November 6, 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 7:00 P.M.
Prayer Meeting
Saturday 7:00 PM

"Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time. Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man" (Colossians 4:6).

#### October

Faith Promise- \$2595 Building Fund- \$913 Missions- \$2860

Welcome to all guests. You're invited to join us for light refreshments immediately following service.

# The Sacrifice of Thanksgiving

"Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:6).

I get tired of hearing complaints about how bad it is in our world, but one day last week, I learned a valuable lesson about complaining. While I was praying (or was that whining) to the Lord, I was burdened in my spirit more than usual. He asked me something I wasn't prepared to answer: when was the last time that you brought your sacrifice of thanksgiving before me? I pray, but when it comes to giving thanks... He opened my eyes. Thanksgiving is a sacrifice and we will not see the fullness of God's blessings if we don't cultivate a thankful spirit. Of course, I told the Lord that I always "enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise," like he didn't know it already.

He said, "You praise me when everything is going right, and every need is, by the worldly measure, abundantly met, but when are you going to thank me for the trials? I fumbled for an answer because I honestly didn't know what to say. In the midst of a trial, it's hard to think about the blessings that are being poured out, because we don't see them. It is then, that we give thanks even when our cup feels sooo empty. That's sacrifice.

"God is the Lord, which hath shewed us light: bind the <u>sacrifice</u> with cords, even unto the horns of the altar. Thou are my God, and I will praise thee: thou art my God, I will exalt thee. O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever" (Psalm 118: 27-29).

Isn't it time that we bind our "sacrifice of thanksgiving" with cords, even unto "the horns of the altar"? The Lord requires a "living sacrifice" every time that we enter into his presence. We may not always feel like committing our thanks to the altar. Every day we fight principalities that try to prevent us from seeing through God's eyes. We don't always recognize the hand of God at work in our lives, and that hinders us from being truly thankful. We must bind our sacrifice to the altar. When everything is going well, let's don't forget to be thankful for it, and when everything falls apart: be thankful, God is working it all out for our good. A sacrifice will cost you something.

The world's prosperity distracts us; Satan tries to derail us. Pray! God's mercy endureth forever. He is exalted above all the earth; he knows what we have need of. He will give us the desires of our heart in due time.

"I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living" (Psalm 116:9). It's time to walk in the land of the living. 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, 7:00 p.m.

Korner

PRAY FOR OUR NATION: 7AM AND 7PM every day.

TWA: 205 Contacts: 97 Visitors: 4 Bible Studies: 2 Holy Ghost: Baptized:

> 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.

"Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect?

It is God that justifieth. Who is he that condemneth?

It is Christ that died, yea rather that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us"

(Romans 8:15).

## I'm not Talking about Turkey, today!

◆ A Sunday School teacher asked her class why Joseph and Mary took Jesus with them to Jerusalem.

A small child replied, 'They couldn't get a baby-sitter.'

- ◆ At Sunday School they were teaching how God created everything, including human beings. Little Johnny seemed especially intent when they told him how Eve was created out of one of Adam's ribs. Later in the week, his mother noticed him lying down as though he were ill, and she said, 'Johnny, what is the matter?' Little Johnny responded, 'I have pain in my side. I think I'm going to have a wife.'
- ♦ A little girl, dressed in her Sunday best, was running as fast as she could, trying not to be late for Bible class. As she ran she prayed, 'Dear Lord, please don't let me be late! Dear Lord, please don't let me be late!' While she was running and praying, she tripped on a curb and fell, getting her clothes dirty and tearing her dress. She got up, brushed herself off, and started running again! As she ran she once again began to pray, 'Dear Lord, please don't let me be late...but please don't shove me either!'

Until Next Time, Willie >

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### **November Birthdays:**

- 1 Jocelyn Arthurs
- 2 Salvador Abrego
- 3 Candy Griffin
- 5 Bobby Taylor, Jr.
- 6 Miranda Tripp
- 8 Michelle Rouse
- 9 Ken Jacobs
- 10 Abigail Boseman
- 10 Cindy Godley
- 13 Tim Page
- 13 Louis Jones
- 14 Annie Cox
- 15 Sharon Vandiford
- 17 Herbert Edmundson
- 17 Neil Gordon
- 19 Rhonda Porter
- 20 Sam Moseley
- 22 Deanna Savage
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- 23 La'Nika Wright 25 Hunter Rouse
- 27 Ethan Drury
- 30 MelanieTyson
- If you have a birthday to add, Let us know; Call 341-3437.