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Minister David Sidney
Minister Carl L. Towns

"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

Children's Church is suspended for summer but included in Morning Worship at 10:30 am.

Sunday Nursery Schedule for August: 11, 18, 25

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Mission Summit-2013

By Mrs. Marilyn D. Board

Pilgrim's First Lady & Delegate to the American Baptist Biennial Gathering

I am grateful for the privilege of representing Pilgrim as a delegate at the American Baptist 2013 Biennial/Mission Summit held June 21-23, 2013. The setting was in beautiful Overland Park, Kansas, a suburb of Kansas City. It was a rich experience filled with worship, fellowship, knowledge sharing, and mission work!

The delegation attending was made up of American Baptists from around the world! The rich diversity of people seemed remarkably representative of the *"great number that will one day surround the Throne."*

The opening worship featured Native Americans attired in native garb dancing in praise to the Lord's Prayer, with a symbolic fanning of smoke to purify and cleanse the worshippers as well as the building so that we could properly "set the atmosphere" for worship.

A Mission Summit is a gathering of people who talk about how God is currently active in their lives and communities. Small group conversations are at the heart of the Summit, and participants gather around a common theme to explore the question: *"What can we create together to respond to the call of Christ today in this area of ministry?"* The entire Mission Summit is about dynamic conversation, not lecture.

The topics are inclusive of the everyday challenges facing Christians and Churches in the 21st Century; and the key is that,

together, we will discern the will and direction of God so we can be effective in the work that He has called us to do in reaching the world for Him.

One of the personal highlights for me was the opportunity to engage in mission work. I worked elbow to elbow with my brothers and sisters to prepare over 7,050 meals for tornado victims in Moore, Oklahoma. Of course, we began and finished our work in prayer. Our view of the less fortunate was challenged as we watched interviews with those who were less fortunate. Still ringing in my ears

is the challenge to remember these words: *"Your liberation is bound to mine. Lack of goods is a symptom. Today, we packaged meals; what you do later is up to you!"*

The Biennial/Mission Summit is an opportunity to worship with our brothers and sisters from around the world, heed Christ's call for unity as we work together to seek transformation, and to be on mission for Christ! *(The next summit will be in 2015.)*



2015 SAVE THE DATE



We look forward to welcoming you back to Overland Park!

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.

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www.pilgrim baptist.org

Visit our site and be blessed!

SPECIAL EVENTS & INFORMATION**Sunday Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m. / Communion each First Sunday****AUGUST, 2013**

Saturday, August 10, 12:00 Noon: Pastor Board gives opening prayer at P.E.A.C.E. Concert, Sinnissippi Park Bandshell
Sunday, August 11, 10:30 am: Minister Kevin Lambert of West Side COGIC speaks during Morning Worship service
Saturday, August 24, 12:00 Noon to 4:00 pm: Pilgrim's 96th Anniversary Celebration with outside Picnic & indoor Bazaar
Sunday, August 25, 10:30 am: Anniversary message by Pastor Kenneth R. Board during Morning Worship
Sunday, August 25, 3:00 pm: Dedication of Helena Mandujano's new home built through Habitat for Humanity (with assistance from Pilgrim members)
Sunday, August 25, 6:00 pm: Anniversary Celebration with Rev. DeCarto Draper and members of Providence Baptist Church as guests

PILGRIM WOMEN'S ANNUAL DAY...

...will be celebrated Sunday, September 22, during the 10:30 a.m. Worship. Mrs. Cecelia Miles, First Lady of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, will speak. A reception will follow in the Nancy Smith Youth Center. As a show of unity, Pilgrim women are asked to wear white.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

(All are Birthdays unless Labeled Otherwise)

AUGUST, 2013

01 Joshua Jamerson
01 Derek Smith
01 Helen Ware
02 Tashaira Suggs
03 Deacon Eugene Rigsby
04 Virginia Pettigrew-Wynn
05 Parnell Smith, Jr.
07 Carvin Tenard
09 Deacon Eugene and Mia Rigsby*
 *Wedding Anniversary
09 Christopher Tenard
10 Jean Gaynor
12 Shirley Aliprandi
14 Bertha Bell
16 Rosalynd Mincy
22 Herman Aliprandi
27 Charles and Patricia Fricks*
 *Wedding Anniversary
28 Christopher Reed

SEPTEMBER, 2013

01 De'Angelo Loury
01 Joy Tolbert
06 Mauresha Smith
06 Tracey Schaefer
07 Keonna Henson
08 Georgia Moore
09 Elizabeth Cook
13 Karrlishia Jordan
13 Lillie Hamberlin
22 Dorothy Newson
23 Leatha Adams
23 Rev. R. Brady Johnson
24 Jasmine Holifield
26 Virginia Cooper
27 Amauri Bryant
29 Parnell Smith
30 Deacon Robert & B.B. Owens*
 *Wedding Anniversary



In this photo from 2012, the Boards show off their Pilgrim 95th Anniversary T-Shirts.

