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Minister Carl L. Towns

"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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"Workin' on a Building..."

with a true foundation . . . and holding up the blood-stained banner for my Lord!"

--Southern Gospel Music--

HABITAT HOUSE ON ISLAND NEARING COMPLETION



Shown immediately above is Brad Selander, son of the attorney for Pilgrim's Promise CDC.

Pilgrim men above (upper left photo) are Mitch Chappel, Deacon Eugene Rigsby, and Parnell Smith. In the upper right photo are Eugene and Parnell again with Victory Bell and Leonard Tolbert.

Pilgrim women (not pictured) had also worked on the house on June 9 and plan to continue, along with the men.

Photos on this page were taken Saturday afternoon, June 9, and shows progress on the Habitat for Humanity house being built for the Whittie family near Pilgrim on Island Avenue. (See Page 2 of the June "Messenger.")

The out-of-town "blitz" team and local volunteers completed the outside work during the week of June 4 through 8, including siding, windows, doors, roof, eaves, and downspouts. The team was fed each day at Pilgrim, which was coordinated by Mrs. Lorraine Thurmond. Pastor Board read a wonderful thank-you note to Pilgrim from the team.

There is much inside work to be done even after the drywall is in such as installations, flooring, painting, etc.; so if others want to volunteer, please contact Victory Bell through the Pilgrim office at 815-968-4449. Completion will include the mandatory 300 hours of work by the owners.



Michael Whittie

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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★ **NEW FORMAT: Only Special Events will be listed below. Worship Service will be 10:30 a.m. each Sunday, and Communion will be served each First Sunday.**

JULY, 2012

Copies of "The Pilgrim Messenger" will be available each first Sunday.

04 Wednesday Independence Day - Church & Office Closed

08 Sunday 1:00 pm (or after morning worship): **Birthdays Reception for Pastor Board** in the Nancy Smith Youth Center sponsored by Pastor's Care Ministry

29 Sunday 4:00 pm - **Kickoff Service for Pilgrim's 95th Anniversary with guests** Rev. Nathanael Johnson, Jr. and congregation of Second Baptist Church, Clinton, Iowa

AUGUST, 2012 - CELEBRATING PILGRIM'S 95TH ANNIVERSARY! - "Pilgrim's Legacy of Discipleship"

18 Saturday 6:00-8:00 pm - **Annual "Jazz on the Lawn"** - Featuring saxophonist Evon Sams, vocalist Beth Ann Beal, and renown keyboardist Willerm Delisfort

19 Sunday 10:30 am - **Anniversary guest**, Rev. Dr. Dwight Stinnett, President-Regional Executive Ministers Council, American Baptist Church, USA

19 Sunday 4:00 pm - **Anniversary guests**, Rev. Calvin Malone and Jerusalem Baptist Church family of Rockford, IL

26 Sunday 10:30 am - **Anniversary guest**, Rev. Dr. Moses William Howard of Bethany Baptist Church, Newark, New Jersey (*former Pilgrim member*)

26 Sunday 4:00 pm - **Anniversary guests**, Rev. Charles Threadgill, Jr. and Mt. Carmel Church family of Freeport, IL (*Anniversary Reception follows in lower level.*)

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: All are birthdays unless stated otherwise!

JULY, 2012	AUGUST, 2012
<p>01 Pastor Kenneth R. Board</p> <p>05 Mother Beulah Slaughter</p> <p>05 Marquise Williams</p> <p>06 Monique Currie</p> <p>06 DeMaje Smith</p> <p>07 Kimberland Anderson</p> <p>07 Willie & Bertha Bell - Anniversary</p> <p>07 Deacon Christopher Morris</p> <p>08 Deacon Emeritus Robert Thomas</p> <p>08 Minister Willie & Mrs. Margaret Reed - Anniversary</p> <p>14 Mother Lillie Martin</p> <p>14 Minister Willie Reed</p> <p>16 Shneera Habib</p> <p>16 José Ortiz</p> <p>18 Polly Saunders</p> <p>18 Albertha "Bert" Towns</p> <p>21 Leonard Tolbert</p> <p>21 Dea. Emer. Carl O. & Bert Towns - Anniversary</p> <p>23 Mary Kay Rogers</p> <p>26 Frances Blalock</p>	<p>01 Derek Smith</p> <p>01 Helen Ware Happy Birthday!</p> <p>02 Tashaira Suggs</p> <p>03 Deacon Eugene Rigsby</p> <p>04 Virginia Wheaton Wynn</p> <p>05 Parnell Smith, Jr.</p> <p>07 Carvin Tenard</p> <p>09 Deacon Eugene & Mia Rigsby - Anniversary</p> <p>09 Christopher Tenard</p> <p>10 Jean Gaynor</p> <p>12 Shirley Aliprandi</p> <p>14 Bertha Bell</p> <p>16 Rosalyn Mincy</p> <p>22 Herman Aliprandi</p> <p>26 PILGRIM'S 95TH ANNIVERSARY!</p> <p>27 Patricia & Charles Fricks - Anniversary</p> <p>28 Christopher Reed</p>
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; background-color: yellow;"> <p>Senior Saints Annual Potluck Picnic, <u>noon Thursday, July 19</u> (inside).</p> </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; background-color: yellow;"> <p>Happy Anniversary!</p> </div>
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; background-color: yellow;"> <p>Watch for information honoring our GRADUATES in the August issue!</p> </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; background-color: yellow;"> <p>Congratulations to Deacon Darryl Mitchell who was again honored as "Employee of the Year" by Rockford Mass Transit!</p> </div>

