more information about this new ministry opportunity!**



PILGRIM DADS 'N' DAUGHTERS!

Three of Pilgrim's dads were captured in rare candid photos as they lovingly tended their daughters. From left are dads Leonard Tolbert, Jon Gallas, and Darwin Bogard. Leonard and Jon may now be considered "pro's" as each has had prior experience with an older daughter.



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