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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

**"A Church Inspired by the Word and Empowered by the Holy Spirit."
ALL ARE WELCOME!**

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Churches Celebrate!



Rev. Dr. Kenneth R. Board, Pilgrim's Senior Pastor, delivered an anniversary message at the beautiful Mt. Carmel Baptist Church in Freeport, IL on Sunday afternoon, March 11, 2012. He was accompanied by Pilgrim's faithful officers, choir, musicians, ushers, and other members.



Each year that a church stands open in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, is a major cause for celebration in our Baptist denomination.

Such was the case at Mt. Carmel Baptist Church in Freeport, Illinois on Sunday, March 11, when Pilgrim responded to the invitation to help celebrate the church's 27th anniversary. The pastor of Mt. Carmel is Rev. Charles D. Threadgill, Jr.

As part of the celebration, Mt. Carmel's cooks prepared a fabulous meal prior to the 4:00 p.m. worship celebration. Of all the many foods, it seemed that Pastor Board's favorite may have been the dressing!

Whenever Pastor Board serves outside of Pilgrim, he is accompanied by faithful

associate ministers, deacons, ushers, choir, musicians, and other members.

The photos above show some of Mt. Carmel's beautiful interior as well as Pastor Board and some of Mt. Carmel's and Pilgrim's clergy in the pulpit area.

In the bottom left photo, Pastors Threadgill and Board share a little humor with the congregation after the sermon and before the benediction.

As always, Pilgrim's choir and musicians led the congregation into "explosive" praise! Musicians below (L to R) are James Higgins, drums; Tony Tennyson, keyboard; and Evon Sams, sax.

Awesome choir directors are Sharon Thurmond and Bethanne Holfield.



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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Janie Wilson-Cook at
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APRIL, 2012

- 01 Sunday 10:30 am - PALM SUNDAY Morning Worship - Communion
- 06 Friday 12:00 noon-3:00 pm - GOOD FRIDAY Worship at New Fellowship Baptist Church
 Pastor Board preaches "The Third Word" of the "Seven Last Words"
- 08 Sunday 9:00 am - EASTER EVENT - Children & Youth
 10:30 am - RESURRECTION SUNDAY Morning Worship
- 15 Sunday 10:30 am - Morning Worship
- 15 Sunday 4:00 pm - Kantorei Boys Choir Concert at Pilgrim
 (Church in use for wedding)
- 21 Saturday 10:30 am - Morning Worship
- 22 Sunday 10:30 am - Morning Worship
- 29 Sunday 10:30 am - Morning Worship



MAY, 2012

- 05 Saturday 4:00 pm - Renewal of Wedding Vows - Deacon Roby & Mrs. Sonja Johnson
 (In celebration of their 50th Anniversary)
- 06 Sunday 10:30 am - Morning Worship - Communion
- 12 Saturday (Church in use for wedding.)
- 13 Sunday 10:30 am - Morning Worship - MOTHER'S DAY / Lydians Rose Bowl
- 20 Sunday 10:30 am - Morning Worship
- 27 Sunday 10:30 am - Morning Worship
- 28 Monday Memorial Day (Observed) - Church Office Closed

HOLY SEASON REMINDERS

- **Friday, April 6, at 12:00 Noon-3:00 pm:** Good Friday Worship at New Fellowship Baptist Church where Pastor Board will preach "The Third Word" of the "Seven Last Words."
- **Sunday, April 8, at 9:00 AM:** Easter Program with children and youth, sponsored by the Special Events Ministry. Morning Worship follows.
- Bible Study will be suspended on Wednesdays, April 4 and 11, so families may spend time together and prepare for Good Friday and Easter services.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

All are birthdays unless stated otherwise!

APRIL, 2012

- 08 Janet Mitchell
- 18 Greta Foster
- 19 Mother Beatrice Taylor
- 20 Clara Anthony
- 20 Nan Mynatt
- 22 Albara Morris
- 24 Matti Chappel
- 24 Marquan Williams
- 27 Minister Carl L. Towns
- 27 Vivette Hall

MAY, 2012

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 50th Anniversary 05 Eboni White 05 Angeline Whitelow 05 Anaya Wright 06 Catherine Dixon 06 Deacon Robert Owens 06 Jahleel Price | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11 Carrie Ellis 16 Bretia Smith 18 Deacon Emeritus Carl O. Towns 19 B. B. Owens 20 Deanna LeShoure 21 Ophelia White 23 Shatiqua "Tiki" Brown 28 Mitch Chappel 28 Precious Sims |
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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

■ The world-renown **Kantorei Singing Boys of Rockford** will once again be in concert at Pilgrim at 4:00 p.m. **Sunday, April 15.** A meal and fellowship will follow. No admission fee, but a free-will offering will be accepted. **Everyone is welcome!**

■ We will celebrate **Pilgrim's 95th Church Anniversary** on **Sunday August 26, 2012.** Watch for more information on this and pre-anniversary events on Sundays, **July 15, 22, 29, and August 19,** and **"Jazz on the Lawn"** from 6 to 8 PM on **Saturday, August 18.** **Everyone is welcome!**

Plan now to BE HERE then!

