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Eight Years at Pilgrim



Blessings to
Rev. Dr. Kenneth R.
Board and
Mrs. Marilyn D. Board
for 8 years of service!



October 19 & 20, 2013

*"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**

Rev. Dr. Kenneth R. Board accepted the call to become Senior Pastor of Pilgrim Baptist Church in late 2005 and was installed in February, 2006. With his talented and lovely wife, Mrs. Marilyn Board, they moved at "God's speed" in binding themselves in love with the Pilgrim congregation and building respect in the community.

Pastor Board is recognized by those who meet him as a strong, yet humble, teacher/preacher who speaks God's truth wherever he goes.

In less than a year under Pastor Board's leadership, Pilgrim was fully engaged in building a new elevator wing, which was completed in 2007. Since then, the entire building has been renovated both inside and out.

Celebrations of the Boards' eight years at Pilgrim included a Saturday evening banquet with special guests Rev. and Mrs. Ronald D. Bell of Good Hope Baptist Church, Houston, TX. Rev. Bell also brought the message during the Sunday morning worship. Guests for Sunday afternoon worship were Rev. John F. Senter and members of Faith Walkers Assembly of Rockford. A fellowship meal followed.

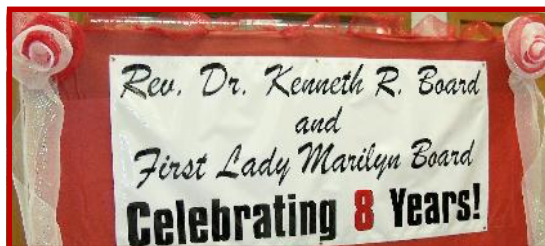
A very special guest for Pilgrim members and the Boards was Pastor Board's mother, Mrs. Lula M. Brown, of Shreveport, Louisiana. Mrs. Brown spent several weeks in Rockford and attended all events. She brought much love to Pilgrim and received much love in return!

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- Family, Friends
- Fellowship Meal
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Anniversary
Celebration
Information!

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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PILGRIM'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Members of all ages
are encouraged to partic-
ipate in Pilgrim's
Annual Christmas
Program on
Sunday, Dec. 15.
Rehearsals are each
Tuesday, 6:00 to 7:00
p.m., and Saturday,
10:00 to 11:00 a.m.
For questions or more
information, please
contact Staci Wright at
815-494-6161.

SPECIAL EVENTS & INFORMATION

Sunday Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m. / Communion each First Sunday

NOVEMBER, 2013

Sun. Nov. 3: Daylight Savings Time ends; Set Timepieces back one hour!

Tue. Nov. 5: Election Day

Sat. Nov. 16: 9:00 am-Noon, Pilgrim Year-End Church Family Meeting (*All Members*)

Sun. Nov. 17: 4:00 pm, Pilgrim goes to Providence Baptist for Deacons' Annual Day

Sat. Nov. 23: 10:30 am, First Annual Pilgrim Women's Brunch (*ALL Pilgrim Women*)

Sun. Nov. 24: Birthday Party for Mrs. Board after 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Wed. Nov. 27: 7:00 pm, Rockford Ministers Fellowship Churches hold a joint Thanksgiving
Worship Service at Pilgrim

Thur./Fri., Nov. 28 & 29: Church Closed for Thanksgiving Holidays

DECEMBER, 2013

Sat. Dec. 7: 10:30 am-3:00 pm, Multi-Church Symposium for Rockford Fire and
Police Departments at Pilgrim

Sun. Dec. 8 4:00 pm, Ordination of Deacons, followed by a reception

Sun. Dec. 15 9:00 am, Christmas Presentation - Pilgrim Children & Youth

Wed., Thur., Fri. - December 25, 26, 27: Church Closed for Christmas Holidays

Tue. Dec. 31 10:00 pm, Watch Night Service; Speaker, Rev. Decarto Draper,
Pastor, Providence Baptist Church, Rockford



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

(All are Birthdays unless Labeled Otherwise)

NOVEMBER, 2013

01 Ruby Brown
02 London Smith
04 Special Bailey Burks
07 Mary Bonner
07 Stefani Howard-Smith
07 Nicole Walker
08 Jacci Mannery
11 Joyce Bowden
12 Janet Wyatt
19 Michael Smith
19 Jeanette Towns
23 Quintisha Hannah
25 Victor Evans
25 Forest Patterson, Jr.
25 Jacqueline Prymer
25 Everette Sherrod
27 Debra Simpson
29 Lady Marilyn Board
29 Gertrude Verner
29 Hallie Williams
30 Randy Cook

DECEMBER, 2013

03 Shontanique Brown
05 Shatika Floyd
05 Deacon Roby Johnson
07 Marlene Williams
09 Mother Orethay Avant
09 Ashley Tolbert
12 Rufus Puckett
16 Lorraine Thurmond
18 Erica Hall
19 Rhonda Smith
23 Curtis Sidney, Sr.
24 Karli Wright
25 Jesus, the Christ
26 Tiffany Fernandez
28 Ethan Lathan
29 Stefan Howard
29 Elnora Newton
30 Deondra Harvey
31 Jon Gallas

Happy Birthday to All!

CALLING ALL PILGRM WOMEN!

*You are invited to
participate in our
first Annual Women's
Pre-Holiday Brunch!
You will not want to
miss this exciting
event of Sisterhood
and good food
at 10:30 a.m.
Saturday, Nov. 23, in
the Nancy Smith
Youth Center!
**Watch & listen for
more information!***

A FALL WEDDING AT PILGRIM

Minister David Sidney & Miss Michelle Carlson were united in Holy Matrimony on Saturday, October 5, at Pilgrim Baptist Church by Pastor Kenneth R. Board.

