December 25, 2016 The

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

Twelve Days of Christmas

On the first day of Christmas,

Jesus gave to me:

- 1. Salvation Full and Free
- 2. Everlasting life
- 3. Peace in my heart
- 4. Lord for all men
- 5. Joy for my soul
- 6. Power from on high
- 7. A Body Glorified
- 8. A Robe and a crown
 - 9. Mansion above
- 10. Streets of pure gold 11. A thousand tongues to sing
- 12. Eternity to Praise.

December

Faith Promise- \$2325 Building Fund- \$3545 Missions- 2400

Welcome to all guests.

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

My Commitment is for Eternity

I'm not ashamed to lift up the name of Jesus, and I didn't take on his name only to hide in a corner somewhere and be afraid to call on it. It's not that I have any special anointing on my life, or that I am unique in any way. The one thing that has made me bold in my profession of faith is the day that I made a commitment for Eternity. If you come to my house I'll lift up the Name of Jesus, and if you see me on the street you'll know what I stand for because I'm walking in his light.

You see, Jesus came into my life one day in a powerful way. After I got honest with him and recognized my need for him, I repented of my sins and he filled me with the Holy Ghost. It was years later, after I had backslid, that I realized that there was more to this salvation than saying, "I'm sorry," or speaking in tongues. I had always felt that something was missing. (If I had been baptized in Jesus' Name back when I first found Jesus, I may not have backslid.)

I didn't have the power because I wasn't fully committed to this gospel until I took on Jesus' Name in baptism. Since that time, December 8, 1991, I am committed for eternity. It was below freezing outside on the Sunday night that I was baptized in Jesus' Name, but when I came out of the cold water, I was warm and complete.

Every year, memories flood my soul as I unpack Christmas ornaments, old cards, mementos that mean so much to me. One of those sustaining memories for me has been the four plastic ornaments that are oval-shaped and depict scenes of the three wise men, the shepherds, the nativity, and the angels. They have been a part of my tree for 43 years. When I lost everything because of sin, the ornaments were one of the things that survived. Through children's curiosity, cat's paws, clumsy hands, shuffled boxes, packing and unpacking—the ornaments have given me hope that there is a God who is faithful and he understands when we aren't able to see his provision. When I doubted that he even noticed my tears, the ornaments hung there to remind me that he was well aware of my grief and that he would never leave me nor forsake me.

As the boughs of the tree have lifted and held the ornaments, so, God's eternal love has lifted me. I can't read the future and for the ones who have gone before I can't know their destination, but I can trust in God that we which are alive and remain will be caught up to meet him in the air. You see, I'm committed for eternity and the ornaments are a reminder of my promise and my commitment. I am blessed--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.

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

TWA: 230 Contacts: 210 Visitors: 51 **Bible Studies: 3 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.

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'Twas the night before Jesus came and all through the house

Not a creature was praying, not one in the house.

Their Bibles were lain on the shelf without care In hopes that Jesus would not come there. The children were dressing to crawl into bed. Not once ever kneeling or bowing a head.

And Mom in her rocker with baby on her lap

Was watching the Late Show while I took a nap. When out of the East there arose such a clatter.

I sprang to my feet to see what was the matter.

Away to the window I flew like a flash, Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash! When what to my wondering eyes should appear

But angels proclaiming that Jesus was here. With a light like the sun sending forth a bright ray I knew in a moment this must be THE DAY! The light of His face made me cover my head

It was Jesus! returning just like He had said.

And though I possessed worldly wisdom and wealth, I cried when I saw Him in spite of myself.

In the Book of Life which He held in His hand Was written the name of every saved man.

He spoke not a word as He searched for my name; When He said "it's not here" my head hung in shame.

The people whose names had been written with love He gathered to take to His Father above.

With those who were ready He rose without a sound.

While all the rest were left standing around.

I fell to my knees, but it was too late;

I had waited too long and thus sealed my fate. I stood and I cried as they rose out of sight:

Oh, if only I had been ready tonight.

In the words of this poem the meaning is clear;

The coming of Jesus is drawing near.

There's only one life and when comes the last call We'll find that the Bible was true after all!

Until next time, Willie

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December Birthdays:

- 1 Andrew Roberts
- 2 Charlene Lappin
- 5 Kimberly White
- 5 Mark Rowe
- 8 Danielle

Edmundson

- 8 Rebecca Dupree
- 8 T'Ondre (BJ)

Alexander

- 10 Jasmine Roberts
- 12 Gini Williams
- 14 Timothy Griffin
- 16 Christina Moseley
- 17 Jacob Paige
- 23 Carson Brown
- 23 Ava Savage
- 26 Tayla Gomez
- 27 Billy Rouse
- 28 Genevieve Dixon
- 30 Denaijiah Trimble

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