

the LATTER Reign

First United Pentecostal Church 114 E. 11th St. Greenville, NC 27858 February 1, 1998 757-3033

"I am the rose of Sharon,
and the lily of the valleys.
As the lily among thorns,
so is my love among the
daughters."

Song of Solomon 2:1-2

"The wilderness and the
solitary place shall be
glad for them; and the
desert shall rejoice, and
blossom as the rose.

It shall blossom
abundantly, and rejoice
even with joy and
singing: the glory of
Lebanon shall be given
unto it, the excellency of
Carmel and Sharon, they
shall see the glory of the
Lord, and the excellency
of our God. Strengthen ye
the weak hands, and
confirm the feeble knees.

Say to them that are of
a fearful heart, Be strong,
fear not: behold, your
God will come with
vengeance, even God
with a recompense; he
will come and save you.

Isaiah 35:1-4

To Keep a Rose

One day when I was in the first grade, I came home from school very upset because the girls made fun of my mismatched skirt and blouse. The colors were similar, but the patterns in the skirt and blouse clashed. I wanted to crawl through the floor. I hadn't really noticed the ill matched suit until my classmates pointed it out, because the night before, Daddy had said lights out earlier than usual, because Nonie was having a bad day from chemo and we needed to be especially still until it passed. I tried to honor his wishes and didn't want to disturb Nonie because she was so sick.

When I came home that day, I went straight to my room and stared out the window at the rose bushes that grew abundantly around our house. I didn't realize Nonie was standing behind me until she spoke to me and I jumped. "Are you feeling better, Nonie? I managed to get out, without taking my eyes off the rose bush. Nonie put her gentle hand on my shoulder and said, "see how lovely the roses are this year? They are beautiful. I love how God protects them from being trampled by wild animals and clumsy dogs. He uses thorns to shield them from the enemies that would otherwise bring harm to their delicate petals destroying all their beauty. If they didn't have thorns, then they'd be no protecting them. Daughter, you have a thorn in your flesh right now, but God's got it all figured out. He's going to take care of you and protect you my little rose. He promises us in his Word that he will keep us unto himself against that day. Just look at those beautiful roses. Enjoy it, my little angel doll."

Nonie left as quietly as she came and I saw millions of thorns in the rosebush. I had never noticed them before until that day. God has a way of reminding us that he is in control of every situation in our lives if we will trust him and keep following his commands. So what if a few thorns may bother us once in a while. Let's be thankful for even the thorns in our lives. The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord. Trust him he will never fail you. Back up every decision with prayer and even when it seems that the thorns are piercing you unmercifully, look through His blood, you may just see that it's God trying to protect the roses. -gm

MISSION STATEMENT:

The First United Pentecostal Church of Greenville is an Apostolic Church. We are here to exalt Jesus Christ by:
*Worshipping Him in Spirit and Truth; Proclaiming the Gospel; Evangelizing our Community; Ministering to People's Needs and
Providing a Spiritual Atmosphere of Fellowship and Growth*

WELCOME!

1st week of March - Crowder!!

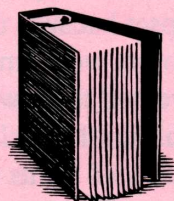


United Pentecostal Church: *On a Mission*

Death, Where is Thy Sting?

In memory of all the saints who have made it home.

My time you may think has ended and the enemy won;
But in Jesus name, not so, my life has just begun.
In death, I have gained life everlasting; there is no defeat in me
The final battle for my soul has been fought; Jesus has won the victory.
When sorrow passes then you will sing;
Glory, Hallelujah to Christ the King!
He maketh my bones to rejoice at last;
My worship my praise my longing for the future, now past.
Glory Hallelujah, Omnipotent King;
The only wise potentate that's why I can sing.
For he has redeemed me; he bought me with his blood;
He has kept me through the fire, sickness & flood.
When I was rejected by common man;
He offered me love by extending his hand.
To even me, who once rejected the love he showed;
By going on my own; carrying my own heavy load.
Of burdens and trials all unresolved;
Still he waited for me to give him my all.
When I finally lifted up my hands in sweet surrender
He took the weight of my past and gave me peace so tender,
Jesus—He is yesterday, today, forever THE SAME.
Yesterday, he loved us, and today his love hasn't changed.
Tomorrow, he will love us; our souls he has claimed.



Repent and be baptized in Jesus Name—
It's the only way to experience New Birth
He promises the Gift of the Holy Ghost and his power
if you will yield to his will and his way this very hour.
then you will have a name above all others you wear
Without it you can't come to this place prepared
For only those who have the mark of his blood
On their soul have invitation there.
This gospel works will you seek him today?
He waits to give you a new life of prayer.

—grace morgan



PASTOR'S PRAYER PARTNERS

Be Praying for the following services:

February 1, 3—Rev. Bob Johnson—10:00 AM and 7:30 PM

9:30 AM: Sunday morning—Prayer Partners: Pray for Church, Pastor, Services, Bible Study Program, Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Spanish Ministry, Bus Ministry, All the ministries of the church, Sunday School Department, God's Will in everything; those who are sick, lost, need direction.

Coming up....Feb. 14, Teacher's training Rocky Mount

Feb. 21st—Wilmington church dedication at 6:00 PM

Remember Home Missions

CHURCH SCHEDULE...

Prayer starts at 7:00 PM

English:

10:00 AM Sunday School

7:30 PM Sunday, Worship

7:30 PM Tuesday, Prayer

7:30 PM Wednesday, Bible Study

Spanish:

7:30 PM Saturday, Worship

7:30 PM Thursday, Bible Study



BIBLE STUDY REPORT

JANUARY 29: OUTREACH TEAM

2 NEW BIBLE STUDIES!

GIVE GOD THE PRAISE!

We invite you to take advantage of this opportunity! Teach Home Bible Studies!
or If you want to take part in a Home Bible Study, Call 757-3033 today, and we will set up a time to share the Word with you.

BIBLE STUDY, WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT 7:30 PM

Learn more about what the Bible teaches, as we look further into our mission statement.

Join us for this study.

You'll be glad you did.

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING REPORT

Nursery-

Sis. Lappin & Sis. Jeanette-\$0

Kindergarten- Sis. Debbie-\$5.25

Beginner - Sis. Barbara-\$9.55

Primary - Laurins - \$8.81

Junior - Morgans - \$6.87

Youth - Moores - \$ 12.00

TOTAL = \$42.48

THANK YOU FOR GIVING.

