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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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Mothers Celebrated



On Mother's Day, May 13, 2012, Pilgrim's Lydians Ministry carried out its historical annual celebration of all mothers.

Red roses were distributed to mothers in a number of categories, such as members of Pilgrim's Mothers Board, oldest mother, newest mother, foster mothers, etc., while Matti Chappel (top of above photo) sang "Give Me My Flowers While I Yet Live."

Some of the Lydians are shown above, but four others were not captured in the photo. President of the Lydians Ministry is Lillie Hamberlin, second from left.

It was a blessing to see two Pilgrim Mothers (below) in worship on Mother's Day after being home-bound. L to R, Mothers Emma Gipson and Orethay Avant.



SPECIAL MOTHERS VISIT



This Mother's Day was special for the Boards as both of their mothers were in Rockford together for the first time! In the photo at left, (L to R) are Mrs. Board's mother, Mrs. Meller Lucas of Houston, Texas; Pastor's mother, Mrs. Lula Brown of Shreveport, LA; and Mrs. Marilyn Board.

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

JUNE, 2012

- 03 Sunday 10:30 am - Morning Worship (*June issue of "The Pilgrim Messenger" available*)
- 10 Sunday *10:30 am - Morning Worship - Communion
- 10 Sunday 5:00 pm - Pilgrim serves Chapel and meal at Rockford Rescue Mission
- 15 Friday 6:00 pm - Pilgrim Brotherhood's inaugural Father & Son Summit
- 16 Saturday 9 am-4:00 pm - Brotherhood Ministry Community Outreach Picnic
- 17 Sunday 9:00 am - "Bring a Father to Sunday School" - (To Celebrate Fathers)
- 17 Sunday **11:00 am - Morning Worship - FATHER'S DAY & MEN'S ANNUAL DAY
- 24 Sunday 10:30 am - Morning Worship - GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY

JULY, 2012

- 01 Sunday 10:30 am - Morning Worship - Communion
- 04 Wednesday Independence Day - Church & Office Closed
- 08 Sunday 10:30 am - Morning Worship
- 15 Sunday 10:30 am - Morning Worship
- 22 Sunday 10:30 am - Morning Worship
- 29 Sunday 10:30 am - Morning Worship

PLEASE NOTE!

* Communion will be served on the 2nd Sunday in June instead of the 1st.
 ** On Father's Day, June 17, Morning worship will be one-half hour later at 11:00 a.m. instead of 10:30.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

All are birthdays unless stated otherwise!

JUNE, 2012

- 01 Deron Brooks
- 02 Ira Austin
- 04 Mother Thelma Fisk
- 06 Barbara Wilson
- 07 Lorene Skelton
- 08 Marquavian Williams
- 08 Willie Bell
- 11 De'Jour Leavy
- 11 Fred Smith, Jr.
- 13 Pastor Kenneth and Mrs. Marilyn Board
Wedding Anniversary
- 15 Christopher Johnson
- 17 Mitch & Matti Chappel
Wedding Anniversary
- 17 Shatuana Williams
- 18 Kenosha Holland
- 22 Cedrick Wynn
- 23 Ja'Ron Robinson
- 24 Beverly & Jerry Owens
Wedding Anniversary
- 26 Margie Johnson
- 28 Randy & Janie Cook
Wedding Anniversary

JULY, 2012

- 01 Pastor Kenneth R. Board
- 05 Mother Beulah Slaughter
- 05 Marquise Williams
- 06 Monique Currie
- 06 DeMaje Smith
- 07 Kimberland Anderson
- 07 Willie & Bertha Bell
Wedding Anniversary
- 07 Deacon Christopher Morris
- 08 Deacon Emeritus Robert Thomas
- 08 Minister Willie & Mrs. Margaret Reed
Wedding Anniversary
- 14 Mother Lillie Martin
- 14 Minister Willie Reed
- 16 Shneera Habib
- 16 Jose Ortiz
- 18 Polly Saunders
- 18 Albertha "Bert" Towns
- 21 James Higgins
- 21 Leonard Tolbert
- 21 Dea. Emer. Carl O. & Bert Towns
Wedding Anniversary
- 23 Mary Kay Rogers
- 26 Frances Blalock

STILL WORSHIPPING IN THE GARDEN!

Pilgrim is still supporting the garden experience this year but not hosting it, and our ministers will still be bringing the Word! Pastor Board kicked off the season by delivering the message on May 10.

From 7:00 to 7:30 a.m. each Thursday at Anderson Gardens, 318 Spring Creek Road.

FREE: Message, music, refreshments, and tour of the Garden!

Habitat for Humanity & Pilgrim Build House on Island

*Excerpt from "Pastor's Corner" on Sunday, May 27, 2012,
 written by Rev. Dr. Kenneth R. Board to members of the Pilgrim Baptist Church:*

"I am excited about what God is doing in the life of our church. In just a few days, we will begin to co-build a Habitat for Humanity house on land that the church owned and donated to this compassionate cause. This mission is a collaborative effort with Habitat, Pilgrim's Promise Community Development Corporation, the City of Rockford Economic Development Department, HUD, and many volunteers across Illinois. I pray that you will commit to serve in whatever capacity God is leading you. We need all members working together as prayer warriors, food servers, parking lot attendants, skilled/unskilled laborers, planners, etc. Let us do as the people of Nehemiah's time did: Let us rise up and build a house for God and Michael and Jesse Whittie (the owners)."