107th Birthday!

Mrs. Beatrice Taylor will celebrate her 107th birthday on Thursday, April 19, 2012. Mother Taylor was an active member of Pilgrim for many years and is still a member of the Mothers Board.

Those wishing to do so may send cards or other well wishes to her in care of Pilgrim Baptist Church, 1703 S. Central Avenue, Rockford, IL 61102.



WELCOME MINISTRY "MEET & GREET"

The Welcome Ministry held its first quarterly "Meet & Greet" after morning worship on March 18. It was well attended and seemed to be thoroughly enjoyed by members and visitors of all ages who welcomed the opportunity to not only greet the clergy and officers but to fellowship with each other. It was particularly heartwarming for newer members to be welcomed into the Pilgrim Family.

Taking a leadership role in the planning were Jackie Tenard and Frances Blalock, but all Welcome Ministry members participated. The



chairperson and convener of this ministry is First Lady Marilyn Board. During morning worship, these welcome ambassadors inspire and greet visitors and members alike.

The primary purpose of this event was to "meet and greet," but equally enjoyable were the continuous slide shows of Pilgrim events and people and "mood" music by our Multi-Media Ministry and the foods prepared by Lillie Hamberlin of the Welcome Ministry and helpers. Although this full-scale "Meet & Greet" will be quarterly, Pastor Board is exploring how our after-service greetings can be held each Sunday in the Nancy Smith Youth Center. We know that *"nothing is impossible with our God!"*

Ministry Focus for 2012: "Discipleship: God's Mission, Our Passion!"
(Matthew 28:19 & 20)



Senior Saints - March Event



"Aging is Refreshing," a short play by AgeQuake Theatres, was presented as part of a March Event sponsored by Pilgrim's Senior Saints Ministry on Thursday, March 15.

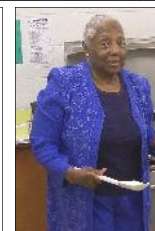
After an entertaining and humorous look at the blessings of aging, a delicious lunch was served, along with plenty of good fellowship! The event was free, but AgeQuake accepted a free-will donation.

Mrs. Lorraine Thurmond, President, was MC. Mrs. Leona Charles, Program Chair, posed (above left) with Dorothy Paige-Turner of AgeQuake.

The Senior Saints Ministry meets at noon each third Thursday, and everyone is welcome!



Pastor Board is shown with Mrs. Lorraine Thurmond, President of the Senior Saints, Leatha Adams, and Bertha Bell as they were preparing lunch.



PILGRIM NEEDS

VOLUNTEERS ... both men and women ... for our current Cub Scout Pack 25 and Boy Scout Troop 271 at Pilgrim and to start a Girl Scout troop.

Judge Patrick Yarbrough spoke at Pilgrim and challenged us to take a leadership role in using Scouting to save our children from gangs and/or other destructive lifestyles, while helping them develop positive lifetime values and skills.

MINISTER ON THE MOVE!

On Sunday, March 18, 2012, Minister Carmen Jordan announced to the Pilgrim congregation that God was calling her to move her membership and ministry to Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church.

Minister Jordan had been serving as an intern at Jerusalem since September, 2011, to fulfill one of the requirements for earning her Master of Divinity Degree from Northern Baptist Seminary. She stated that her work was not finished at Jerusalem.

After Minister Jordan made her public statement, Pastor Board gave his full support, consent, and blessings. Our church family greeted her after worship and wished her well in her ministry move. We thank Minister Jordan for her service to Pilgrim's Children and Youth Ministries!

Minister Jordan took advantage of Sunday's "Meet & Greet" to fellowship with members and friends. Shown in the above photo with Minister Jordan is Joyce Bowden of Pilgrim, who is a member of the Welcome Ministry that sponsored the event. *(Information shared by Pastor Kenneth R. Board.)*

