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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 for ages 6-12 except each first Sunday for Communion.

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HOLY SEASON—2014



MAUNDY THURSDAY: The annual “Maundy Thursday Feast” sponsored by the Lydians Ministry was held at 6:00 p.m. Thursday, April 17. This event symbolizes the Last Supper before Jesus was betrayed and crucified. Guests silently dined on symbolic foods by candlelight and participated in Holy Communion led by Pastor Board. Individuals read pre-selected scriptures during the meal.

GOOD FRIDAY: A special program, “Seven Last Words” is sponsored each year on Good Friday by the Rockford Ministers Fellowship. This year’s program was on Friday, April 18, at Rock Church. Pastor Board spoke on the “Fourth Word,” with scriptural reference from Matthew 27:46, as Jesus cried out, “My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken me?” Pilgrim’s choir was one of seven providing music.

This year’s Children and Youth EASTER PROGRAM was held during the regular 10:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday, April 20. See Page 4 for more information and photos.

PALM SUNDAY: Deacons carry out Pilgrim’s tradition of distributing palms to worshipers. This year’s Palm Sunday service on April 13 also included two baptisms and a special 20-year ordination anniversary presentation to Pastor Board. At 4:00 p.m., Pilgrim sponsored Kantorei in one of their 50th anniversary concerts. (See Page 4.)



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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**Here's your chance to honor a
 Mother or Special Mom!
 "Annual Spring Luncheon to
 Honor Mothers"
 11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 10, 2014**

**Speaker: Mrs. Arthenia Newburn
 (Bethel Baptist Church)**

**Tickets: \$10 Adults / \$5 Children
 Contact Pilgrim's office or a
 Women's Ministry member.**

SPECIAL EVENTS & INFORMATION**Sunday Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m. / Communion each First Sunday****MAY, 2014**

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| 04 | Sun | Rockford Interfaith Council visits Pilgrim, 4:00 p.m. |
| 10 | Sat | Women's Ministry-"Annual Spring Luncheon to Honor Mothers," 11:30 a.m. |
| 11 | Sun | Mother's Day / Lydians "Rose Bowl" to Honor Mothers in Morning Worship |
| 26 | Mon | Church closed to observe Memorial Day |

JUNE, 2014

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| 15 | Sun* | Men's Annual Day; Father's Day; 9:00 a.m.-"Bring A Father to Sunday School," Program & Reception to Honor Fathers and all Men
*Note: Special Time for Morning Worship on June 15 will be 11:00 a.m. |
| 16-20, Mon-Fri: Vacation Bible School, 6:00-8:40 p.m. | | |
| 21 | Sat | Church Family Meeting & Leaders Council Training Session, 9:00 a.m. |
| 22 | Sun | Annual Graduate Recognition Worship Service & Reception |
| 29 | Sun | Pilgrim goes to New Zion Baptist Church, Beloit, WI, for "Agape Feast" |

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

(All are Birthdays unless Labeled Otherwise)

MAY, 2014

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|----|--|
| 02 | Rochelle Emmanuel |
| 03 | Beverly Owens |
| 04 | Patricia Fricks |
| 05 | Deacon Roby & Mrs. Sonia Johnson
<i>Wedding Anniversary</i> |
| 05 | Eboni White |
| 05 | Angeline Whitelow |
| 05 | Anaya Wright |
| 06 | Catherine Dixon |
| 06 | Deacon Robert Owens |
| 11 | Victoria Brown |
| 15 | Joseph Ortiz, II |
| 16 | Bretia Smith |
| 18 | Corey Brown |
| 18 | Deacon Emeritus Carl O. Towns |
| 20 | Deanna LeShoure |
| 20 | Dorothy Tolbert |
| 21 | Ophelia White |
| 23 | Shatiqua Brown |
| 25 | Andrea Hamberlin |
| 28 | Mitch Chappel |
| 28 | Precious Sims |

**JUNE, 2014**

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| 01 | Deron Brooks |
| 06 | Barbara Wilson |
| 07 | Lorene Skelton |
| 08 | Willie Bell |
| 11 | De'Jour Leavy |
| 11 | Fred Smith, Jr. |
| 13 | Pastor Kenneth R. & Lady Marilyn Board
<i>Wedding Anniversary</i> |
| 13 | Deacon Christopher & Mrs. Albara Morris
<i>Wedding Anniversary</i> |
| 15 | Sacha Evans |
| 17 | Mitch & Matti Chappel / <i>Wedding Anniversary</i> |
| 17 | Shatuana Williams |
| 18 | Kenosha Holland |
| 20 | Brayden Johnson |
| 22 | Barbara Spady |
| 22 | Cedric Wynn |
| 24 | Beverly & Jerry Owens / <i>Wedding Anniversary</i> |
| 26 | Margie Johnson |
| 27 | Deacon Ben Newson |
| 28 | Randy & Janie Cook / <i>Wedding Anniversary</i> |

**KENNEDY STOKES - "MEETING NEEDS"**

Young Kennedy Stokes took to heart Pilgrim's 2014 theme of **"Meeting Needs, Sharing Christ"**. His mother, Mrs. LaVonzelle Stokes, reports that he decided to raise funds for the Rockford Rescue Mission as a part of his Leadership class at Rockford Christian School.