Pastor Board also shared that the "blitz" from out-of-town workers as well as Rockford will be from June 4 through 8, when most of the work will be done. Pilgrim's volunteers will also participate as directed by Victory Bell, President of the Pilgrim's Promise CDC..



Victory Bell (R) registers Pilgrim volunteers for the Habitat/Pilgrim House on Island Avenue.

Pilgrim's Brotherhood Ministry

The Pilgrim Brotherhood Ministry is fulfilling an awesome and ambitious schedule for the 2012-13 year, including taking a leadership role in the mentoring and training of our children and youth.

This year, they are combining celebrations for Fathers Day and the Men's Annual Day, beginning on Friday, June 15, through Sunday, June 17. Their theme for Men's Day is, "*Men Growing in Discipleship.*" See more below.



Pictured above are some members of the Men's Choir and the "Brotherhood" Ministry during Morning Worship on May 20.

FRIDAY, JUNE 15, 2012: 6:00 p.m. Inaugural Father and Son Summit at Pilgrim

The Brotherhood is hosting its first Father and Son Summit in Pilgrim's Nancy Smith Youth Center on Friday, June 15, at 6:00 p.m. The topic for this summit is, "*The Importance of the Father/Son relationship and how it relates to education.*"

The keynote speaker will be Minister David Sidney. Other speakers are Rodney Smith, graduate of Purdue University, and Parnell Smith, Jr., graduate of the University at Buffalo. Both are sons of Brother Parnell Smith, Sr. (*Parnell, Jr. is also a Pilgrim member.*)

SATURDAY, JUNE 16: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Community Outreach Picnic

Gospel and Jazz music will set the tone for the day as the "PBC Brotherhood" continues to build on the legacy started some years ago.

The grills are being readied for "Cookin' with the Brotherhood" and activities being planned! Food will be served around noon, but there will be many activities before and after that time. To name a few, there will be volleyball, horse shoes, bean bag pitch, and 3-on-3 basketball competition for all ages, with sign up at 9:00 and game time at 9:30 a.m. Three first-place trophies will be awarded.

Two Martial Arts demonstrations will be made by Kung Fu Master Dwight Foster, and low-impact exercise class demonstrations taught by Parnell Smith.

*All events are free and open
to the public.
Everyone is welcome!*

SUNDAY, JUNE 17: 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship: Men's Annual Day & Father's Day

Please note that Morning Worship will begin a half-hour later than the usual 10:30 a.m. to accommodate the 9:00 a.m. "*Bring a Father to Sunday School Event*" sponsored by the Sunday School and Women's Ministries to honor men and fathers.

Minister Carl L. Towns will bring the message during Morning Worship and will speak on a variation of the father/son theme, "*The importance of the Father and Son Relationship and what the Word has to say.*"

MARTIAL ARTS COMES TO PILGRIM!

During the Brotherhood's Community Outreach Picnic, Kung Fu Master Dwight Foster will do demonstrations on two martial arts classes that will be offered at Pilgrim: Modified Kung Fu self defense (ages 9 up) and Tai Chi (for teens to adults.) Watch for more information.



Dwight Foster



Also providing two demonstrations during the picnic will be participants in the low-impact exercise classes taught by Brother Parnell Smith (at left.)

These classes are currently held at Pilgrim on Monday and Thursday evenings at 6:00 o'clock in the Nancy Smith Youth Center.

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

Johnsons Celebrate 50th

WITH A FULL WEDDING CEREMONY & RECEPTIONS

Mr. and Mrs. Roby and Sonia Johnson celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at Pilgrim on Saturday, May 5, 2012, with Rev. Dr. Kenneth R. Board officiating. Many of their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren collaborated in the extraordinary ceremony and following festivities! The wedding theme on the program read, "Every Boy Needs a Girl."

The Johnsons are long-time faithful and dedicated members of Pilgrim and serve as Deacon and Deaconess. They generously invited all of their Pilgrim family to the elegant formal wedding as well as the two receptions--one at Pilgrim, as they received friends and well-wishers, and the other a dinner reception and celebration party at another facility.

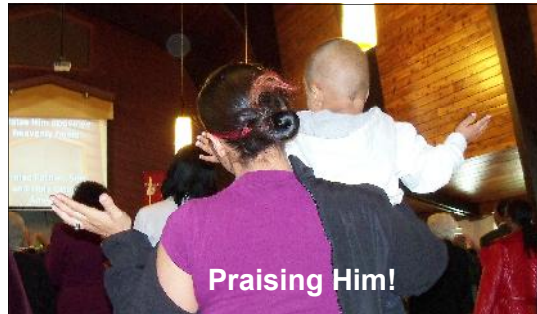
Congratulations to Deacon Roby and Deaconess Sonia Johnson!



LIFE AND LOVE AT PILGRIM!



Greetings--with
Minister David Sidney



Praising Him!



Mrs. Audrey Rivers
and Dr. Ted Davis



Sharing
Love!



Greetings--with
Pastor Board & his Mom



Minister Sidney, Parents, and
Grandmother



Evon Sams, musician
and college honors
student



Litesa Wallace & Isaiah



Herman Aliprandi

Easter
Socks?



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