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HISTORIC PILGRIM BAPTIST CHURCH



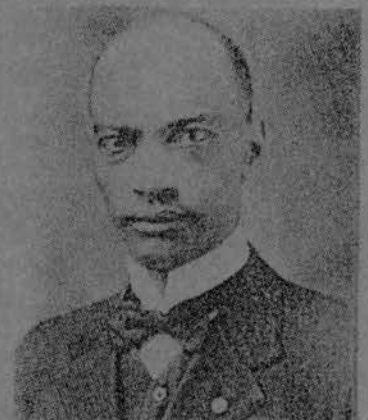
Rev. Robert T. Hickman,
Founder, 1863-1886.



Dr. W. D. Carter, 1900-1909.



Dr. E. H. McDonald, 1910-1914.



Rev. B. N. Murrell, 1914-1918.

OUR PASTORS



Dr. L. W. Harris, 1922-1938.



Rev. S. E. Ware, 1941-1944.



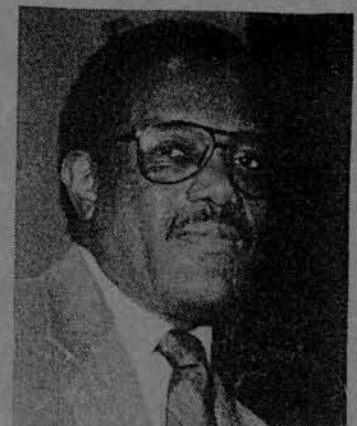
Rev. Floyd Massey, Jr., 1944-1965.



Rev. Arthur Whitaker, 1966-1970.



Rev. Amos C. Brown, 1970-1976.



Rev. Earl F. Miller, 1977-1992.

FOUNDERS' DAY JUNE 28, 1992

129 YEARS

9/9/2022

ABOUT OUR CHURCH

Pilgrim Baptist Church is the oldest and largest predominantly black church in the state of Minnesota. It had its inception in 1863 when Rev. Robert T. Hickman, a slave licensed as a preacher in Missouri, and about fifty other slaves escaped by way of underground to the Union Army lines at Jefferson City, Missouri. Traveling on to the Mississippi River Port, they embarked on the steamer "War Eagle" for St. Paul, Minnesota. They disembarked at Fort Snelling, where they were kept while white citizens of St. Paul decided what should be done with them. Later, they were divided into three groups, and the group that was led by Rev. Hickman remained in St. Paul.

Realizing that it was only the Grace of God that had enabled them to gain what freedom they had, and knowing that it would be only by his help and their struggles that they would overcome the oppression that confronted them, they put first things first and formed a church. Although Lincoln had signed the Emancipation Proclamation, they knew that it alone could not free them. The hearts of men had to be changed, and only God could change the heart.

The founding principle of Pilgrim Baptist Church was liberation, and that same theme has undergirded its "being" as a church for one hundred twenty nine (129) years, and has manifested itself in many and various ways.

The St. Paul Urban League and N.A.A.C.P were organized in this church some time between 1914 and 1918 during the Pastorate of Rev. B. N. Morrell.

Major leadership for the erection of Hallie Q. Brown Community Center was provided by ministers and members of Pilgrim.

Under the Leadership of Dr. Floyd Massey in 1955, the church led a fund raising drive which resulted in the erection of a \$750.000 new Maxwell Elementary School to serve this community.

In 1955 the Rondo-St. Anthony Highway Organization was formed and led by the minister and members of Pilgrim. This group gave unity to hundreds of homeowners who were dislocated by the freeway and aided them in getting the best possible price for their homes. The members of Pilgrim joined others in the drive to make possible the Oxford Playground.

The fight for the Enactment of Fair Employment practice Laws, Open Occupancy Laws, Public Housing, and Urban Renewal received vigorous leadership and support from members of Pilgrim.

Directives for youth, Benjamin E. Mays, Pilgrim Academy, Pilgrim Summer Urban Program, The Pilgrim federal Credit Union are the most recent community service that have evolved out of Pilgrim

Through the years at the center of Pilgrims Community Outreach ad Mission has Always been Jesus Christ, a focus on the study of His Word and a yielding to the guidance of the Holy Spirit through a strong and consistent individual and community prayer life.

