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ALL ARE WELCOME !
*“A Church Inspired by
the Word and
Empowered by the
Spirit!”*



**PILGRIM
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- Rev. Catherine Scott
- Rev. Edward Wiley

WEEKLY SERVICES

WEDNESDAYS:

6:00 p.m.—Prayer Service
7:00 p.m.—Bible Study

SUNDAYS:

9:00 a.m.—Sunday School
10:30 a.m.—Worship Service

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PASTORS PARTNER IN YOUTH PROJECT *Pilgrim and Tabernacle: United In Praise & Service*

In July, 2005, while still in Atlanta, Rev. Dr. Kenneth R. Board had preached a message entitled, *“The Power of Oneness”*, to the youth group at Tabernacle Baptist Church in Carrollton, Georgia, of which Dr. James “Jimmy” F. Gentry is pastor. That message set off a dialogue between the two pastors about youth groups and community outreach. After Rev. Board moved to Rockford as Senior Pastor of the Pilgrim Baptist Church in the fall of 2005, that dialogue continued — and then expanded to include a possible joint youth ministry partnership in Rockford. A delegation from Tabernacle visited Rockford in January, 2006 to further explore such a ministry partnership.



Pastor Gentry

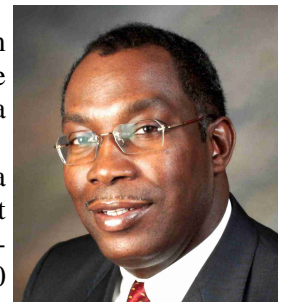
During the week of July 1, 2006, that dialogue will bear fruit in Rockford as the two pastors, youth groups, and youth leaders come together on a special Joint Youth Project with the mission *“to engage our youth and adult volunteers in outreach service to the Southwest Rockford Community and to the Rockford Rescue Mission, while establishing a Christ-centered bond between the churches.”*

Dr. Gentry has been pastor of the 2,600-member Tabernacle Baptist Church since year 2000 and had previously pastored churches in Tennessee and in his native state of Kentucky. Dr. Gentry holds a Bachelor's Degree in Religious Studies and History from Western Kentucky University and a Doctor of Ministry degree from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky. He and his wife, Mrs. Jacqueline “Jackie” Gentry, are parents of a son and daughter.

Before coming to Rockford as Senior Pastor of Pilgrim Baptist Church, Dr. Board had served as Assistant Pastor at the historic Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta where he had been a member since 1987.

Born in Shreveport, Louisiana, Rev. Board earned a BBA Degree in Management and Marketing from Northeast Louisiana University, Monroe. He received his Master of Divinity Degree in 1995 and his Doctor of Ministry Degree in 2000 from the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta. He has 20-plus years of management experience with AT&T/Bell South and as President/CEO of KENMAR Global Consulting. Pastor Board’s worldwide travels add to his more than 30 years’ experience in Christian leadership, congregational nurturing, and outreach. He and his wife, Mrs. Marilyn Board, have three sons and two daughters.

Pastor Board demonstrates his passion for the Rockford community by getting involved, and he is an encourager of the strong focus Pilgrim members have for community outreach. Locally, he is now a member of the Rockford Rotary Club and a Board member of the Rockford Rescue Mission.



Pastor Board

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HOW TO SUBMIT
INFORMATION

We welcome your ideas, news items, and articles, which may be placed in the Newsletter mail slot near the church office. Our goal is that the *newsletter will be available on the first Sunday of each month*. Information is requested by the 15th of the preceding month.

All published information will have been reviewed and/or edited by the Pastor and the editorial staff.

United in Praise and Service!

PILGRIM & TABERNACLE:

YOUTH MISSION PROJECT

The ultimate goal of the Pilgrim & Tabernacle Youth Mission Project, as expressed by Pastor Board, is — *“to win souls for Jesus Christ (conversions); to lead Christians into a deeper relationship with God and each other; and to glorify God in our efforts”* — using four major components:

1) Entertainment and Fun; 2) Christian Teaching & Discipleship Training; 3) Evangelism; and 4) Community Outreach.

The youth and leaders of both churches have planned an ambitious week from Saturday, July 1, through Friday, July 7. Along with entertainment and fun, the youth will engage in Bible study, evangelism training, door-to-door sharing of information, doing light work for senior citizens in the Pilgrim community, sorting goods and clothing at Rockford Rescue Mission’s resale shops, and ministering at Rockford Rescue Mission Sunday evening, July 2, by providing a meal and church service. The youths’ activities will culminate in a sightseeing trip to Chicago on Friday, July 7.

The community is invited to the following events, all of which are free at Pilgrim Baptist Church, 1703 South Central Avenue:

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| Sunday, July 2: | 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship Service. Pastor Gentry will preach; Pilgrim & Tabernacle choirs will sing. |
| Tuesday, July 4: | 12:00 Noon—6:00 p.m. “Big Event” on the grounds of Pilgrim with food, games, music, dance, plays, storytelling, etc. |
| Wed./Thursday,
July 5 & 6: | 5:00—8:00 p.m.: “Backyard” Vacation Bible School (<i>outside and inside Pilgrim</i>) for children, youth, and adults. |

Come help us celebrate what the youth of Pilgrim and Tabernacle are doing to serve and unite our Southwest Rockford Community! For additional information, call Pilgrim Baptist Church at 968-4449.