Fathers and All Men Honored at Sunday School

The Women's Ministry of Pilgrim held its annual "Bring a Father to Sunday School" on Sunday, June 17, to honor fathers and all men who serve as father figures or mentors. After Sunday School, a tribute to fathers was delivered by

Jeanette Towns, shown with Pastor Board in the lower right photo. A Continental breakfast followed, with men being served first. At right, Mrs. Marilyn Board chats with Parnell Smith, head of the Pilgrim Brotherhood Ministry. (See Page 3.)



Fathers and sons at left are Parnell Smith and son, Parnell Smith, Jr.; Minister Carl L. Towns and father, Deacon Emeritus Carl O. Towns; Minister David Sidney and father, Roosevelt Sims.



Father's Day Weekend at Pilgrim!



FATHER/SON SUMMIT

The first annual Father/Son summit sponsored by the Pilgrim Brotherhood on Friday, June 15, was a perfect kickoff to the Father's Day weekend. Those attending were blessed by presentations from Parnell Smith's three sons and an inspiring summary by Minister David Sidney.

Parnell, Jr. spoke about the need for fathers to love and affirm their children; Roland Smith's message was with a praise dance; and Rodney Smith gave a PowerPoint presentation on how to be an effective communicator. (Pastor Board asked if he would present that at one of our church family meetings.) Minister Sidney closed out the summit by saying that fathers should not be passive but to be encouragers and influencers.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH PICNIC

Saturday's picnic was a resounding success, even though God blessed us with a little rain!



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Please see Page 2 for the "Bring a Father to Sunday School" event.



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Minister Carl L. Towns rounded out the weekend with his worship message entitled, "Real Fathers Follow THE Father."

MARTIAL ARTS AT PILGRIM

(Excerpts from Sunday Bulletin Announcements)

Yet another program has been added to Pilgrim's Health & Fitness Ministry. Tai Chi and Modified Kung Fu classes began at Pilgrim the week of June 25, taught by Pilgrim's own Sifu (Kung Fu Master) Dwight Foster. Tai Chi (an exercise using breathing and movement) for all ages will be from 10 to 11 a.m. Mondays and from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Modified Kung Fu (self defense) will be from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Fridays.

Stop by and check out the classes to see which one is right for you. Everyone is invited, so feel free to bring a friend or neighbor--or the whole family. Pilgrim is continuing its effort to get fit in mind, body and spirit!



Sifu Dwight Foster has over 40 years of experience.



Martial Arts demonstrations directed and narrated by Sifu Dwight Foster; Aerobics demonstrations by Parnell Smith (not pictured) and his class.

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

COMMUNITY LEADERS RECOGNIZED



Minister David Sidney
Assoc. Minister at Pilgrim and Senior Planner, Gary W. Anderson Architects

Booker Washington Community Center hosted a dinner at Giovanni's Friday evening, June 1, to honor the approximately 130 nominees as **Rockford's "25 Black Leaders to Watch"** and to announce the selected top 25 leaders.

Five individuals were chosen from each of five categories: Young Leaders; Black Enterprise Entrepreneurs; Civic and Community Movers and Shakers; Leading Black Men; and Women to Watch.

Two of the chosen "25 Leaders to Watch" were **Minister David Sidney** as one of Rockford's five "**Young Leaders**" and **Pastor Kenneth R. Board** as one of Rockford's five "**Leading Black Men.**"

Since Pastor Board was out of town on June 1, his award was presented to him by Lorraine Wilson before the Pilgrim congregation on Father's Day on Sunday, June 17.



Rev. Dr. Kenneth R. Board
Pastor, Pilgrim Baptist Church & Adjunct Professor, Northern Seminary

CHAPEL AND MEAL AT ROCKFORD RESCUE MISSION



Pilgrim's Deacon Oliver Emerson Speaks!



Sunday, June 10, was Pilgrim's date to bring a message and dinner to the Rockford Rescue Mission residents. Beverly Owens introduced Pastor Board who prayed and then introduced the speaker, Deacon Oliver Emerson. The Pilgrim choir and musicians ministered with music, which was enthusiastically accepted! A combination of the prayers, music, and powerful testimony by Deacon Emerson had the men and women on their feet praising God! Many accepted the invitation to let Jesus Christ into their hearts, and some asked for a ride to attend church.

After being filled by the Holy Spirit, they were then filled with home-made spaghetti, tossed salad, bread, desserts, and beverages. The women of the Lydians Ministry, from left, are Matti Chappel, Lillie Hamberlin, Joanne White, Sonia Johnson, and Clara Anthony.

