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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—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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"RESURRECTION DAY"

Easter: "The most important religious feast in the Christian liturgical year, it celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus." -- Pastor Kenneth R. Board

LENTEN SEASON

Excerpts from "Pastor's Corner"

"The Lenten Season is a **40-day period before Easter** which, this year, was from March 9 to April 23, the day before Easter.

"It is a season of soul searching and repentance, as many fast from certain foods, drinks, habits, etc., as a way to cleanse themselves.

"In most churches, the decorations are purple, the royal color, to prepare for the King, our Lord, Jesus the Christ, and also white, which symbolizes the forgiveness of sins and new birth in Jesus."



Easter Lilies commemorate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ and are symbolic of such attributes as purity, innocence, hope, and life. The above Lilies gracing Pilgrim's altar were selected and arranged by **Mrs. Nanelle Due** who ensures fresh flowers for the altar each Sunday.



"HE'S NOT DEAD!"

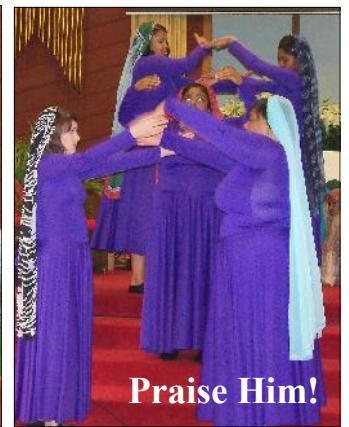


This original drama of Christ's trial, crucifixion, and resurrection was written by **Matti Chappel**. Members of Pilgrim's Special Programs Ministry jointly directed and produced this play as well as the "Pilgrim's Tots" recitations given by **Caleb Beckman, Corrine Reed, Amere Simpson and Amore Simpson**. In addition to Matti, other Ministry members are **Diedre Harvey, Bethanne Holifield, Mia Rigsby, and Staci Wright**. Pilgrim's **"Unlimited Praise"** performed in celebration of the Resurrection! (**More on Page 3.**)

He Lives!



Praise Him!



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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News may be submitted to the Editor (as above) by the 15th of the preceding month. To receive the newsletter via e-mail, send request to editor.

Current and past issues are posted on Pilgrim's Website, managed by

Janie Wilson-Cook at www.pilgrim baptist.org

MAY, 2011

- 01 Sunday 10:30 am - Worship Service / Communion
- 07 Saturday 11:30 a.m. - Annual Spring Luncheon to Honor Mothers - All are welcome!
Speaker: Mrs. Sharon Malone, First Lady, St. Luke Baptist
- 07 Saturday 6:30 p.m. - Ushers' Council Scholarship Banquet - Hoffman House
- 08 Sunday 10:30 am - Worship Service / **MOTHER'S DAY - "Lydians Rose Bowl"**
- 14 Saturday **PILGRIM BEAUTIFICATION DAY: 10:00 AM-3:00 PM**
- 15 Sunday 10:30 am - Worship Service / *Children's Church, Season End Celebration*
- 15 Sunday 6:00 pm - Spring Piano Study Recital (Mr. Robinson)
- 22 Sunday 10:30 am - Worship Service / *Children's Church*
- 29 Sunday 10:30 am - Worship Service
- 29 Sunday 4:00 pm - Creekwood Baptist Church at Pilgrim
- 30 Monday Memorial Day Observed - Church Closed

JUNE, 2011

- 05 Sunday 10:30 am - Worship Service / Communion
- 12 Sunday 10:30 am - Worship Service
- 12 Sunday 1:00 pm - Annual Foster Care Luncheon
- 13 Monday **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to Pastor and First Lady Board**
- 18 Saturday 11:00 am - **COOKIN' WITH THE BROTHERHOOD**
- 19 Sunday 9:00 am - **FATHER'S DAY - "Bring a Father to Sunday School"**
- 19 Sunday 10:30 am - Worship Service
- 26 Sunday 10:30 am - Worship Service / Graduate Recognition Day!

Let's Honor All Mothers at the Annual Spring Luncheon: **11:30 a.m. Sat., May 7, at Pilgrim.** \$10 adults / \$5 children
Guest Speaker:
Mrs. Sharon Malone
St. Luke Baptist

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

All are birthdays unless stated otherwise!

