December 31, 2017

The Pentecostals

2950 South Memorial Drive, Greenville, NC

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# CHURCH SCHEDULE: Sunday School 10:00 AM Evening Worship 6:00 PM Bible Study Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Prayer Meeting Saturday 7:00 PM

"Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. 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 4:4-6).

### December

Faith Promise- \$1870 Building Fund- \$1265 Missions- \$2913

Welcome to the *POG*! You're invited to join us immediately after service for light refreshments in the fellowship hall.

# We Were Chosen for Such a Time as This

"He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God" (Micah 6:8).

What does the Lord require of me? I have asked myself that question on many occasions in my walk with God. What do I do next, Lord? I used to get so confused when I had too many different directions to follow, until the Lord and I had a chat one day and this is what he showed me that I will have opportunity after opportunity to worship him openly and to be a witness over the course of a lifetime, and that I would be wise to pace myself in my walk with God. Not everything that we are called to do is urgent, but if we will learn to lean on God, we will have a better chance of overcoming our enemies. Paul reminded the church: "Not that I speak in respect to want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content. I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: everywhere and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me notwithstanding ye have well done, that ye did communicate with my affliction: (Philippians 4:10-14).

Sometimes the simple act of trusting God is all that is required to get God's blessing working in our lives. Many times, we make major decisions without even asking God. We wait and announce to the Lord what we did after the fact. If we approach God in this way, we have it very backwards. I have found that every time I run full steam ahead without consulting the Lord through prayer, I work twice as hard to achieve less work; however, the story changes if I wait on God's will to unfold.

With God, I can do exploits, I am able to juggle responsibilities and minister to more and more people. "Tis' so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take him at his word, I'm so glad I learned to trust him, just to know thus saith the Lord." We have prepared ourselves with fasting, prayer, and seeking God. Have faith in God to help you to do his will. Now, is the time to put our faith to work and thrust in the sickle to reap, for today is the day of salvation.

Before you can reap a harvest you must first sow some seeds. We have done that and will continue to work. It has been a challenging year, but the good news is, we were chosen to live it, and to keep moving forward in our faith. Those things that maybe you feel that you didn't accomplish as well, may be the seeds of promise that will be fulfilled in 2018. We may not always understand the why things happen, but as long as we know who we can trust, we will be victorious. Have faith in God. He is in full control of our journey. –gm

...if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land."



# P.O.G.: GOOD TO GREAT!

Pre-Service Prayer: Thirty minutes before services. Pastor's Prayer Partners Sundays at 10:00 AM The Hour of Power: Saturdays from 7:00-8:00 PM

Pray for our Nation: Daily 7AM & 7PM.



TWA: 210 Contacts: 153 Visitors: 5 **Bible Studies: 5 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.

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land" (2 Chronicles 7:14).

A doctor, a lawyer, a little boy and a priest were out for a Sunday afternoon flight on a small private plane. Suddenly, the plane developed engine trouble. In spite of the best efforts of the pilot, the plane started to go down. Finally, the pilot grabbed a parachute, yelled to the passengers that they had better jump, and then he bailed out. Unfortunately, there were only three parachutes remaining.

The doctor grabbed one and said "I'm a doctor, I save lives, so I must live," and jumped out. The lawyer then said, "I'm a lawyer and lawyers are the smartest people in the world. I deserve to live." He also grabbed a parachute and jumped.

The priest looked at the little boy and said, "My son, I've lived a long and full life. You are young and have your whole life ahead of you. Take the last parachute and live in peace." The little boy handed the parachute back to the priest and said, "Not to worry, Father. The 'smartest man in the world' just took off with my back pack."

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## 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 White
- **26** Lucero Salinas
- Jeronimo
- 29 Maria Cruz
- 30 Pearline Gibson
- 31 Reba Thomas

If you have a birthday to add, let us know; Call 341-3437 and leave a message to include the name and the birthdate.