February 4, 2018 The Pentecostals 2950 South Memorial Drive, Greenville, NC 757-3033

**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

"Hear, O Israel; the Lord: And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all all thy soul, and with all thine might" (Deuteronomy 6:4-5).

#### January

Faith Promise- \$720 Building Fund- \$960 Missions-\$3750

#### Welcome to the *POG*!

You're invited to join us for light refreshments in the fellowship hall.

# Walls of Salvation; Gates of Praise

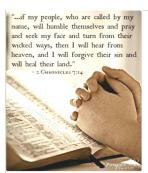
The Lord tells us that the walls are Salvation and the gates are Praise. When I think of walls, I think of obstacles that we must get over or around, to avoid at all cost, For the Israelites, walls were not only an obstacle, but proved to make a way of escape across the Red Sea.

They were standing on the banks of the Red Sea looking out over the looming body of water that went on as far as the eyes could see. It seemed like they were in big trouble and there was no way to get through it. They had no time to build a boat, especially with the Egyptians on their heels. They only saw the walls, and they really had a hard time seeing salvation. Did they say, "oh, we know it looks bad Lord our God is one right, now, but God will deliver us? No, their first reaction was fear, and pardon me, they probably were thinking, "Moses, great move, you've really done it now! First, you take us from our homes. We were content as slaves—at least we had plenty of garlic and onions while we were back in Egypt; you can't get any finer than that only to bring us out in this wilderness to be killed right here on the spot. We should thine heart, and with have stayed in Egypt! Oh me. How do we get through the obstacles in our lives? It is through our Praise. The gates of Praise will open up a world of opportunities for

> Let me remind you that it was God who hardened Pharaoh's heart against the Israelites. God—not Satan. If we start trusting God more, we will never have another hardship: WRONG! The Lord doesn't promise us earthly bliss or peace on earth. Sorry, but it can't happen as long as there is sin in the world. He promises us that he will create a Wall of Salvation. Not all walls are to be shunned. The Israelites went through the Red Sea on dry land because the walls of water went up. How did they do it? Praising God for deliverance.

We can be surrounded by walls, and sometimes it seems that the walls are meant for evil or to discourage us from getting on the other side, but instead of complaining like the Israelites so often did, think about what the Lord may be accomplishing in your life. Instead of going against God's plans, Go With God, and eventually you immediately after service will see that the end result of trusting God will lead to victory in your life. Not all walls are grievous, and blessings sometimes flow through the back door when we least expect them. Are we willing to recognize that the Lord has everything under control? The Walls that were meant for evil, the Lord brings the good, if we'll only learn to trust him.

When I didn't know where to turn in my life, I asked the Lord to direct my steps, and he showed me the way. It didn't happen overnight, but as I trust him and wait on him, he unfolds his plan in my life in his will. I can see how the Lord has had his hand in even the things that were devastating to endure throughout my walk with him. There's no turning back for me, now. My desire is towards him. I can have confidence in the Lord that he knows what is best for me. Let's lift up his name in adoration and praise for the great God that he is, so mighty yet so loving. -gm



#### Rule of 5

- 1. Pray
- 2. Read the Bible
- 3. Be a Witness
- 4. Give

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5. Come to Church & Worship.

#### P.O.G.: GOOD TO GREAT IN 2018!

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.

#### **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.



TWA: 220 Contacts: 122 Visitors: 7

Bible Studies: 2 Holy Ghost: Baptized:

"Why are thou cast down, O my soul? And why art thou disquieted within me? Hope in God: for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God" (Psalm 43:5)

### **Robbing the Amish:**

Two fellers were in desperate need of cash, but admittedly were a bit cowardly. So the one suggested they break into the Amish market. The logic being that since the Amish were non-resistant, even if they were caught, no harm could befall them. Thus they carried out their plot.

However, just as they were breaking into the cash register, the owner turned



"Wireless communication is nothing new.
I've been praying for 75 years!"

on the lights and confronted them, a shotgun pointed directly at them.

Calmly, the Amishman said, Boys, I would never do thee any harm yet you are standing where I am about to shoot.

#### Are we sure that we are Awake?

A young man had this problem of getting up late in the morning and was always late for work. His boss

was mad at him and threatened to fire him if he didn't do something about it. So he went to his doctor who gave him a pill and told him to take it before he went to bed.

For the first time in a long time, he slept well, and in fact, beat the alarm in the morning. He had a leisurely breakfast and drove cheerfully to work.

"Boss," he said, "The pill actually worked!"

"That's all fine," said the boss, "But where were you yesterday?"

Until next time, Willie

There's always something great happening at the POG! Welcome.

## February Birthdays:

Malachi Carlton

2 Betty Moseley

12 Tiffany Edwards

16 Wesley Laurin

17 Amanda Savage

22 Travis Kenerly

23 Stephen Johnson

24 Ruby Roberson

26 Robert Williams

27 Brad Manka

27 Felicia Johnson

28 Norwood Still

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