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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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Easter at Pilgrim

April 8, 2012



EASTER MORNING WORSHIP

Scripture: John 20: 1-19

Mounds of lilies adorned the pulpit area on Easter as Pastor Kenneth R. Board delivered a sermon entitled, "SURPRISE, OOPS THERE HE IS!"

As has been done historically, the children and youth of Pilgrim again presented an Easter Celebration during the Sunday School time. This year's program in the Youth Center had scripture readings, recitations, enactments, and songs by the Children's Choir.

Thanks to the time Pilgrim's Special Events Ministry spends working with our children and youth, they can deliver

their speeches or songs with confidence. Even the youngest student, Jeremiah Swift, made sure everyone knew he was "three years old!"

After refreshments, the celebration continued with Easter Morning Worship Service featuring Pastor Board's message and a beautiful and inspiring performance by Pilgrim's "Unlimited Praise" dancers.



At left, the Primary Class performs an Easter recitation as a group.

Pictured at right, Pastor Board, as always, encourages the young people as well as the ministries and teachers who work with them throughout the year.



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
www.pilgrimbaptist.org

MAY, 2012

- 05 Saturday 4:00 pm - Renewal of Wedding Vows - Deacon Roby & Mrs. Sonja Johnson
- 06 Sunday 10:30 am - Morning Worship - Communion
- 12 Saturday 3:00 pm - Wedding Ceremony of Alexandra Towns and Zane MacNaughton
- 13 Sunday 10:30 am - Morning Worship - MOTHER'S DAY / Lydians Rose Bowl
- 18 Friday **CHURCH AND OFFICE CLOSED**
 (Emergency contact: Deacon Roby Johnson at 815-963-5651)
- 20 Sunday 10:30 am - Morning Worship
- 27 Sunday 10:30 am - Morning Worship
- 28 Monday Memorial Day (Observed) - Church Office Closed

JUNE, 2012

- 03 Sunday 10:30 am - Morning Worship
- 10 Sunday 10:30 am - Morning Worship - Communion
- 10 Sunday 5:00 pm - Pilgrim serves chapel and meal at Rockford Rescue Mission
- 16 Saturday 11:00 a.m. - Community Picnic sponsored by the Brotherhood Ministry
- 17 Sunday 9:00 am - "Bring a Father to Sunday School" - (To Celebrate Fathers)
- 17 Sunday 10:30 am - Morning Worship - FATHER'S DAY & MEN'S ANNUAL DAY
- 24 Sunday 10:30 am - Morning Worship - GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

All are birthdays unless stated otherwise!

MAY, 2012

- 02 Rochelle Emanuel
- 03 Beverly Owens
- 04 Patricia Fricks
- 05 Roby & Sonia Johnson
50th Wedding Anniversary
- 05 Eboni White
- 05 Angeline Whitelaw
- 05 Anaya Wright
- 06 Katherine Dixon
- 06 Deacon Robert Owens
- 06 Jahleel Price
- 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
- 25 Andrea Hamberlin
- 28 Mitch Chappel
- 28 Precious Sims

JUNE, 2012

- 01 Deron Brooks
- 02 Ira Austin
- 04 Mother Thelma Fisk
- 06 Barbara Wilson
- 07 Lorene Skelton
- 08 Marquavian Williams
- 08 Willie Bell
- 11 De'Jour Leavy
- 11 Fred Smith, Jr.
- 13 Pastor Kenneth and Mrs. Marilyn Board - **Wedding Anniversary**
- 15 Christopher Johnson
- 17 Mitch & Matti Chappel
Wedding Anniversary
- 17 Shatuana Williams
- 18 Kenosha Holland
- 22 Cedrick Wynn
- 23 Ja'Ron Robinson
- 24 Beverly & Jerry Owens
Wedding Anniversary
- 26 Margie Johnson
- 28 Randy & Janie Cook
Wedding Anniversary

Congratulations!

FITNESS CLASS CHANGES!

SENIORS:

10:00 a.m. Mondays and Thursdays

S.W.O.T.: (Low-Impact Aerobics)

6:00 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays

We're Getting Ready to Celebrate PILGRIM'S 95th Anniversary IN AUGUST, 2012.

Watch & Listen for more information!



Some of the Weight-Loss Challenge participants posed for this photo on Sunday, April 22, including ultimate winner, Shirley Aliprandi, center front. (Total combined weight loss was 190.9 pounds.)

WEIGHT-LOSS CHALLENGE RESULTS: 2012

The ultimate winner was **Shirley Aliprandi** who lost **20.43% of total body weight**. Shirley was also the winner of each weight-loss milestone.

Others in the Top 10 were:

- Leonard Tolbert, 8.21%; Rosalynd Mincy, 7.55%; Tracy Schaefer, 7.21%; Sharon Thurmond, 5.98%; Elizabeth Emerson, 5.81%; Joy Tolbert, 5.45%; Tina Fernandez, 4.18%; Patricia Fricks, 4.05%; and Margie Johnson, 3.20%.

