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A Christian Valentine Gala



Pilgrim's first ever Christian Valentine Gala, hosted by the Building Fund Committee took place on Saturday, February 14th at the Hanford Inn & Suites. Several guests from the community were in attendance, and one very special guest blessed the evening with hand-clapping, toe-tapping gospel music.

The Mistress of Ceremony for the night was Evangelist Danita Bernard. Sis. Alexis Gwenn rendered a song of praise before Bro. Marcus Phillips danced to Yolanda Adams in the form of a soulful mime.

Several door prizes were given away throughout the program. Sis. Earline McFarland won the

grand Valentine basket prize that was raffled off. Evangelist Lemmie Battles, the special guest of the evening, ended the night with several songs from her current album, "You're Looking at a Miracle".

This new project is a fusion of the two Gospel styles, traditional and contemporary. Battles shared with us the story of her struggle and triumph as a three-time cancer survivor. Her message and her music was inspirational and uplifting.

What better way to spend Valentine's Day, then with the church family, great entertainment and power-packed praise.

Upcoming Events

Pastor's Aide/Health Awareness Salad Luncheon
March 8th

Male Chorus Monthly Musical
March 14th, 7:00 pm

Mother's Ministry Annual Day
March 15th, 3:30 pm

Baptist State Congress Women's Retreat
March 19th - 21st

Bowling Outing
March 22nd, 5:00 pm

Gamma Upsilon Psi Annual Cotillion Ball
March 28th, 7:00 pm

Taste of Pilgrim
April 5th

Tax Services

AARP is sponsoring free tax services. Tax-aide volunteers are available at the Lincoln Square Mall until April 15th to prepare basic tax forms for elderly and low-income residents of Champaign County.

Mondays: 9:00 am - 9:00 pm

Tuesdays - Fridays: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Saturdays: 9:00 - 1:00 pm

Sis. Joann Jones is available to anyone during tax time. If you have any tax-related questions, she can be reached at:

(217) 359-1028 or (217) 369-6209

Annual Salad Luncheon

The Pastor's Aide and Health Awareness Ministry is hosting their annual Salad Luncheon Buffet on Sunday, March 8th immediately following morning service. The buffet will include a variety of salads, meats, casseroles, and desserts for a small donation.

Adults: \$5.00

Children (5 years old & under): \$3.00



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SUBMIT IDEAS

Do you have a story suggestion or good news that you would like to share with Pilgrim? Drop a form in the newsletter submissions box located in the vestibule! You can also submit your story information to pmbcnewsletter@gmail.com. The deadline for April's issue is **Wednesday, March 18th**.

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An African Attire and Field Wear Array



"Soup for the Soul"



(Left) Women line up to get a bowl of hot tasty soup. (Right) Mother Polk wins the Soup for the Soul basket.

On Monday, February 9th, the women of Pilgrim fellowshiped together at "Soup for the Soul" sponsored by the Mission Ministry. The goal of the program was to encourage the women of Pilgrim to join and participate in this wonderful ministry.

Several baskets were raffled off and given away. The winners were Sis. Ranija Turner, Sis. Dorothy Jamerson, and Sis. Kayla Reid. Mother Emily Polk won the Soup for the Soul basket.

The women enjoyed beef vegetable, chicken noodle, meal in one and taco soups. After being filled physically, the ladies participated in two lessons that would fill their soul. Mission President, Sis. Judy Conerly, led the group of women in a discussion on the topics, "An All Knowing God" and "He is All Bountiful".

37th Annual Gamma Upsilon Psi Cotillion Ball

Saturday, March 28th, 2009

7:00 pm

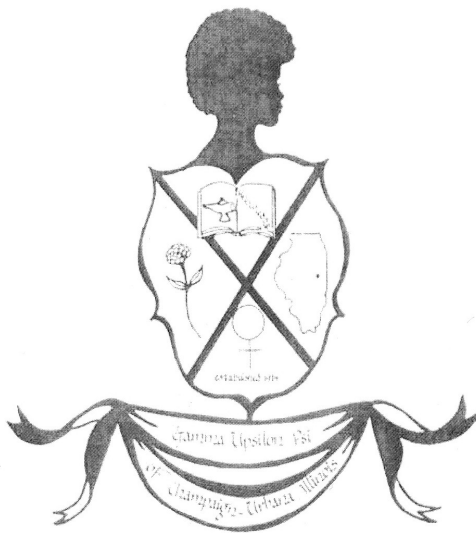
Holiday Inn

1001 West Killarney Street, Urbana

Tickets: \$35.00

After-five Attire

Delores Anntionette Lee, daughter of Lisa Clark and Damion Lee, and granddaughter of Faye Catchings-Pickett has been selected as a debutante for the 2009 Cotillion by the Gamma Upsilon Society. She will be escorted by Bro. Akeemeon Parks.

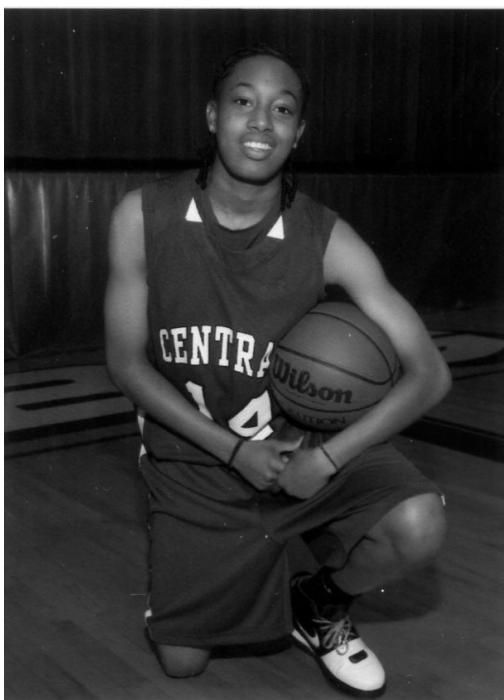


During her high school career, Delores has maintained a 4.2 grade point average at Central High School. She has participated in the Peppettes, Drama Club, Principal's Scholars STEP UP Program, Morally Mature Program.

While sustaining academics and extra curricular activities, Delores also volunteers at Nite Owl Daycare and works two part time jobs.

Upon graduating from high school, Delores plans to pursue a degree in Mathematics at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. Her goal is to achieve a career in Secondary Education as a teacher.

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Sis. Nakyra James

Varsity Basketball, Central High School

On Tuesday, January 20th, Nakyra led Central's Varsity Girls' Basketball team to victory with 19 points. Nakyra averages 10 points and six assists per game.



Sis. Mary Brown

Champion of Quality, Kraft Foods

On Sunday, February 15th, Sis. Brown was recognized by Kraft Foods in The News-Gazette for her superb contribution in quality.



Sis. Daeja Hines

Young Authors Contest Winner, King Elementary School

Daeja is a 2nd grade student at King Elementary School. She received honors for Perfect Attendance and Great Leadership. With her story titled, "I Can't Wait to be Adopted," she won the Young Authors Contest.



Sis. Alyssa Wood

Cheer Leader, Urbana High School

Alyssa is a 16 year-old freshman at the Urbana High School. She made the cheer leading team and is also participating in Track & Field this spring.