SUNDAY JUNE 28, 1992
FOUNDERS DAY
1863-1992
8:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE
WORSHIP LEADER YVONNE ROBINSON
THEME: "MOVING ON UP"

CALL TO WORSHIP: YVONNE ROBINSON
OPENING HYMN: "WE'VE COME THIS FAR BY FAITH" #222
INVOCATION: DEACONESS STEPHANIE SAFFOLD
SCRIPTURE: "ST. JOHN 5-6-9" LAWRENCE FULLER JR.
GLORIA PATRI: "GLORY BE TO THE FATHER"

RESPONSIVE READING: "CHRISTIAN UNITY" JOHN ROBINSON
GREETING OF VISITORS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS EILEEN BECKETT

REFLECTIONS OF THE PAST: LAURA MAE ROBINS
MUSICAL SELECTION: MASS CHOIR
INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER: JANABELL TAYLOR
MUSIC SELECTION: REV. MARCIA COOPER-LEWTER
SERMON: REV. DR. NICHOLAS COOPER-LEWTER
INVITATIONAL HYMN: MASS CHOIR
ALTER CALL: REV. ANN WATERS
PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING VENTRESS ROBERSON
OFFERTORY PRAYER: LEROY LEFTWICH
PERSONAL RE-DEDICATION: REV. DR. FREDERICK BACON
MINISTER: LET US RECONSECRATE OURSELVES TO OUR CHRISTIAN TASK.

ALL: We now, the members and friends of the Historic Pilgrim Baptist Church, compassed about with a great cloud of witnesses, grateful for our heritage, sensible of the gifts and sacrifices of our fathers and mothers in the faith on our behalf, confessing that apart from us their work cannot be made perfect, do rededicate ourselves to our Christian Task in Thy service O Almighty God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

REMARKS: DEACON LEROY CUNNINGHAM
BENEDICTION: REV. DR. NICHOLAS COOPER-LEWTER

YOU ARE INVITED TO A FELLOWSHIP DINNER AFTER THE 11:00 A.M. SERVICE

SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 1992
FOUNDER'S DAY
1863-1992
11:00 A.M. SERVICE
WORSHIP LEADER DEACON CHARLES THAMES
THEME: "MOVING ON UP"

PROCESSIONAL: MASS CHOIRS
CALL TO WORSHIP:
INVOCATION: DEA. GERALD CHRISTOPHER
OPENING HYMN: "WE'VE COME THIS FAR BY FAITH" #222
SCRIPTURE: 1ST JOHN 4-20-21, ST. JOHN 15-12-17 ALTHEA ROBINS
GLORIA PATRI: "GLORY BE TO THE FATHER"
RESPONSIVE READING: "CHRISTIAN UNITY" CASSIE LYNN
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS/ANNOUNCEMENTS: TANYA BRANSFORD LEWIS
MUSICAL SELECTION: MASS CHOIRS
REFLECTION OF THE PAST: MARTIN O. WEDDINGTON
CHILDRENS STORY: DON SAMUELS
MUSICAL SELECTION: MASS CHOIRS
INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER: REV. KATHLEEN GATSON
MUSICAL SELECTION: REV. MARCIA COOPER-LEWTER
SERMON: REV. DR. NICHOLAS COOPER-LEWTER
INVITATIONAL HYMN
ALTER CALL DEACONESS GRACIE BRYANT
PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERING: FRANCIS WADDELL
MUSIC SELECTION: MASS CHOIR
OFFERTORY PRAYER: JONATHAN PRICE
PERSONAL RE-DEDICATION: REV. DR. FREDERICK BACON
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CHRISTIAN UNITY

- LEADER:** Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethern to dwell together in unity!
- RESPONSE:** It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments;
- LEADER:** As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion.
- RESPONSE:** For there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life for evermore. (Psalm 133).
- LEADER:** These words spoke Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee:
- RESPONSE:** I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word.
- LEADER:** I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine.
- RESPONSE:** And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them.
- LEADER:** Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; that they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee,
- RESPONSE:** That they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. (John 17: 1,6,9,10,20,21).
- LEADER:** I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,
- RESPONSE:** With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;
- LEADER:** Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.
- RESPONSE:** There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;
- LEADER:** One Lord, one faith, one baptism.
- RESPONSE:** One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. (Ephesians 4: 1-6).

