

WELCOME

Welcome to Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church, where we encourage you to worship, connect & serve! Thank you for being with us! May you experience God's peace and know the difference that He makes in life and eternity.

Happy Birthday America!

America's 250th birthday commemorates the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, when the thirteen colonies declared independence from Great Britain. This milestone celebrates 250 years of American history, freedom, and innovation, reflecting on the nation's past while inspiring future generations. May we give thanks to God for the opportunities provided us and pray His continued blessings on this land. To God be the glory, great things He has done!

Thank you to the men who coordinated the resealing and striping of our parking lot.

Mission Report from Bro. Obet Gados (Philippine Missionary)

Warm greetings to you and to all our brethren in Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church. Our mission work in San Fernando continues with visitations, home bible studies, and attending funeral services where we share the Good News of the Gospel. Five souls have accepted the Lord through the opportunity to meet those who attended the funeral service. We approach with care to have a good relationship with them, and I pray that we will be able to open new home bible studies again.

The work at In Christ MBC continues with Prayer Meetings, Sunday Worship Service, visitations and kids' ministry. I pray that they will grow in their spiritual relationship with our Lord and also serve our Lord. Due to the extremely hot weather in recent days, our place of worship is extremely hot because the buildings are close together and there is not much ventilation, so we are praying for the need for an air-conditioner. This will be a great help to make the attendance of members and attendees comfortable. Because it is expensive, we have started saving to buy an air-conditioner. Any help you can give will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you very much for your prayers, and continued support of the Lord's work. We pray for your good health and that all the ministries of Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church will be fruitful. God bless you all.

In Christ,
Bro. Obet Gados

Mobile VBS

The first *Front Yard Fellowship* hosted by PRMBC at Bro. Bryan & Sis. Lesley Curtis' home was enjoyed by the local community. While hot outside, seeds were planted and we pray that God will cause them to take root and grow. We appreciate all who have worked to make the event possible and look forward to the second one on July 25th at the Kuhn's home. May God bless our efforts to reach the lost and disciple those who already believe.

Congratulations to Bro. Tom and Sis. Ashley on their marriage! We also welcome Sis. Ashley as our newest member following her baptism last Sunday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JULY 1

6:30pm Bible Study

7:30pm Ice Cream Social & small fireworks on east courtyard & lot

JULY 5

12:30pm Men's & Ladies meetings

JULY 8

6:30pm Business meeting

JULY 19

Philippine Mission Offering

JULY 25

5:00-7:00pm Front Yard Fellowship at the Kuhn Home (441 Judah Lane, Alexander 72002)

AUG 2

12:30pm Men's & Ladies meetings

AUG 5

6:30pm Business Meeting (election of officers & teachers)

AUG 16

Philippine Mission Offering

12:45pm First Choir Christmas Cantata Rehearsal

AUG 23

12:30pm Baby Shower for Jayla Thuston in Fellowship Hall

SEPT 18-19

ARK ABA Women's Retreat at Benton Event Center

\$40 registration fee due by Aug. 28

7:00pm Friday (skit, singing & devotional)

9:00am Saturday (singing & guest speaker, Dana Ballard)

SAFETY & MEDICAL SERVANTS

6/28 - Don | Lydia
7/5 – Greg, Rob |
7/12 – Vance, Richard |
7/19 – Mason, Luke |
7/26 – Kirtley, Don |

NURSERY

1st Sunday – Saletha, Renee
2nd Sunday – Kristi, Lydia
3rd Sunday – Molly, Jill
4th Sunday – Katelyn, Alli
5th Sunday – Maddie, Callie

BIRTHDAYS

7/3 – Alli McGathy
7/6 – Camden Willis
7/8 – Mary Brown
7/11 – Jill Avery
7/22 – Finley Morris
7/25 – Chuck Garlington
7/25 – Michael Thuston

ANNIVERSARIES

7/3 – Michael & Jayla Thuston
7/6 – Richard & Kelly Brown

CHURCH CONTACTS

Pastor: Gunner McGathy
Music Director: Donnie Dillard
Bulletin: Tonya Gilliam
Social Media: Callie & Alli
Deacons: Tony Brown, Bryan
Curtis, Rob Gilliam

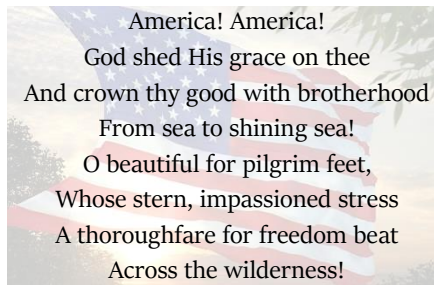
SERVICE TIMES

Sunday School | 9:45am
Sunday Church | 11:00am
Wednesday Study | 6:30pm
Wednesday Choir | 7:30pm

America the Beautiful was written by Katharine Lee Bates. Her inspiration for writing *America the Beautiful* came near Pikes Peak, Colorado, when she was teaching at Colorado College in 1893: "One day some of the other teachers and I decided to go on a trip to 14,000-foot Pikes Peak. We hired a prairie wagon. Near the top we had to leave the wagon and go the rest of the way on mules. I was very tired. But when I saw the view, I felt great joy. All the wonder of America seemed displayed there, with the sea-like expanse."

It was first published in The Congregationalist to commemorate the Fourth of July, 1895. Here are the first two stanzas.

O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!



America! America!
God shed His grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!
O beautiful for pilgrim feet,
Whose stern, impassioned stress
A thoroughfare for freedom beat
Across the wilderness!

America! America!
God mend thine every flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control,
Thy liberty in law!