BEING BLESSED! . . . BY OUR CHILDREN & YOUTH

Our children and young people are boldly bringing the Word and Praising God — whether with their song and dance or in Children’s Church. One of our newest praise groups is “The Pilgrim Steppers”, led by Sister Carmen Jordan, which gave its second performance on Sunday, June 18.

We have long been blessed by our praise dancers, “Unlimited Praise”, led by Sister Matti Chappell. Their growth is such that they have now been divided into two groups, “Unlimited Praise I” and “Unlimited Praise II”, who will perform on different Sundays.

When asked about Children’s Church, Minister Sheri Glover commented: *“When they (the children) start praising the Lord, they don’t want to stop!”*



“The Pilgrim Steppers”

Photo by Janie Wilson-Cook

PILGRIM'S VAN MINISTRY

Pilgrim is blessed to have some special ministries that serve the needs of Pilgrim members and the community, many of which we rarely hear about or think about. One such special ministry is the Van Ministry.

Some of us may take it for granted that when we want to go somewhere, we just get into our cars or SUV's, back out of the garage — and go! How often do we ever stop to wonder how some of the people worshipping with us in church get there or get back home? What if they don't have a vehicle or, for whatever reason, are unable to drive?

The actual fact is that our church van delivers up to 15 people to Pilgrim each Sunday for our morning worship service, from both the east and west sides of Rockford, and then returns them back home!

Pilgrim's Van Ministry started about ten years ago with the purchase of two vans, one with a 15-person capacity and a smaller one with special accommodations. Unfortunately, for some time now, the van with special accommodations has been out of service, and we have only one volunteer driver, Mr. Lamar White.



Lamar White assists passenger, Valerie Johnson
Photo by Janie Wilson-Cook

The good news is that the smaller van is currently being repaired and refitted with more seats. The goal is to provide transportation to other church events such as Sunday School, Prayer Meeting, Bible Study, and Youth Programs. Putting the second van into service, though, means the need for more drivers.



Volunteer van driver, Lamar White, waits for passengers after Morning Worship on Sunday, June 18, 2006
Photo by Janie Wilson Cook

If you observe this ministry closely, you will find that the people who depend on this service have formed a close Christian bond with each other and with Lamar White. The riders interviewed all stated that they would be hard pressed to find a way to and from church without the service provided our Van Ministry.

Some passengers also commented on Brother Lamar's dedication, patience, and compassion. They say he drives even when he does not feel well and tries to accommodate some special needs — *for instance, stopping to pick up a needed item at a store on the way home or waiting for some who want to attend an after-church event* — without incurring undue expense to the church. Letha Adams says, *"He will always let us know ahead of time if he can't pick us up."*

More volunteer drivers are needed! If you can "see yourself" in this much needed and rewarding Van Ministry, you are asked to either call the church office at 968-4449 or see Mr. Lamar White.

**An Open Wedding Invitation
To Pilgrim Members**

Rev. Catherine Scott and Mr. Phillip Jackson are extending an invitation to all Pilgrim members to attend their wedding at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 29, 2006, at Pilgrim Baptist Church, 1703 South Central Avenue, Rockford, Illinois.



Mr. Maurice Hall, Minister of Music
Pilgrim Baptist Church
Photo by Janie Wilson-Cook

Congratulations, Maurice!

- On officially becoming Pilgrim’s Minister of Music.
- On launching a new Pilgrim Men’s Chorus.
- On choosing Pilgrim as your church home.

May God continue to bless you and the talents you are sharing!

*With Love,
From Your Pilgrim Family!*

JULY

Birthday



Blessings to:

- 1 Pastor Kenneth R. Board
- 5 Marquise Williams
- 7 Crystal Gaddie
- 7 Chris Morris
- 7 Ella Harris
- 15 Deacon Mike Campbell
- 15 Deacon Douglas Thurmond
- 16 Shneera Habib
- 18 Albertha “Bert” Towns
- 21 James E. Towns

Happy Anniversary to:

- 21 Carl O. and Bert Towns
... Married 51 years!

WISDOM & KNOWLEDGE:

“Never mistake knowledge for wisdom. One helps you make a living; the other helps you make a life.”

Calendar of Events

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JULY, 2006

02	Sunday	10:30 am	Morning Worship/Communion; Pastor Gentry of Tabernacle speaks; Pilgrim Mass Choir & Tabernacle Youth sing
02	Sunday	5:30 pm	Service/Meal at Rockford Rescue Mission: Pilgrim/Tabernacle Youth
04	Tuesday	12:00 noon to 6:00 pm	“Big Event” at Pilgrim: Community, Members, Youth
05	Wednesday	5:00-8:00 pm	“Backyard” Vacation Bible School
05	Thursday	5:00-8:00 pm	“Backyard” Vacation Bible School
09	Sunday	10:30 am	Morning Worship / “Unlimited Praise”
16	Sunday	10:30 am	Morning Worship

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