

# 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

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# WOMEN'S ANNUAL DAY

## At Pilgrim Baptist Church

*"Sisters of the Kingdom"*



*Our friendships build a fortress,  
a haven for our souls . . .  
We share our trials and triumphs,  
our hopes, our dreams, our goals.*

*We are "Sisters" for the Kingdom  
blessed with God's eternal light . . .  
determined to walk straighter,  
loving Him, with all our might!*

*We serve Him with conviction,  
striving hard to be our best . . .  
As we rise to every challenge,  
we welcome every test.*

*We are women of tomorrow;  
we are "Sisters" of today . . .  
we stand in faith together  
knowing "God will make a way."*



Mrs. Marilyn Board, Pilgrim's First Lady; Mrs. Albertha Towns, Women's Ministry President; and Rev. Lasha Tennyson, Speaker

Pilgrim women were celebrated on their Annual Day, Sunday, September 23, beginning with a powerful morning worship, where Rev. Lasha Tennyson of Second Baptist Church, Elgin, brought the message. This awesome praise and worship service was enhanced by a special women's choir, musicians, "Unlimited Praise" dancers, prayers, and others who participated in the service. The above

poetry, found on the Internet, was printed in the bulletin and seemed to sum up the relationship for which Pilgrim women are striving -- to be **"Sisters of the Kingdom."**

Below left, Terry Wilkerson serves up anniversary cake during the reception after service, where food was catered to honor the women.

Below right, Beverly Owens directs the Special Women's Choir, as Sharon Thurmond prepares to lead a song. Pastor Board thanked and blessed Pilgrim's women for their faithfulness in all ministries, both inside and outside of the church.



### 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.*

**SPECIAL EVENTS & INFORMATION**

**Sunday Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m. / Communion on First Sunday**

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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)

**Saturday, October 13:**

From 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., Rev. Muriel Johnson, Regional Minister of American Baptist Churches, Great Rivers Region (ABC-GRR), will lead Pilgrim in a Discipleship Workshop. Members should attend.

**Sunday, October 14:**

During morning Worship at 10:30 a.m., Rev. Muriel Johnson of ABC-GRR will deliver the message.



**REMEMBER TO VOTE!**  
**Tuesday, November 6, 2012**  
**6:00 am to 7:00 pm**

**PASTOR BOARD'S 7th Anniversary at Pilgrim**



In October, 2005, God sent Pilgrim a Servant Leader wrapped up as Rev. Dr. Kenneth R. Board! On **Sunday, October 21, 2012**, we will celebrate Pastor Board's 7th Anniversary as Shepherd of the Pilgrim Baptist Church. A special anniversary worship service will be held at **10:30 a.m.**, followed by a reception. At **4:00 p.m.**, Superintendent Maurice West, Pastor of West Side Church of God in Christ, will preach for the Pastor's Anniversary service.

**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

*All are birthdays unless stated otherwise!*

**OCTOBER, 2012**

**NOVEMBER, 2012**

- 01 Etta Collins
- 01 Vivian White
- 02 Fae Reed
- 03 Jackie Tenard
- 04 Jake Henson
- 05 Darryl Mitchell
- 07 Minister Ernest Evans
- 07 Janie Wilson-Cook
- 15 Savannah Fernandez
- 15 Teena Garrett
- 15 Minister David Sidney
- 16 Minister Sharon Olson
- 16 Alexia Spivey
- 18 \*Pastor Kenneth R. Board  
*\*Pilgrim Anniversary*
- 19 \*Min. Ernest & Beverly Evans  
*\*Wedding Anniversary*
- 20 Peggy Sims
- 23 \*Deacon Erick & Vivette Hall  
*\*30th Wedding Anniversary*
- 23 Rick Fernandez
- 24 Lorraine Wilson
- 31 Tina Fernandez



- 01 Ruby Brown
- 02 London Smith
- 07 Mary Bonner
- 07 Stefani Howard-Smith
- 07 Nicole Walker
- 08 Jacci Mannery
- 11 Joyce Bowden
- 12 Janet Wyatt
- 19 Michael Smith
- 19 Jeanette Towns
- 23 Quintisha Hannah
- 25 Forest Patterson, Jr.
- 27 Debra Simpson
- 29 Lady Marilyn Board
- 29 Hallie Williams
- 30 Randy Cook

**NOTE:** If you have not shared your special dates with us, or if there is an error in your information, please call the office or e-mail the editor using information shown at left.

*Blessings to All!*

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**



Mrs. Dorothy Newson, shown with her husband, Deacon Ben Newson in this 2011 photo, was feted by her family and friends on her **90th** birthday at a noon celebration on Saturday, September 22, 2012 at Pilgrim. The Newsons have been Pilgrim members for almost 70 years!

**Seniors Annual Fall Banquet**

Saturday, September 23, 2012

The Senior Saints Ministry once again presented an outstanding Annual Fall Banquet at Pilgrim on Saturday evening, September 22, 2012.

This event was well attended, and everyone enjoyed the sumptuous meal and inspiring message, "Working Together," brought by Rev. Norris Flannigan, Pastor of Ephesians Baptist Church in Rockford.