Pilgrim's 96th Anniversary

Saturday and Sunday—August 24 and 25, 2013

Pilgrim's Deacons and Deaconesses are busy planning the church's 96th Anniversary celebrations for Saturday and Sunday, August 24 and 25. Chairpersons of this effort are Deacon Roby Johnson and Mrs. Sonia Johnson who are appealing to ALL members for help. Sharon Thurmond prepared sign-up sheets in bright red and green so they can't be missed! Sign up soon!

- ◆ On Saturday, August 24, from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m., a picnic is planned on Pilgrim's grounds while a crafts and information bazaar will be held inside. **These events are open to the public at no charge.**
- ◆ The picnic will feature a variety of foods, and there will be music, games, and fun for all!

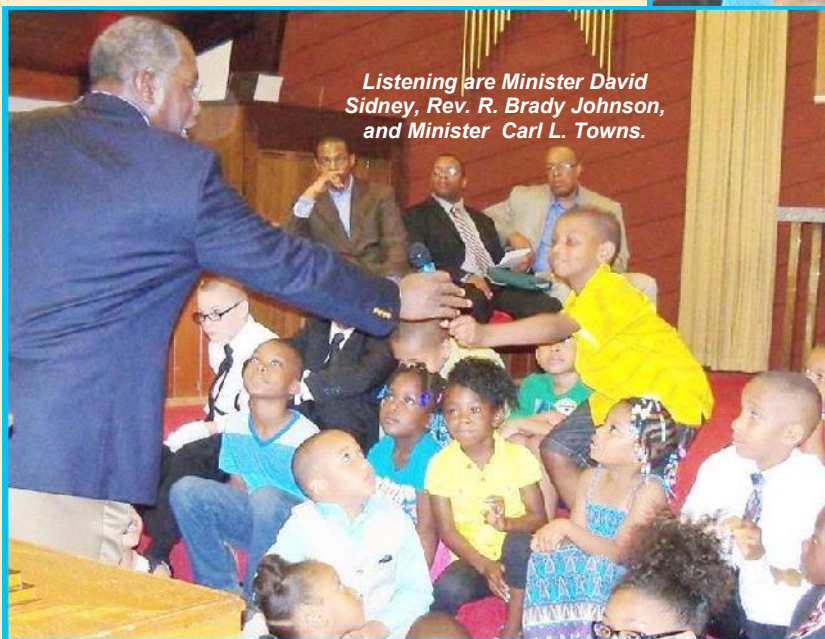
- ◆ Booths may be rented for the bazaar in the Nancy Smith Youth Center at a nominal fee of \$25. Call the church at 815-968-4449 for details.
- ◆ At 10:30 a.m. Sunday, August 25, Pastor Kenneth R. Board will deliver the anniversary message during Morning Worship.
- ◆ At 6:00 p.m. Sunday, August 25, Pilgrim's special worship guests will be Pastor DeCarto Draper and members of the Providence Baptist Church

As a show of love in celebrating this milestone, each Pilgrim family is being asked for a special anniversary donation of \$96 to further the on-going work that God is blessing Pilgrim to do for His glory!

Sunday Sermons for Children

While Pilgrim's Children's Church is suspended for the summer, brief sermons are delivered to the children during Sunday Morning Worship in the sanctuary.

Pastor Board led the first of these messages, which was about the difference between truth and lies. The children were eager to respond to questions, and hands shot up!



Listening are Minister David Sidney, Rev. R. Brady Johnson, and Minister Carl L. Towns.

Thanks to the excellent leadership in Children's Church, these young people are confident with their responses and speak boldly into the microphone.

