



December 27, 2015 The Pentecostals 2950 South Memorial Drive, Greenville, NC 757-3033

CHURCH SCHEDULE:

Sunday School

10:00 AM

Evening Worship

7:00 PM

Bible Study

Wednesday

7:30 PM

Prayer Meeting

Saturday 7:00 PM

Built on The Rock! God Bless America!

“Thou wilt keep him
in perfect peace,
whose mind is stayed
on thee: because he
trusteth in thee. Trust
ye in the Lord for
ever: for in the Lord
JEHOVAH is
everlasting strength”
(Isaiah 26:3-4).

December

Faith Promise- \$2435

Building Fund- \$532

Missions-\$700

Wednesday nights:

Bible Study- *The Purpose
Driven Life begins January
6 at 7:00 P.M.*

“I Have Chosen Thee...”

“Behold, I have refined thee, but not with silver; I have chosen thee in the *furnace of affliction*” (Isaiah 48:10).

“Thus saith the Lord, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: I am the Lord thy God which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go” (Isaiah 48:17).

The past is behind us and we must look forward to a brand new year, 2016. The Lord has brought us through trial after trial and we still are here, learning to trust him, seeking him, and believing him. It doesn't matter that we have had some challenges to face this year; sometimes we may have felt like quitting the race. We have continued to give sacrificially to the building fund. Looking back on this past year, I have come to understand that anything that we did can't be compared to what Jesus did at Calvary. The only thing that does matter, in the end, is the realization that we made it by keeping the faith, leaning on the Lord, and trusting in his holy word, because he's never failed us yet! He is faithful. Keep holding on to his promise and you will see your prayers answered in the very near future.

Backing out of the race isn't an option, nor is focusing on all of the things that didn't go well this past year. What can we do? We can look at our situation through God's eyes to gain a totally different perspective. We can learn how to be thankful for the many times the Lord has spared our lives from tragedy: not everyone can say that. We can be thankful for every day that the Lord gives us strength, wisdom, and the willpower to complete any task that he sets before us. We can't measure our successes using the same yardstick that the world uses, but we can thank the Lord for leading us through the “furnace of affliction.” Did I read this right, Sister Morgan? Affliction?

It's true; the Lord selects us from the “furnace of affliction” so that we can declare his glory. He wants us to fully commit our lives to his service, not out of a sense of duty or obligation, but because we love Him, and we want to serve Him to the uttermost. The question we should be asking ourselves is: can we be trusted? The Lord would share so much more with us if we could be trusted to handle both the good and the bad without panicking every step of the way.

The Israelites would have had “peace as a river” if they had “hearkened to the commandments” of the Lord, but they chose to worry and disobey instead. They wanted the peace but not the commitment that comes with serving God.” Instead of “righteousness as the waves of the sea,” they sold out for half-hearted worship.

Instead of trusting God so that their seed also had been as the sand, they were destined to walk the sands in the wilderness and eventually to have their name cut off and destroyed from the Lord (Isaiah 48:18-19). There is a price to pay for commitment but if you want the Lord to “teach you how to profit” you'll be willing to pay that price, after all, hasn't he paid a greater price for your salvation? gm



**"I love them that love me
and those that seek me
early will find me"
(Proverbs 8:17).**

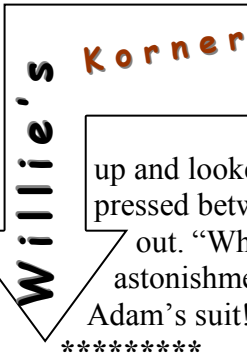
**TMA: 230
Contacts: 147
Visitors: 34
Bible Studies: 3
Holy Ghost:
Baptism:**

Mission Statement:
The Pentecostals
of Greenville is an
Apostolic church.
We are committed
to exalt Jesus Christ;
to worship Him
in Spirit and in Truth;
to proclaim the gospel;
to evangelize
our community;
to minister
to people's needs &
to provide a
spiritual atmosphere of
fellowship and growth.

POG: BUILT ON THE ROCK!

PASTOR'S PRAYER PARTNERS: Sundays at 9:45 a.m..
PRE-SERVICE PRAYER: Thirty minutes before services.
THE HOUR OF POWER: Saturday from 7:00-8:00 p.m.
BIBLE STUDY: Wednesday night, 7:30 p.m.

**Trust God!
Church Growth,
Faith, Family
Finances,
Commitment**



Short N Sweet

A little boy opened the big and old family Bible with fascination, and looked at the old pages as he turned them. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible, and he picked it up and looked at it closely. It was an old leaf from a tree that had been pressed between the pages. "Momma, look what I found," the boy called out. "What have you got there, dear?" his mother asked. With astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered: "I think it's Adam's suit!"

Beware of the hushers!

Six-year-old Angie and her four-year-old brother Joel were sitting together during church service. Joel giggled, sang, and talked out loud. Finally, his big sister had enough. "You're not supposed to talk out loud in church." "Why? Who's going to stop me?" Joel asked. Angie pointed to the back of the church and said, "See those two men standing by the door? They're hushers."

Acts 2:38

An elderly woman had just returned to her home from church, when she was startled by an intruder. As she caught the man in the act of robbing her home of its valuables, she yelled, "Stop-Acts 2:38!" (...turn from your sin...).

The burglar stopped dead in his tracks. The woman calmly called the police and explained what she had done. As the officer cuffed the man to take him in, he asked the burglar, "Why did you just stand there? All she did was yell a scripture to you." "Scripture!" replied the burglar, "She said she had an AXE and two 38's!"

Top Twelve New Year's Resolutions

1. Lose Weight / Exercise more.
2. Spend time with family and friends.
3. Pay down Debt/ manage money better.
4. Quit bad habits.
5. Get Organized! Life. Home, finances
6. Find a better job.
7. Take a trip/vacation.
8. Be a better person.
9. Enjoy life more. Laugh.
10. Learn something new.
11. Help others.
12. Keep the resolutions, I make.



December Birthdays:

1 Andrew Roberts
2 Charlene Lappin
5 Kimberly White
8 Danielle Edmundson
8 Rebecca Dupree
8 T'Ondre (BJ) Alexander
10 Jasmine Roberts
12 Tina Williams
14 Timothy Griffin
16 Christina Moseley
23 Carson Brown
23 Ava Savage
26 Tyla Gomez
27 Billy Rouse
28 Genevieve Dixon

**If you have a
birthday to add, let
us know;
Call 341-3437.**

Until next time, Willie

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