Congratulations to all who participated in this health initiative sponsored by the Health Ministry!
 (See Health Ministry on Page 4)

Kantorei in Concert



Joel Ross,
Music Director

**Annual
"HeartSong"
Fundraiser at
Pilgrim**

Kantorei, the Singing Boys of Rockford, held their annual "HeartSong" fundraiser at Pilgrim on Sunday afternoon, April 15. Pilgrim was especially pleased this year to see one of its own young men, Ja'Ron Robinson, singing with Kantorei. As usual, this talented group received "encore" appreciation from the capacity audience!



Bradley Koloch,
Associate Director



Part II of the concert was a celebration of music and dance with Pilgrim's "Unlimited Praise" dancers (at left), and Evon Sams on the sax. Evon Sams was accompanied by Joel Ross (piano), Bradley Koloch (bass), and Tom Fishe (drums) as they wowed the audience with music from historical jazz greats. After the concert, a fellowship reception was held for all in the lower level.



**PILGRIM JOINS
THE YWCA
Annual Stand
Against Racism**

The Stand Against Racism is an annual movement of the YWCA with the goal of bringing people together from all walks of life, across the country's diverse communities, to *eliminate discrimination of any kind.*

Pilgrim's support of the YWCA's stand was coordinated by Beverly Owens and Paulette Gilbert. Paulette is shown below (R) as she led Pilgrim's congregation in reciting a pledge against racism on Sunday, April 29.



Mrs. Marilyn Board Speaks at Ephesians



Ephesians Missionary Baptist Church presented a program on March 31 entitled "*Great Women of the Bible.*" Godly women from several local churches were asked to present Biblical profiles of *Leah, Hannah, Jezebel, Eve, Sarah, Naomi, Ruth, and Esther.*

Pilgrim's First Lady, Marilyn Board, was given the challenge of summarizing all of the profiles, which she accomplished with her usual excellent and engaging style. She was very pleased to see her Pilgrim sisters there.

In addition to Ephesians and Pilgrim, other churches represented were Allen Chapel AME, New Fellowship Baptist, True Vine Missionary Baptist, St. Luke Missionary Baptist, Gomez Chapel AME, and Greater Calvary Baptist. The Shiloh Gospel Singers from True Vine added to the blessings.

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



Pilgrim Health Ministry



Thanks to Joy and Roz, Pilgrim's Health Ministry has created initiatives to help members achieve and maintain their best health. The most recent was the Weight-Loss Challenge which started on January 1 and ended April 15. (See Page 2). Good news! The Weight-Loss Challenge will be on-going along with other health programs! Watch for details!

"Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own." -- 1 Corinthians 6:19 (TNIV)

JOY TOLBERT and her husband, Leonard, are parents of Ashley and Crystal. Joy has a Bachelor of Science Degree in nursing (BSN) and has been a Registered Nurse for the last seven years. She is currently focusing on her family but plans to continue studies for her Masters Degree as a Family Nurse Practitioner. Joy said the Health Ministry will continue its Weight-Loss Challenge all year.

ROSALYND "ROZ" MINCY was born and reared in Cincinnati and is currently in her final year at the University of Illinois School of Medicine in Rockford. Since age 6, her goal has been to become a doctor; and she is prayerful for her dream of doing her residency at Cincinnati Children's Medical Center. Until then, Roz is committed to working with Pilgrim's Health Ministry.

"TAKE ME TO THE WATER..." - TWO MEMBERS BAPTIZED!



José Ortiz

José Ortiz (second from right) is surrounded by his personal family members, including his mother, as well as members of his new Pilgrim family!

Sunday Morning Worship on April 15 began with the baptizing of two newer Pilgrim members: **Ira Austin and José Ortiz.**

Assisting Pastor Board in the renovated baptismal pool was Deacon Forest Patterson. José Ortiz and Ira Austin each received a Certificate of Baptism, a new Bible, and blessings from Pastor Board and members of their new Pilgrim family.



Ira Austin (center) listens as Deaconess Sonia Johnson reads from her Certificate of Baptism.

WE VALUE OUR READERS!

Many of our readers bless our Newsletter Ministry with words of encouragement and, sometimes, even cash donations. The message at right was recently sent by the mother of one of Pilgrim's Deacons.

To Pastor and Mrs. Board, Newsletter Team, and the entire Pilgrim Family:

Thanks for sending me the newsletter each month. I enjoy it very much. I get excited when I get it in my P.O. box, and I don't put it down until I have read all of it. I feel as though I'm a part of the Pilgrim Family.
Thanks again, **Blanche Wills (Malvern, Arkansas)**
My (Rockford) family is Erick and Vivette Hall and Erica Hall; also Margie and Vanessa Johnson.

