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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

Sunday Nursery Schedule for March: 10, 17, 24

(Communion is March 3, and Easter is March 31)

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"Working in Unity" Ushers Annual Day

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" - Psalm 133:1 (NKJV)



Photo from 2012 Annual Day

Pilgrim's ushers celebrated their 2013 Annual Day on Sunday, February 24.

Special guests for a 4:00 p.m. worship service and following reception were the pastor and congregation of Community Baptist Church of South Beloit and fellow ushers from the Freeport-Rockford Ushers Council.

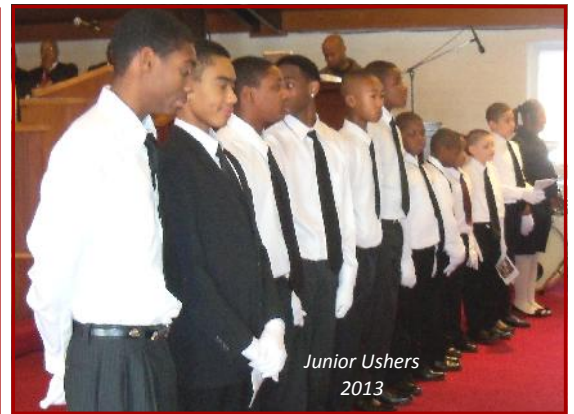
The ushers attending represented many local churches.

Rev. Robert Hearn, Pastor of Community Baptist Church, delivered an inspiring message based on the Ushers' theme and scripture, as above. Music was provided by the Community Baptist Church choir.

Service, dedication, faithfulness, and unity are just some of the words to describe the mighty work these ushers do. No matter the need, whether at Pilgrim or in the community, Pilgrim's ushers are there!

Greta Foster provides leadership to this dedicated group of men and women, and the Ushers Ministry received Pilgrim's "Outstanding Achievement Award" for 2012.

One of the most important services provided by the senior ushers is the mentoring of our young men and women. At a very young age, these junior ushers are taught to love and serve the Lord with their talents and to show love and respect to each other and to themselves.



Junior Ushers 2013

On one Sunday each month, the Junior Ushers are at their posts with white gloves on and ready to serve. At right, De'Vonte Sims greeted members and visitors on Sunday, February 24.

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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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The Pilgrim Messenger is available each first Sunday. News items should be submitted by the 15th of the month for the following month's publication.

Current and past issues are posted on Pilgrim's Web site, managed by Janie Wilson-Cook:
www.pilgrimbaptist.org

SPECIAL EVENTS & INFORMATION

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

MARCH, 2013

- Sun - 10 - Daylight Savings Time Begins!
 (Turn clocks forward one hour)
- Sun - 10 - 10:30 am: Minister Kevin Lambert speaks during Morning Worship
- Sun - 17 - 4:00 pm: Pilgrim goes to Mt. Olive Baptist Church
- Sun - 24 - 1:00 pm or After Morning Worship: Everyone is invited to a Baby Shower for Lasha & Tony Tennyson (*Baby Girl!*)
- Thu - 28 - 6:00 pm: Maundy Thursday Feast
- Sun - 31 - 9:00 am: Children's Easter Program
- Sun - 31 - 10:30 am: (Resurrection Day) Worship

ANNUAL MAUNDY FEAST

The Lydians Ministry will once again host the Maundy Thursday Feast in Pilgrim's Lower Level at 6:00 p.m. Thursday, March 28, 2013. This is a beautiful and reverent ceremony conducted in silence. All are welcome!



2011 Photo

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Anniversaries are Labeled

MARCH, 2013	APRIL, 2013
01 Tracee Iverson	08 Janet Mitchell
02 Grace Elliot	12 Mary Ish Carter
02 Kelli Melan	18 Greta Foster
03 Patrick Cook	19 Mother Beatrice Taylor
11 Akeyla Evans	20 Clara Anthony
11 Destyni Schaefer	20 Nan Mynatt
11 T. L. Weddle	22 Albara Morris
13 Vera Forte	24 Matti Chappel
15 Deloras Ransom	24 Marquon Williams
16 Jacqueline Prymer	27 Minister Carl L. Towns
26 Sataria Foster	27 Vivette Hall
28 Candus Jones	29 Giovanni Van
29 Shawndolyn Smith	
30 De'Vonte Sims	

Happy Birthday to All!



At Pilgrim's New Kitchen!

Food plays a big part in Pilgrim's hospitality! Our Culinary Ministries look forward to the renovation work being done in the kitchen, which includes new cabinets, dishwasher, range hood, and other upgrades. Pilgrim is now in full compliance with Fire Codes throughout the building!

