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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 May: 12, 19, 26

(Communion on May 5)

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Concerts at Pilgrim

Voices of Zion *Kantorei*

Kantorei, The Singing Boys of Rockford once again presented its annual "Heart-song" concert at Pilgrim on Sunday, April 14. Their repertoire included classics, spirituals, and folk. Some whimsical tunes brought laughter from the audience. New at Pilgrim this year was the choir singing "in the round" which produced an awesome conclusion with "America the Beautiful."

Karen Marks, former Kantorei Board member, once again served as M.C. As Pastor Board was out of town, Pilgrim's host was Oliver Emerson, Vice Chair of Deacons.

Enthusiastic applause was evidence of the excellence displayed during this concert! A post-concert fellowship reception with food and refreshments was hosted by Pilgrim's Lydians Ministry.



Part II of the concert was a celebration of dance by Jasmine Holifield, Karli Wright, and Shatuana Williams, members of Pilgrim's "Unlimited Praise," directed by Matti Chappel. Part III was a high-energy jazz session featuring Evon Sams of Pilgrim, sax; Kantorei Music Director Joel Ross, piano; Kantorei Assistant Director Bradley Koloch, bass; and Kantorei's Ed Bogdonas, drums.

Above, Kantorei was accompanied by Joel Ross (not shown). Below are Ed Bogdonas & Evon Sams.



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Rev. Elton Allen & The Voices of Zion
"Keeping the Light On" Concert at Pilgrim - Sunday, April 28, 2013

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.pilgrimbaptist.org

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

- Sat., May 4:** Work begins on Habitat House for Helena Mandujano family
Sat., May 4: 2:00 pm - Graduation Celebration at Pilgrim for Dr. Rosalynd Mincy
Sat., May 4: 6:00 pm - Rockford-Freeport Ushers Council 25th Annual Scholarship banquet at Hoffman House; donation, \$40
Sat., May 11: 11:30 am - Annual Spring Luncheon to Honor Mothers at Pilgrim: **Guest speaker, Rev. Charlene B. Mills, Pastor of Allen Chapel A.M.E. Church**
Sun., May 19: 4:00 pm - Pilgrim goes to Progressive Missionary Baptist Church, 109 Lincoln Park Boulevard, Rockford

JUNE, 2013

- Sun., June 2:** (Communion postponed until second Sunday, June 9)
Sun., June 9: 10:30 am - Morning Worship service with Communion
Mon., June 10-Friday, June 14: VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, 9 am to 1 pm daily
Sun., June 16: FATHER'S DAY
Sun., June 16: 9:00 am - "Bring a Father to Sunday School" - Honoring Men
Sun., June 16: 10:30 am - Men's Annual Day Worship Celebration with Guest Preacher, Minister David Sidney
Sun., June 23: 10:30 am - Morning Worship / Graduate Recognition Sunday

Annual Spring Luncheon to Honor Mothers

- ◆ Saturday, May 11, at Pilgrim—begins at 11:30 am
- ◆ Guest speaker, Rev. Charlene B. Mills, Pastor of Allen Chapel AME Church.
- ◆ For tickets, call the office: \$10 adults / \$5 children
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!
Sponsored by Women's Ministry of Pilgrim

**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

(All are Birthdays unless Labeled Otherwise)

MAY, 2013**JUNE, 2013****CONGRATULATIONS****TO**

Attorney Shneera Habib, who passed her state boards after receiving a Juris Doctorate Degree from the Thomas M. Cooley Law School in East Lansing, Michigan. Proud parents are Herman and Shirley Aliprandi.

- 02 Rochelle Emanuel
03 Beverly Owens
04 Patricia Fricks
05 Deacon Roby & Sonia Johnson*
 *Wedding Anniversary
05 Eboni White
05 Angeline Whitelov
05 Anaya Wright
06 Catherine Dixon
06 Deacon Robert Owens
06 Jahleel Price
12 Scott Melan
16 Bretia Smith
18 Deacon Emeritus Carl O. Towns
19 B. B. Owens
20 Deanna LeShoure
20 Dorothy Tolbert
21 Ophelia White
23 Shatiqua "Tiki" Brown
25 Andrea Hamberlin
28 Mitch Chappel
28 Precious Sims
31 Deacon Samuel & Jean Gaynor*
 *Wedding Anniversary

- 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 R. and Lady Marilyn Board*
 *Wedding Anniversary
15 Christopher Johnson
17 Mitch and Matti Chappel*
 *Wedding Anniversary
17 Shatuana Williams
18 Kenosha Holland
20 Pamela Dureden-Singh
22 Barbara Spady
22 Cedric Wynn
24 Jerry and Beverly Owens*
 *Wedding Anniversary
26 Margie Johnson
26 Deacon Ben Newson
28 Randy and Janie Cook*
 *Wedding Anniversary

If you would like your special date(s) published here, please be sure to share that information with the Pilgrim office staff or the Editor of this newsletter.





