January 17, 2016

The Pentecostals

2950 South Memorial Drive, Greenville, NC

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CHURCH SCHEDULE: Sunday School 10:00 AM

Evening Worship 7:00 PM

Bible Study

Wednesday 7:30 PM

Prayer Meeting Saturday 7:00 PM

"And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. (1 Samuel 15: 22).

January

Faith Promise- \$2028 Building Fund- \$370 Missions- \$600

Wednesday nights:

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

Obedience: A Key to Revival

I was reminded today of the Israelites who had manna from heaven but they complained.

They were directly fed by God and they complained! Jonah struggled with obeying God. He didn't want to go to Nineveh, and the Lord used a great fish that he had prepared to convince Jonah that maybe Nineveh wasn't so bad after all. He tells us about that experience:

"I went down to the bottoms of the mountains; the earth with her bars was about me for ever: yet hast thou brought up my life from corruption, O Lord my God. When my soul fainted within me I remembered the Lord; and my prayer came in unto thee, into thine holy temple. They that observe lying vanities for sake their own mercy. But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay that that I have vowed. **Salvation is of the Lord**." (Jonah 3: 6-9).

I can't even imagine what it must have been like for him in the belly of that great fish for three days. If only he had obeyed the Lord. When we make mistakes, we have an advocate with the Father, and when we come into his presence and ask forgiveness: he forgives us and helps us to forgive ourselves.

When Jonah refused to go to Nineveh, he stepped outside of God's protection. It's necessary to stay surrounded with the will and purpose of God if we desire to be effective in our worship. Nothing less than giving our whole heart, mind, soul, and strength into serving God, will be acceptable. We should make a concerted effort to keep ourselves holy, because the Lord commands us to be holy. Is it really worth losing out with God, to struggle and hold on to things that may not be good for us? Could it be that the Lord removes things from our lives, so that we'll look to him for our provision? He has an abundant supply, and he desires to give us the good of the land.

It isn't difficult to find out the will of God; the challenge begins when we try to get around to <u>doing</u> the will of God. Let's continue to lift up our leadership in prayer so that we can move forward in 2016. gm



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

POG: **PURPOSE– POWER!**

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. (The first six weeks we'll meet at 7:00 p.m.).

TWA: 230 Contacts: 98 Visitors: 10 **Bible Studies: 3 Holy Ghost: 62**

> **Baptism:** Renewed: 2

> > Trust God! Church Growth, Faith, Family Finances. Commitment

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.

You are welcome to join us for Open house, immediately following morning service in the fellowship hall. There will be light refreshments and information about small groups.

Ladies Conference is March 10-11th at Lake Junaluska. Pre-registration is due 3/1. Register online(nclc2016.eventbrite.com) or pay church by 2/28. Information is at the front tables.

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Until next Time. Willie A bus carrying only ugly people crashes into an oncoming truck and everyone inside dies. When they get to meet their maker, because of the grief they have experienced, He decides to grant them one wish each before they enter Heaven.

They're all lined up, and God asks the first one what their wish is. "I want to be gorgeous." So God snaps His fingers, and it is done. The second one in line hears this and says, "I want to be gorgeous too." Another snap of His fingers and the wish is granted.

This goes on for a while with each one asking to be gorgeous but when God is halfway down the line, the last guy in the line starts laughing. When there are only ten people left, this guy is rolling on the floor, laughing his head off.

Finally, God reaches this last guy and asks him what his wish will be. The guy eventually calms down and says: "Make 'em all ugly again."

Moral: Be careful what you pray for.



January **Birthdays:**

1 Meghan Laurin

2 Ruby Streeter

5 Rickey Aquilla 6 Kara Ann Tate

7 Josefina Esparza

8 Anita Brown

9 Zelma Smith

12 Jesus Filomero

17 Melanie Manning

19 Angel Hardison

21 Linda Williams

24 Rebekah Laurin

29 Maria Cruz

30 Pearline Gibson

31 Reba Thomas

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

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