JUNIOR USHER LEADERS

Below: Patrick Cook (center) took time on one of his visits home from college to pose with two of his former usher mentors. As a youth, Patrick served as President of the Junior Ushers.

In the right photo, one of the leaders for the Junior Ushers is Deacon Darryl Mitchell. In the left photo are Dawana Johnson and Shirley Aliprandi.



BOY SCOUT TROOP 271 "LOCK-IN"

Troop Scoutmaster Gail Williams provided plenty of food and fun activities for the Scouts during the "Lock-In" at Pilgrim on Friday night, February 22.

Scout Christopher Tenard said one activity was setting up tents, which they did several times. Then they were put to the real test: to set up each tent in 15 minutes or less—IN THE DARK! Christopher said it was more like 16 minutes!



Also participating in the Lock-In was Deacon Eugene Rigsby, Assistant Scoutmaster, who took these photos to share!



Did they sleep? After lots of food and games, it was reported that the Scouts finally settled down about 11:00 p.m. to Midnight. A great time was had by all.

SCOUT MEETINGS

Cub Scout Pack 25 meets at 9:00 a.m. on the first and third Saturdays at Pilgrim.

Boy Scout Troop 271 meets at 6:00 p.m. each Monday at Pilgrim.

For more information, call the church at 815-968-4449.

Morning Worship Message by **MIN. ERNEST EVANS** on Sunday, February 24, 2013

"Agents of Change by Sowing God's Love"
Scripture: 1 John 4:7-13



Photo from Janie Wilson-Cook

ABC PRAYER BREAKFAST

The Men's Prayer Breakfast for Area 1 of the American Baptist Churches (ABC), Great Rivers Region, was held at St. Luke Baptist Church in Rockford on Saturday, February 23, 2013, where Rev. Louis Malone is Pastor.

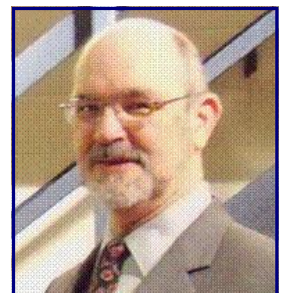
We were favored that women, youth, and children were also in attendance. St. Luke's men prepared a hearty breakfast including biscuits, waffles, and huge pancakes!

Pilgrim's Male Chorus, led by Brother Parnell Smith, rendered two rousing songs in the main sanctuary followed by St. Luke's Male Chorus and an all-star band.

Dr. Dwight Stinnett, Executive Minister for the Great Rivers Region, preached. The service really gave us a glimpse of heaven: Blacks, Whites, and Latinos worshipping God together in holiness.

I am so proud to be a servant of God in such an inclusive denomination as American Baptist Churches.

Pastor Kenneth R. Board—Pilgrim Baptist Church



Dr. Dwight Stinnett

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

New Member Grads

The New Member Class ministry at Pilgrim meets once a week for seven weeks. This class helps new members become oriented with their new church and church family.

Leaders of this ministry are Minister Carl L. Towns and Mrs. Patricia Fricks.

In the top photo, Pastor Board reads certificates to Ethan and Ivory. Standing with them is Parnell Smith, parent, and Minister Sharon Olson. Also shown (far right) is Minister Carl L. Towns, one of the class leaders.



The most recent class of graduates from Pilgrim's New-Member Class were honored during Sunday morning worship on January 27.

They were congratulated, welcomed by the congregation, and given certificates of completion.

New member graduates in the bottom photo are (L to R) Leonard Tolbert, Sr. and Mrs. Dorothy Tolbert (*parents of Leonard Tolbert, Jr., 2nd from left*); Pamela Durden-Singh; and Everette Sherrod.

Black History Month

Pilgrim celebrated Black History in special ways in February during Sunday morning worship. On February 10, the Special Project Ministry presented recitations of poetry and writings of renowned African-Americans. Participants included Karli Wright, Staci Wright, Jasmine Holifield, and Amara Simpson.

On February 17, Everette Sherrod gave a history of the first Black Scout troop in Rockford, which began at Allen Chapel AME Church and was ultimately located at Booker Washington Center and Pilgrim Baptist Church. He cited several Pilgrim men who were former Boy Scouts.



Everette Sherrod also read the names of many distinguished African-American men who were former Boy Scouts. Those included sports figures; U.S. statesmen and representatives; the first African American in space; a retired president of AT&T; singers and musicians; a retired four-star general and Secretary of State; physicians; TV and film stars; and many others!

On Sunday, February 24, Sharon Thurmond read the history of the Alvin Ailey Dance Theatre. Shatuana Williams (at left) added reality with an ethnic dance, choreographed and directed by Matti Chappel.



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