Ordination for Paulette White Scott

Pastor Kenneth R. Board participated in the Ordination Service for Paulette White Scott at Liberty Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia on April 14, 2013, where Dr. J. Sherman Pelt is Senior Pastor. Pastor Board provided the "Charge to the Church" during this service and also made a special presentation after the "robing" of candidates.

During the past eight years since Pastor and First Lady Board have been in Rockford, Rev. Scott has been a fairly frequent visitor; and Pilgrim members have come to know and love her. Pastor Board has often acknowledged to the congregation that she also faithfully sends a financial contribution to Pilgrim each month. He also said Rev. Scott is like a sister, as they developed a strong Christian bond while both were employed at AT&T in Atlanta. Rev. Scott's biography states that she retired from AT&T after 32 years and was then employed by the City of Atlanta. She said it was

Pastor Board who encouraged her to become *"the oracle that God called her to be."*

Rev. Scott attended Spelman College and graduated Summa Cum Laude from Beulah Heights University. After ministerial counseling from Pastors Joseph Roberts, Jr. and Raphael Warnock of Ebenezer Baptist Church, Rev. Scott began pursuing the Master of Divinity Degree. She was a member of Ebenezer since age eight. It was there that she met Dr. Martin Luther King and Mrs. Coretta Scott King, and she had been hired to babysit and file newspaper clippings for Dr. King.

In February, 2013, the then Minister Paulette White Scott was led by the Holy Spirit to unite with the Liberty Baptist Church in Atlanta, where she became the Reverend Paulette Scott. Pilgrim sends blessings to Rev. Scott and hopes her schedule will soon allow another Rockford visit.



Once again, Pilgrim's members have the opportunity to partner with Habitat for Humanity to help build a house! This one will be for our member and sister in Christ, Helena Mandujano, and her family.

Pilgrim has agreed to help Helena with the 300 hours of work necessary to complete the house. A beautiful baby girl was just added to her family, so she needs us even more. Applicants must meet certain criteria to own a Habitat house, including a steady income and investing 300 hours of "sweat equity." **WORK BEGINS SATURDAY, MAY 4**, but you can still volunteer. Please be sure to sign up on the sheet available on the office door to work one or several hours. The work site is at 3412 Sunnyside Avenue. Questions? Call Pilgrim's office at 815-968-4449.

At right, Helena talks with Minister Sharon Olson after worship service on Sunday, April 14, as her son showed off his new little sister!



"VOICES OF ZION"



Pilgrim Baptist Church hosted Rev. Elton Allen and the Voices of Zion in their free concert, "Keeping the Light On," on Sunday, April 28. The event was well attended, and the audience gave enthusiastic praise and appreciation! Pilgrim is very proud that Beverly Owens (shown third from left) blends her voice with this awesome group. After the concert, CD's were available for sale, and a fellowship reception was held in the lower level.

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

Scout Troop 271 Awards Ceremony at Pilgrim



Eugene Rigsby, in the forefront of the photo at left, is Scoutmaster of Troop 271 and also serves as a Deacon of Pilgrim Baptist Church.

On Sunday, April 28, he proudly presented the Scouts and parents of Troop 271 to the congregation of Pilgrim, along with the honors the Scouts had earned. Two new Scouts were inducted.

A very poignant part of the ceremony was when the boys turned to their mothers and "pinned" them. Another was watching a video of First Class Scout Nolledge Reaves (*second from right in photo at right*) demonstrating the robot he created to earn a Robotics Merit Badge at summer camp. Also, he was featured on the cover of the Blackhawk Area Council's 2012 annual report. Scoutmaster Rigsby commented on the new technologies since he was a Scout (at Pilgrim) years ago and that he is also learning new things.

Everette Sherrod, who is on the Council's staff and is also a member of Pilgrim, lends support to the growth of Troop 271. Pastor Kenneth R. Board also fully endorses this troop at Pilgrim.



A Great Hat Luncheon!



Big hats, little hats, fancy hats, funny hats — all were modeled on Saturday, April 20, during the hat luncheon sponsored by the Pastor's Care Ministry. Two were awarded prizes for unique hats (*not shown*).

Betty Collins was M.C., and many local churches were represented. Liz Green of Allen Chapel led the parade of hats and the judging staff.

Upper left is Hallie Williams, and T.L. Weddle is shown at right. It was a blessing to see Catherine Dixon (*left photo below*) who has been shut in for quite a while. The center photo shows Matti and Mitch Chappel.



The most interesting hats were worn by Matti Chappel (a birthday hat given to her by Beverly Owens), and Sharon Thurmond (*right*). Sharon said her pre-school students designed and constructed her one-of-a-kind chapeau!



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