As a token of Pilgrim's love and well wishes, a fellowship reception was prepared by the Lydians in the Nancy Smith Youth Center which was beautifully decorated by Matti Chappel. Blessings to the happy couple!





Women's Annual Day



Sunday, September 22, 2013 was a day to honor Pilgrim women and their work in helping to achieve Pilgrim's mission for 2013: *"Discipleship in Action: Building Toward the Future."* The women share their gifts in almost every ministry sponsored by Pilgrim, both in the church and within the community.

Guest speaker for morning worship was Mrs. Cecelia Miles, First Lady of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, Rockford, where Rev. Willie Miles is Pastor. She spoke on the topic, *"A Lifetime of Making Disciples,"* with scripture from Acts 16, Verses 13-15

Mrs. Miles is a leader in ministering to her church as well as in the city and state. She is currently serving a second three-year term as President of the Women's Auxiliary of the

Rockford & Vicinity District Association and is author of her first book, *"God Can Make Lemonade out of Life's Lemons."*

The congregation was blessed in many ways by the worship leaders and additionally by a special Women's Litany written by Mrs. Board's sister, Mrs. Toni Henson of Texas.



Mrs. Cecilia Miles

A fellowship reception followed the morning worship, thanks to the work of the Pastor's Care Ministry and beautiful decorations by Mrs. Matti Chappel. This celebration was sponsored by the Pilgrim Women's Ministry, led by Mrs. Albertha Towns.

Senior Saints Annual Fall Banquet

Under the leadership of Mrs. Lorraine Thurmond, Pilgrim's Senior Saints Ministry once again provided a successful Annual Fall Banquet on Saturday, September 28, 2013.

There was good food, great fellowship, and a wonderful turnout in addition to the inspirational message by Rev. Charles Threadgill, Jr. of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church in Freeport, Illinois.

On Sunday, October 27, "Saints" member Deloras Ransom announced that the Senior Saints were donating over \$900 from banquet proceeds for the purpose of retiring our Elevator Wing debt! Praise God!

The Seniors meet at noon each third Thursday, and Pilgrim and the community are invited to participate!

BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR

. . . more information on a church training seminar to be held at Pilgrim on Saturday, January 25, 2014, entitled, **"How to Become a Kingdom-Minded Ministry."** Dr. Rodney Smothers of Maryland will facilitate! **Save the date!**



Min. Sharon Olson

Minister Olson Receives Award!

Minister Sharon Olson is the recipient of the Annual Academic Scholarship Award from Northern Baptist Theological Seminary in Lombard, Illinois.

Members of the faculty contribute to this scholarship themselves and vote on whom they feel best exemplifies service to the Lord in their academic and personal lives. Only one award is given each year.

The award was presented to Minister Olson on September 19 at Northern's annual banquet, which, this year, was their Centennial, as the school is celebrating its 100th anniversary.

Pastor Kenneth R. Board is a member of Northern Seminary's faculty.



BOY SCOUT TROOP 271

has been very active! Watch for pictures and details in a subsequent issue. Pilgrim and Scout Leader Eugene Rigby are making an appeal for adult volunteers. Please call the church office for more information!

Ministry Focus for 2013: "Discipleship in Action: Building Toward the Future!"
(Philippians 1:4-6)

More . . . The Boards' 8th Pilgrim Anniversary



Out-of-town guests included Rev. and Mrs. Ronald D. Bell of Good Hope Baptist Church, Houston, Texas. Rev. Bell spoke at the banquet and also during Sunday morning worship.

A banquet on Saturday evening, October 19, sponsored by the Pastor's Care Ministry, celebrated the 8th Pilgrim Anniversary of Pastor Kenneth R. and First Lady Marilyn Board.

Good food, music, fellowship, and an inspirational message were enjoyed by all who attended.

Below, Pastor Board thanked the young people who served as greeters and helpers. He also expressed his and Mrs. Board's gratitude to the Pastor's Care Ministry and everyone for their gifts and all expressions of love.



A very special guest (above) was Mrs. Lula M. Brown of Shreveport, Louisiana. She is Pastor Board's mother, who spent several weeks in Rockford and participated in all anniversary and other events.



NAACP AWARDS

Two Pilgrim members were honored for outstanding contributions by the Rockford Branch of the NAACP during their Freedom Fund Awards Banquet on September 4:

- ◆ Theresa Paulette Gilbert, an educator at Rock Valley College received the NAACP Jane Addams "Freedom Award" for her extraordinary efforts to inspire students to reach high and recognize their cultural heritage.
- ◆ Former Rockford NAACP President, Willie Bell, received the 2013 "Distinguished Service Award" for his contributions to the organization.

SILVER CHALICE CHALLENGE!

Many Pilgrim members participated in the 2013 Silver Chalice Challenge Health Expo sponsored by the Black Healthcare Alliance primarily for two reasons: To promote their own health and wellness and to WIN back the Silver Chalice for Pilgrim!



Above, L to R: **Leatha Adams and Bert Towns** of Pilgrim enter Ellis Arts Academy. **Mark Hunter** of Black Healthcare Alliance pauses from his work for a photo with Pilgrim member **Clara Anthony**.

A New Baby at Pilgrim!

Congratulations to Joy and Leonard Tolbert on their baby boy and Ashley and Crystal on their baby brother!



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