

# The Pilgrim Messenger

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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\*  
*\*Will resume in the fall*

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# Mission to Ethiopia

**“Jesus Loves the Little Children...”**  
By Minister Carmen Jordan

This God-ordained mission trip to Ethiopia began taking root in my life four years ago when I dreamed about orphaned children in far-away places. Then, two years ago, God burned Africa into my heart, then Ethiopia.

After watching two documentaries on orphaned children in Mozambique and Ethiopia, I knew God was calling me to not only do missions in Ethiopia but to someday adopt an Ethiopian orphan. I began to pray fervently that God would guide my steps, and He answered by opening many doors so I could attend a short-term mission trip to Ethiopia led by *“All God’s Children International.”*

My heart was broken for God’s children when I arrived at Lola Children’s home in Mekele, Ethiopia, an orphanage for children who are HIV affected and their siblings. Prayers were answered daily as we ministered to women and loved on the orphans at Lola. The needs continue to be great, as there are 5.5 million orphans and approximately 1,600 orphanages in Ethiopia alone. Children who are affected by HIV are the last to be fed, clothed, and housed.

I am appealing to our readers of this *“Messenger”* and supporters of Pilgrim to partner with us as we partner with Lola Children’s Home. Together, we can make a



This little girl shows off her hand-made drum to “make a joyful noise.”

difference in the lives of the orphaned children of Ethiopia. Pilgrim desires to not only pray for the needs of these children but also to send a monthly contribution to Lola Children’s Home.

Please join in our efforts to share the love of Christ through sacrificial giving. All monies received by Pilgrim and designated for “Lola Children’s Home” will be sent on behalf of Pilgrim Baptist Church. Thank you all for your love and generous support of my mission trip. For more information, visit [www.lolachildrensfund.org](http://www.lolachildrensfund.org) or [www.allgodschildren.org](http://www.allgodschildren.org).

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“Although some may have been sick, the children wanted nothing more than to be loved, hugged, kissed . . . Even with such poverty, their spirits were not in poverty. *“Proverbs 17:22 states: ‘A joyful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.’ (ESV)* A cherished moment was when a little girl insisted I record her singing, *‘Jesus Loves the Little Children of the World.’ ”*



### 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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Current and past issues are posted on Pilgrim's Website, managed by  
 Janie Wilson-Cook at  
[www.pilgrimbaptist.org](http://www.pilgrimbaptist.org)

### JULY, 2011

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| <b>01 Friday</b> | <b>HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Pastor Board!</b>                        |
| <b>03 Sunday</b> | 10:30 am - Worship Service / Communion                        |
| <b>04 Monday</b> | <b>Independence Day - Church Closed</b>                       |
| <b>10 Sunday</b> | 10:30 am - Worship Service                                    |
| <b>10 Sunday</b> | <b>1:00-3:00 pm - Birthday Reception for Pastor Board</b>     |
|                  | hosted by Pastor's Care in Nancy Smith Youth Center           |
| <b>17 Sunday</b> | 10:30 am - Worship Service                                    |
| <b>24 Sunday</b> | 10:30 am - Worship Service                                    |
| <b>24 Sunday</b> | <b>4:00 pm - Pastor &amp; Choir at Macedonia-Sterling, IL</b> |
| <b>31 Sunday</b> | 10:30 am - Worship Service                                    |

### AUGUST, 2011

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| <b>07 Sunday</b>   | 10:30 am - Worship Service / Communion   |
| <b>14 Sunday</b>   | 10:30 am - Worship Service   |
| <b>14 Sunday</b>   | <b>4:00 pm - Pastor &amp; Choir at True Vine-Rockford</b>                          |
| <b>20 Saturday</b> | 12:00 Noon - NCNW-Black Family Reunion at Levings Park (through Sunday, August 21) |
| <b>21 Sunday</b>   | 10:30 am - Worship Service   |
| <b>27 Saturday</b> | <b>Church 94th Anniversary Picnic</b>  |

### **NOTICE:**

**COMPLETE PILGRIM CALENDARS ARE NOW ON-LINE!**

Just go to [www.pilgrimbaptist.org](http://www.pilgrimbaptist.org) and click on "Calendars" to view information or print copies.

For changes or corrections, please contact the church office at 815-968-4449.

### BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

*All are birthdays unless stated otherwise!*

#### JULY, 2011

- 01 Pastor Kenneth R. Board
- 05 Mother Beulah Slaughter
- 05 Marquise Williams
- 07 Willie & Bertha Bell  
**Wedding Anniversary**
- 07 Deacon Chris Morris
- 08 Dea. Emer. Robert Thomas
- 08 Min. Willie & Mrs. Margaret Reed  
**Wedding Anniversary**
- 14 Mother Lillie Martin
- 14 Minister Willie Reed
- 16 Shneera Habib
- 18 Polly Saunders
- 18 Albertha Towns
- 21 Dea. Emer. Carl O. & Mrs. Towns  
**Wedding Anniversary**



#### AUGUST, 2011

- 01 Ora Bailey-Murray
- 01 Helen Ware
- 03 Eugene Rigsby
- 04 Virginia Pettigrew-Wheaton
- 07 Carvin Tenard
- 09 Connie Goode
- 09 Dea. Eugene and Mia Rigsby  
**Wedding Anniversary**
- 09 Christopher Tenard
- 10 George Cooper
- 10 Jean Gaynor
- 12 Shirley Aliprandi
- 14 Bertha Bell
- 22 Herman Aliprandi
- 27 Charles & Patricia Fricks  
**Wedding Anniversary**
- 28 Christopher Reed
- 29 Ceceli McLin

***Congratulations to All!***

### Remember to **Worship in the Garden**

*(Anderson Japanese Gardens)*

**From 7:00 to 7:30 a.m. each Thursday now through September, 2011**

**Spiritual messages, music, refreshments, and a free tour of the Gardens.**

**Coordinated by Beverly Owens assisted by Pilgrim's loyal men!**  
**(For more information, call Pilgrim at 815-968-4449.)**



*Pastor Board took time for a photo with Helen Ware as he welcomed her back to church after being away for a knee replacement.*

**FATHER'S DAY GREETINGS . . . TO PASTOR BOARD!** *Worshippers greet Pilgrim's clergy in the narthex after service each Sunday, and many gave a special greeting to Pastor Board on Father's Day.*





# Father's Day at Pilgrim



### DAPPER DADS!

Pilgrim men have style--as evidenced by Deacons Sam Gaynor and Roby Johnson on Father's Day!

Pilgrim's Women's Ministry teamed up with the Sunday School staff to present its annual **"Bring a Father to Sunday School"** event to honor all fathers and men who positively impact our children.

The classes were combined, and there were group and individual discussions about the day's lesson. After Sunday School, fathers and all men were treated to a special reception before morning worship. Minister Carl L. Towns gave a spirited tribute to all fathers and men as he shared examples of his own life as both a son and father.

In the above photo, all men and boys were invited to be first in line as members of the Women's Ministry served up pastries, fruit, juices, and coffee.

During morning worship, the Pilgrim Men's Choir blessed the congregation as they provided the ministry of music leading up to Pastor Board's Father's Day message, **"A Loyal Father."** Scriptural reading was from Revelations 2:8-11.

### NEW(ER) DADS!

One of Pilgrim's newest dads is Leonard Tolbert shown with his family on Father's Day--(clockwise) his Mom, wife Joy, daughter Ashley, and newest member, Baby Crystal.

At right, Jon Gallas has been a dad for a little while now but still beams when interacting with daughter Haylee.



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



# CONGRATS TO OUR GRADS!



Sunday, June 26, 2011 was chosen to recognize all promoted eighth-grade students and high-school and college graduates at Pilgrim.

At the beginning of morning worship, graduates marched into the sanctuary to a standing ovation as they and the congregation were led by Mrs. Theresa P. Gilbert in a special "Graduate Litany."

Minister Angela Davis (shown above) provided a powerful life message for students and all worshipers entitled "Five Smooth Stones for Conquering your Goliaths." Scriptural reading was taken from I Samuel 17:40, 45, and 47.

After morning worship, students and graduates were feted at a special "2011 Promotion and Graduation Recognition Ceremony and Reception" in the Nancy Smith Youth Center.

In addition to the program and refreshments, gifts were awarded to the students and graduates.



### Promoted Students

- Darien Carter (from Eisenhower Middle School to Guilford High)
- Savannah Fernandez (from West Middle School to Auburn High)
- De'Jour Leavy (from R.E.S.A. Middle School to Jefferson High)
- Christopher Reed (from St. Paul to St. Paul Lutheran High)
- Aaron Hicks-Sidney (from R.E.S.A. Middle to Jefferson High)

### High School Grads

- Evon Sams (from Auburn; will attend Columbia College)
- Fred Smith, Jr. (from Jefferson; will attend Rock Valley College)
- Carvin Tenard (from Roosevelt; higher education to be decided)
- Da'Vonte Williams (from Roosevelt; Full Sail University)

*Congratulations!*

### College Graduates

- Lewis Jordan, III - Bachelor of Science Degree in Kinesiology from the University of Illinois
- Derrick Owens - Bachelor of Science Degree in Computer Science from Northern Illinois University
- Monica Reed - Bachelor of Science Degree in Human Services from Judson College



Some of the graduates and promoted students are shown at the Recognition Ceremony. Joining them (at right) is Minister Carl L. Towns, one of the program participants.