Mrs. Lorraine Thurmond is President of the Senior Saints Ministry, which presents opportunities all year for seniors to meet and fellowship, as well as attend enrichment programs and outings. Potluck meetings are held at Pilgrim at noon on the third Thursday of each month, and EVERYONE is welcome!

**OTHER CELEBRATIONS!**

- **September 29:** Mrs. Audrey Rivers celebrated her 97th birthday at home with Dr. Ted and Minister Angela Davis. She enjoyed flowers, cards, and other well wishes from all over the country.
- **October 1:** Mrs. Vivian White was 94 years old.
- **October 19:** Minister Ernest and Mrs. Beverly Evans will observe their 27th Wedding Anniversary.
- **October 21:** A 7th Pilgrim Anniversary celebration is planned for Pastor Kenneth R. Board. (See above)
- **October 23:** Deacon Erick and Mrs. Vivette Hall will observe their 30th Wedding Anniversary.

*Congratulations to All!*

# FAREWELL PARTY FOR JOHN

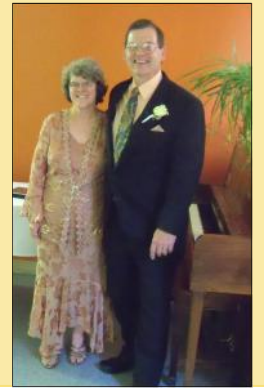


John Rasch was hired as Pilgrim's custodian to succeed the late Ernest Taylor. He was the most qualified candidate sent by the employment agency to meet the church's needs.

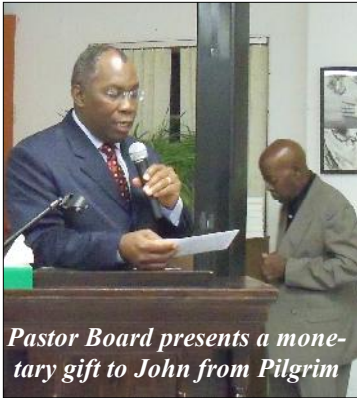
John created a ministry of his job which, as someone said, was more that of a "caretaker of God's house!" His passion for excellence and love of God

and people soon endeared him to the Pilgrim family; and he loved them back!

On Friday evening, September 14, a going-away potluck celebration was sponsored by Pilgrim for John and his wife, Diane, who have relocated to the state of Washington. Though they were members of Rock Church, they greatly blessed Pilgrim's ministries.



*The food was worth the wait!*



*Pastor Board presents a monetary gift to John from Pilgrim*



*John and Diane*

Actually, the potluck party could also be described as a "roast" as many members and friends shared humorous incidents as well as blessings about John. They also told how Diane had mentored our nursery volunteers and prayed for and ministered to individuals.

In addition to his custodial duties, John developed procedures (*which Staci said he rigidly enforced!*), and he provided oversight for building and renovation projects. He also organized an annual church clean-up day.

Pastor Board commented, "*The bar was set high, but John has sent it through the roof.*" John and Diane will be greatly missed by their Pilgrim family and friends!



Pilgrim members of all ages turned out in force for health tests and information at Ellis Arts Academy on Saturday, September 15, to ensure winning the "Silver Chalice" for a third year.

## PILGRIM MEMBERS SCORE POINTS AT "SILVER CHALICE CHALLENGE"



The members shown on this page came late morning to early afternoon. Others chose to be there early like Pastor Board and also Sharon Thurmond who taught a dance class.

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

# Meet 'n Greet

**Sponsored Quarterly by Pilgrim's Welcome Ministry**



Pilgrim's current Welcome Ministry is directed by Mrs. Marilyn Board. The members of this ministry joyfully greet and welcome visitors to our morning worship each Sunday.

The next Welcome Ministry event will be a New Members dinner in December, 2012. More information will be shared later.

Jackie Tenard shared these goals of the Meet 'n Greet events: *"To give church members and visitors an opportunity to fellowship with each other in a non-formal setting and for Pilgrim to further welcome any visitors beyond the formal welcome during worship service."*

These goals were met during the recent event on Sunday, September 16, and bore fruit! After worship service, a visiting couple retrieved their baby from the Pilgrim Tots Nursery and then joined as members of Pilgrim during the Meet 'n Greet, and one will be baptized! They live outside of Rockford and said they decided to visit Pilgrim after reviewing our Website. *(Thanks, Multi-Media Ministry!)*



Minister Kevin D. Lambert

## Welcome to Seminary Interns!

At left is Minister Kevin Donté Lambert, an associate at West Side Church of God in Christ. He is one of four interns who, through Northern Seminary, will be supervised by Pastor Kenneth R. Board from September, 2012, until March, 2013.

The other three are Minister David Sidney of Pilgrim; Rev. Calvin Malone, Pastor of Jerusalem Baptist Church, Rockford; and Rev. Richard L. Jones, Pastor/Attorney of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Madison, Wisconsin. Pastor Board said, *"Pastors Malone and Jones will not attend Pilgrim on Sundays. I am their supervisor for this period, and we have negotiated written goals for them to be evaluated."*

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