To accomplish this goal, Kennedy held a two-week competition called **"Penny Wars"** between boys and girls in the 4th and 5th grades. With permission from his teacher, he added classmate Rossey Aiello to his project. In the photo at right, Kennedy (left) and Rossey are shown delivering **\$594.72 to the Rockford Rescue Mission**, which was accepted on behalf of the Mission by Development Associate Renee Budwick.

Kennedy is active at Pilgrim as a junior member of the Ushers and Welcome Ministries, Children's Church, and other youth ministries. **Blessings and congratulations, Kennedy, for your leadership at Pilgrim, in your school, and in our community!**



(Photo Provided)

Pastor's 20th Ordination Anniversary!

Pastor Board was surprised on Sunday, April 13, with honor for 20th Ordination Year.

(Excerpts from Comments by Minister Sharon Olson)

“It was [the Lord] who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God’s people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up . . .” Ephesians 4:11, 12

This scripture in many ways adequately describes our Senior Pastor, Rev. Dr. Kenneth R. Board. He is a teacher, an equipper of the saints, a builder up of the body of Christ, and last, but not least, a loving and caring pastor.

This year, Pastor Board was surprised as the congregation helped to celebrate his 20th anniversary of becoming ordained to serve in pastoral ministry. Ordination is a lifelong honor that is bestowed on someone whom God has called to lead others within the church and who has demonstrated the gifts necessary to do so.

No one can ordain himself. The church congregation and denomination have to confirm that the person is worthy to fulfill the calling of the pastorate. When Pastor Board was ordained 20 years ago, other pastors laid hands on him, prayed for him, and conferred on him the same honor and responsibility that they, themselves, had been given.

Since then, Pastor Board has shown himself to be Faithful, Available, and Teachable (FAT); and, by the power of the Holy Spirit, his pastoral gifts have grown and multiplied many times over.

A pastor is another word for shepherd--someone who cares for the sheep on behalf of the Lord. If Pastor Board has ever visited you during your illness; prayed for or prophesied over you; attended an event you were in; written a reference for you or helped you fight for a job; attended a college audition for you; given you one of his bear hugs; or you have heard him say “Glory!” at a moment of victory in your life . . . then you know that he is indeed a faithful and loving shepherd of this house and of all the people within it!

Lady Marilyn Board joined Pastor Board for the many presentations, as ministry is a partnership between them. Pastor Board’s pastor, Rev. Ed Libby, gave a prayer of encouragement; monetary love gifts were received along with a trophy and certificate from ABC Great Rivers Region; the choir sang his favorite song; and “Unlimited Praise” performed his favorite dance!



FORMER PILGRIM MEMBER Appointed Lower School Head at Atlanta’s Pace Academy



Pace Academy, an independent college-prep day school in the Buckhead suburb of Atlanta, Georgia has named Syreeta (Newson) Moseley as its new “Head of Lower School.” The school has more than 1,000 students in grades PK-12 and 372 in grades PK-5.

For the past 16 years, Syreeta worked at the Atlanta Speech School and was a Curriculum Specialist. She was named Lead Facilitator at the school’s Rollins Center for Language and Learning. Syreeta received her B.S. Degree in Learning Disabilities from Northwestern University and earned a Master’s Degree in Special Education and Rehabilitation from the University of Arizona.

Syreeta grew up in Pilgrim where she worshiped with her parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. John “J.B.” and Laura Newson, siblings Linda and Rev. John Newson, and other relatives. Her uncle and aunt, Deacon Ben and Mrs. Dorothy Newson, are still current Pilgrim members.

JACCI MANNERY HONORED AT ETHNIC HERITAGE MUSEUM

Jacqueline “Jacci” Mannery, a long-time member and current Trustee of Pilgrim Baptist Church, was an honoree at the Ethnic Heritage Museum of Rockford in a ceremony on Sunday, April 6, for her life-long achievements in education and society.

Pilgrim’s Pastor, Rev. Dr. Kenneth R. Board and members of the Pilgrim family attended this event to recognize her as a “public theologian” both at Pilgrim and in the Rockford community.

Jacci’s lengthy career in education included being a Teacher at Montague and King Schools; Principal at Beyer, Lewis Lemon, and Riverdahl Schools; and Director of Integration for the Central Office of Education.



Pilgrim's Ministry Focus for 2014: "Meeting Needs, Sharing Christ" (Acts 2:42-47)



Pilgrim hosts Kantorei in a 50th Anniversary Concert on Sunday, April 13, 2014.



Kantorei & the Council Choraleers

(Photo Contributed)

Pilgrim is pleased to annually host this world-renowned group of which Joel Ross is Director. Associate Director is Brad Koloch, and Trudy Anderson is Assistant Director.

Kantorei's Heartsong Concert, *"The Voice of a Child,"* held at Pilgrim on Sunday, April 13, was one of several planned in 2014 to mark Kantorei's 50th Anniversary. Special guests for this performance were Dorothy Paige-Turner; the Council Choraleers; Evon Sams; David Stocker; and Pilgrim's "Unlimited Praise" dancers. After the concert, the musicians and guests were treated to a delicious fellowship buffet in the Nancy Smith Youth Center. ***Congratulations to Kantorei on this 50-year milestone!***

Children's Easter Program



The Special Projects Ministry worked with the children so they could act, sing, and recite their lines from memory. Members of this Ministry are Staci Wright, President; Beth Ann Holifield, choir director; Diedre Harvey; Mia Rigsby; and Matti Chappel, who is also choreographer and director of "Unlimited Praise."

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