MAY, 2011

- 01 Staff Sgt. Terrell Owens
- 03 Beverly Owens
- 04 Patricia Fricks
- 05 Roby & Sonia Johnson
Anniversary
- 05 Bretia Smith
- 05 Eboni White
- 05 Angeline Whitelow
- 05 Anaya Wright
- 06 Catherine Dixon
- 06 Deacon Robert Owens
- 11 Carrie Ellis
- 17 Al Goode
- 18 Dea. Emer. Carl O. Towns
- 19 B. B. Owens
- 20 Deanna LeShoure
- 21 Ophelia White
- 23 Shatiqua "Tiki" Brown
- 26 Randell & Ciceli McLin
Anniversary
- 28 Mitch Chappel
- 31 Dea. Sam & Jean Gaynor
Anniversary

JUNE, 2011

- 01 Deron Brooks
- 04 Mother Thelma Fisk
- 06 Randell McLin
- 06 Barbara Wilson
- 07 Lorene Skelton
- 08 Marquavian Williams
- 08 Willie Bell
- 13 Pastor & First Lady Board
Anniversary
- 15 Sheila Waller
- 17 Mitch & Matti Chappel
Anniversary
- 17 Shatuana Williams
- 24 Jerry & Beverly Owens
Anniversary
- 26 Margie Johnson
- 28 Randy & Janie Cook
Anniversary

Happy Birthday & Anniversary!

CREEKWOOD TO WORSHIP WITH PILGRIM!

Pilgrim will host Creekwood Baptist Church at 4:00 p.m. Sunday, May 29. Their Pastor, **Darren Loepky**, will bring the message.
All Pilgrim members are asked to be here to praise and fellowship with our Sister Church.

NOTICE!

Our June newsletter will be produced and edited by **Beverly Owens**, Associate Editor. She may be contacted at Pilgrim, 815-968-4449, or at beverlyzsong@aol.com

Helen Ware, Editor

"Worship in the Garden"

Resumes May 12, 2011



By Beverly Owens



Pilgrim will once again host the "Worship in the Garden" service at Anderson Japanese Gardens on Springcreek Road each Thursday from 7:00 to 7:30 a.m., beginning May 12 and ending September 29.

Pastor Board will be the kickoff speaker on May 12.

Speakers from Rockford and surrounding areas will bring God's Word, music, and other forms of worship. Coffee and donuts are included!

Everyone is welcome to walk the gardens at no cost following each half-hour service. Worship in the Garden is an awesome experience!

Mrs. Beatrice Taylor at 106!

The grandchildren of Mother Bea Taylor hosted a reception after worship service at Pilgrim on Sunday, April 17, to celebrate her **106th birthday**. She is now one of our country's oldest living citizens!

Family and friends gathered to give "Mother Bea" their best wishes and to place cards and love gifts in the wishing well set up in her honor. She showed her strong mental acuity by reciting a poem she learned in third grade!



KANTOREI: IN CONCERT AT PILGRIM



The renown *Kantorei, Singing Boys of Rockford*, (upper right) performed to an appreciative, full-house audience at Pilgrim on April 10.

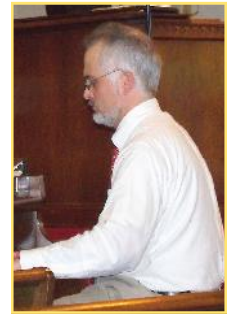
There was something for everyone from classics to jazz, including performances by *Dorothy Paige-Turner, Evon Sams* on the sax, and Pilgrim's "*Unlimited Praise*" dancers led by *Matti Chappel*.

Kantorei board member, *Karen Marks*, was M.C., and the *Lydians Ministry* of Pilgrim provided a sumptuous reception after the concert.



PHOTOS:

At left is *Evon Sams* on the sax, who was accompanied by *James Higgins* (not shown) on drums. *Joel Ross* (above and at right) directed Kantorei and played for *Dorothy Paige-Turner*, vocalist and guest director of Kantorei.



MORE . . . EASTER



As a prelude to the play, the above Pilgrim Tots delivered their Easter recitations about Jesus.

Below, some of the cast of many reenact a scene from the trial where Jesus was sentenced to be crucified. The king was played by *James Higgins*, and *Marquan Williams* (left) portrayed Jesus.



Maundy Thursday Feast

The Annual Maundy Thursday Feast at Pilgrim by the *Lydians Ministry* at 6 p.m. on April 21 was again a beautiful and solemn commemoration of Christ's last meal.