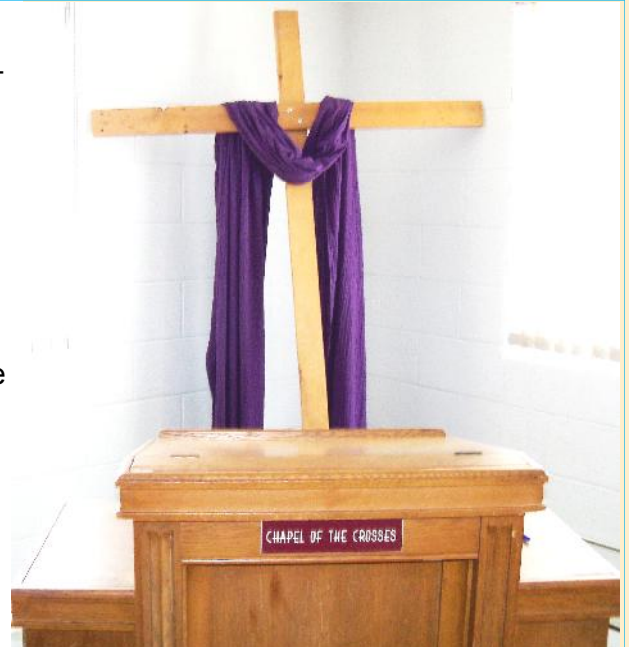
Many adults say they enjoy the sermons and are especially blessed by the powerful simplicity of the children's comments!

Pilgrim's Sunday morning worship begins at 10:30 a.m. in the main Sanctuary. Children's Church is held simultaneously downstairs in the Chapel of the Crosses for ages 4 through 12, except for the first Sunday when they are in the main Sanctuary for Communion.

This ministry is led by Deacon Christopher Morris and Deaconess Albara Morris, who is also Pilgrim's Sunday School Superintendent. Minister David Sidney directs Pilgrim's Children and Youth Ministry (CYM) programs.

Children's Church is structured with worship, singing, Biblical study, and a brief sermon by a Clergy member. The children freely participate in discussions; and, as Minister Sharon Olson said, *"They ask probing questions!"*

During this summer break in routine, the CYM leaders are reviewing plans for resuming Children's Church in the fall. Since the children are in the main sanctuary each first Sunday, Pastor Board has said that Clergy members will continue to deliver sermons to them on that day.



*Ministry Focus for 2013: "Discipleship in Action: Building Toward the Future!"
(Philippians 1:4-6)*

Firefighters Honored

One Beginning — One Retiring



Photo Provided

After becoming a City of Rockford Fireman on Thursday, June 27, Nikolas Newson (center) posed with Pastor and Mrs. Board.

Nikolas Newson was pinned as a City of Rockford Fireman by his sister, Nichole Gallas, at NIU's Rockford campus on Thursday, June 27. This honor was witnessed by his family members and Pastor and Mrs. Board.

Minister Ernest Evans said of his tenure as a Fireman and his retirement: *"I served 20 years and 3 months. I enjoyed serving our community and look forward to whatever God has for me in the future."*

Pastor Kenneth R. Board said in his newspaper article of June 28: *"Our firefighters are silent heroes who risk their lives daily to save humans, pets, and other living creatures. . . Firefighters are to be thanked and lifted up daily in prayer. . . We need more role models like them."*



Minister Ernest Evans, a member of Pilgrim's Clergy, recently retired from the City of Rockford Fire Department.

SUMMER VISITS & GUEST PERFORMANCES



Above, 11-year-old Regan Farrar sings a solo during Pilgrim's morning worship in June, accompanied on the piano by Kenneth Humble. Pastor Board and Minister Sharon Olson listen!

Regan Farrar resides in College Park, Maryland where she is a straight-A student at University Park Elementary School. She is here for the summer visiting her grandparents, Victory and Carol Bell.

Her singing focuses on theatrical productions, and she also plays the harp and steel drums.

In January, 2013, Regan was one of three Maryland elementary school students selected to perform at New York's Carnegie Hall, which she described as *"unforgettable."*



Left: Pilgrim alums Mrs. Lottie Campbell and son, Dr. Michael Bates, delighted the congregation with their visit during morning worship on July 7. Dr. Bates played a requested piano solo. In 2010, he brought the *University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff's Vesper Choir* in concert at Pilgrim

Right: During the birthday party for Pastor Board on July 14, Mrs. Marilyn Board visits with DeeDee Brame of South Carolina, who grew up in Pilgrim. The Boards' grandson, Gregory, is visiting them in Rockford for the summer.



BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR PASTOR BOARD

On Sunday, July 14, the Pastor's Care Ministry hosted a party for Pastor Board since he was not available on his July 1st birthday. Everyone enjoyed this great event!