We've Come This Far By Faith

ALBERT A. GOODSON

Arr. by Thurston G. Frazier

CHORUS



We've come this far by faith Leaning on the Lord; Trusting




in His Ho-ly Word, He's nev-er failed me yet.

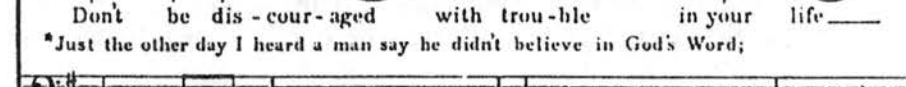


Oh, _____ Can't turn a-round, We've come this far by faith. — *Fine*

VERSE




Don't be dis-cour-aged with trou-ble in your life —



*Just the other day I heard a man say he didn't believe in God's Word;

*Optional: Recitation



He'll bear your bur-dens And move all mis-er-y and strife, That's why we've



I can say God has made a way, He's nev-er failed me yet, Thank God, We've

sing both times

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JUNE 28, 1992

WELCOME!!! Pilgrim welcomes all of its visitors this Sunday Morning. Please fill out a visitors card and give it to one of the Ushers. If you are looking for a church home, we ask that you consider Pilgrim, the church of lofty friendship. We hope that you enjoy worshiping with us today and that you will want to come again. May God continue to bless you throughout this coming week.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!! To all persons having a birthday this week we wish you a very happy birthday. May your day be filled with God's love.

Condolences: Pilgrim would like to express condolences to the family of Patricia Lockley who lost her father this past week.

The Jolly Seniors will be meeting on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 1:00 p.m. here at the church. This group is open to all seniors 55 years and over. At the next meeting on Tuesday, July 13th the group will be picnicking at Minnehaha Falls in Minneapolis.

Any senior who would like to go and needs transportation, please call the church office before 11:00 am on that Tuesday.

Person who would like a copy of the Pilgrim History Book may purchase one in the Fellowship Hall after the 8:00 am and 11:00 am services. The cost of the book is \$12.50. After the 8:00 am service see Mrs. Ludie Thomas. After the 11:00 am service see Mrs. Emma Kirk.

The One Hundred Women In White sponsored by the AFM Club has been cancelled. Another date will be announced later.

COMMUNITY NEWS:

GREAT JOY IN THE CITY CONFERENCE Hosted by River Of Life Christian Center will be held at the Minneapolis Convention Center June 30 - July 3rd, 1992. The Purpose of the "Great Joy" Conference is to bring God's Great men and women together in Unity.

GOSPEL WORKSHOP Featuring Shirley Berkeley, songwriter and music clinician will be held at St. James A.M.E. Church in St. Paul. The workshop will be start July 9-July 11 followed by a Grand Musical on Sunday July 12, at 5:00 p.m. For more information call St. James A.M.E. Church.

SICK AND SHUT-IN**JUNE 28,,1992**

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Blessed We Are To Have A Reasonable Portion of Health and Strength!! Please call, send a card and say a prayer for our sick and shut-in members.

*****New members added this week**

"The Lord Is In His Holy Temple"

The Lord is in His holy temple, The Lord is in His holy temple,
Let all the earth keep silence, Let all the earth keep silence
before Him, Keep silence, keep silence before Him. Amen.

TITHERS COVENANT

MINISTER: What is this I hear about you? Turn in the account of your stewardship. (Luke 16:2)

TITHERS: The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein;
(Psalms 24:1)

MINISTER: No one can receive anything except what is given him from heaven. (John 3:27)

TITHERS: Will a man rob God? Yet you are robbing me. But you say, How are we robbing thee?
In your Tithes and offerings. (Malachi 3:8)

MINISTER: Honour the Lord with your substance and with the first fruits of all your produce:
then your vats will be filled with plenty. (Proverbs 3:9)

TITHERS: Bring the full tithes into the store house that there may be food in my house; and
thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of host, if I will not open the windows of
heaven for you and pour out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to
receive it. (Malachi 3:10)

ALL: On the first day of every week, each one of us will put something aside and store
it up, as God prospered us. (I Corinthians 16:2)

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DEACONESS STEPHANIE BURGESS SAFFOLD
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THE CHURCH OF LOFTY FRIENDSHIP
SERVING THE COMMUNITY WITH CHRIST SINCE 1863