In the photo at right are *Pastor Kenneth R. Board*, who presided at the head of the tables which were laid out in the shape of the Cross, and *First Lady Marilyn Board*.

Pastor Board explained the term "Maundy" (mourning) and the significance of the symbolic foods--lamb, grain, fruit, bitter herbs, egg, and unleavened bread. After the prayers, scriptures, and meal, Pastor Board led the rite of Holy Communion.



Scriptures were read by selected individuals as worshipers dined in reverent silence.

Mrs. Lillie Hamberlin, (below right) President of the Lydians, presided over the Lighting of Passover Candles.



Ministry Focus for 2011: "Our Best for God's Glory!"

Pack 25 Returns to Pilgrim!

During Pilgrim's Men's Day worship on March 27, **Judge Patrick Yarbrough** and **Mr. Everette Sherrod**, District Director for the Blackhawk Area Council, BSA, presented one plan for saving our young boys from the streets and gang recruitment--by becoming a Scout! Judge Yarbrough shared statistics and reasons our children can so easily be recruited by gangs or fall into other destructive life choices

Everette Sherrod gave a history of Scouting in Rockford's African-American community. The first such troop was started on February 25, 1925, at Pilgrim--which was then Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church at 618 Morgan Street. **Rev. W. R. Jackson** was the Pastor as well as the Scoutmaster for Troop 25.

Over the years, Allen Chapel A.M.E. Church became involved, and the Troop was ultimately chartered to Booker Washington Community Center. A Cub Scout Pack 25 also existed at Booker which was the feeder pack for Troop 25, but it ceased in 1965. When a Pack or Troop drops, it allows another unit to use the un-registered number. Mr. Sherrod said it is ironic that no

one at present has Pack or Troop No. 25, which he hopes is a sign for Pilgrim to once again take the reins and run the Cub Scout Pack and eventually a Boy Scout Troop at the church.

During that Men's Day service, **Pastor Kenneth R. Board** made an appeal for volunteers to get this effort up and running, and plans are currently under way. A tentative start date is May 21 for Cub Scout Pack 25 at Pilgrim!

Mr. Sherrod offered support from the Council in the launching of Pack 25, which he said will be named in memory of the late **James E. Towns** for his 60-plus years in Scouting. In his research about Pack 25, Mr. Sherrod said a question was posed in the file: "**How had boys been organized previously?**" The answer was "**Sunday School Class!**"



EVERETTE SHERROD
District Director,
Blackhawk Area Council,
Boy Scouts of America



Cub Scouts

Boys of all ethnicities between the ages of 7 and 10 are welcome to join Cub Scout Pack 25. A Boy Scout Troop for ages 11 to 17 will be formed later. Watch for more information!



Boy Scouts

ROCKFORD INTERFAITH COUNCIL TOURS PILGRIM

The Rockford Interfaith Council of Rockford was given a tour of Pilgrim Sunday afternoon, April 10, by **Pastor Kenneth Board**. This was a part of the Council's "Open Houses of Worship."

Pilgrim was the second stop, with the first being the new Mosque at the Muslim Community Center. The third tour was scheduled at Saints Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church.

The Council has representatives from every major faith and many denominations who pray and work for a tolerant community. The Council also hosts the annual Mayor's Thanksgiving Service.

MORE . . . MISSIONS TRIP TO ETHIOPIA

(See April issue of "The Pilgrim Messenger")

"... Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit . . ." (Please read Matthew 28:18-20)

In just three weeks, our missionary team will live out these scriptures as we minister to the women and children of Ethiopia. I have been deeply touched by your calls, e-mails, and prayers supporting us in this missions trip! As I mentioned, we are collecting donations to help support our ministry projects.

We are in need of outlet adapters for appliances; women's head scarves, hair accessories, and hair products for African hair; and baby/children's Tylenol, bubbles, puzzles, and picture books without words. Donations may be brought or sent to Pilgrim no later than Wednesday, May 18, 2011. Thank you again for joining us in this mission to be the hands and feet of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ.

Minister Carmen Jordan
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"OPERATION AFGHAN SMILE"



Staff Sgt. **Terrell Owens**, stationed in Afghanistan, is heading up an effort to enhance the lives and health of Afghanistan's children by providing dental care items. Let's support this effort by donating items we take for granted such as **toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss, etc.**, which can be left in Pilgrim's office. Terrell is one of Pilgrim's own and is the son of **Jerry and Beverly Owens!** For questions, call 815-968-4449!

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