April 1, 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

"For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love and of a sound mind. Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partakers of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God: Who hath saved us, and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began;" (2 Timothy 1:7-9).

#### March

Faith Promise- \$2295 Building Fund- \$1670 Missions- \$3098

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

# **Their Rejection Became Our Redemption**

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

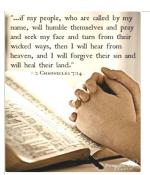
The Lord went willingly with the soldiers although it hurt him that Judas had betrayed him. Jesus knew that it would require his life to purchase salvation for mankind, and yet he was still willing to pay that price.

When the mob cried out "Crucify Him!" Jesus didn't argue but accepted the will of the father. Everything looked bleak when Jesus was crucified. The soldiers pierced his side (although he was already dead) and the disciples laid him in a borrowed tomb. They had heard him teach, but this was not a fairy tale, this was real: a cruel cross, nail prints, shed blood: death. Today, we celebrate his life! Death couldn't keep him! Resurrection!

Thankfully the price for our redemption has already been paid. We are blessed because Jesus loved us enough to die for us and we will reign with him eternally! He made a way for us to have our inheritance, and although our crosses may be difficult to carry through the crowds; sometimes we may stumble and fall as we journey through this life, it's comforting to know that Jesus' cross bore so much more and that everything that we must carry, he carried it first to Calvary. He won't fail you in your darkest night. He'll be the light of hope that glimmers in a troubled life. When we see the cross that he bore for us, our crosses seems so much lighter—after Calvary, we can make it. He cried out, "It is finished." But, is it really finished?

The price has been paid. It's up to us to decide if we will accept his generous offer of eternal life for our future and commitment for the present. The Jews sincerely believed that Jesus was not the Messiah. They thought they were justified so they killed their only salvation. They considered Christ a blasphemer. He was a healer; he was the cause of people assembling in the streets; he incited the crowds and somehow he managed to open blind eyes and unstop deaf ears all by the speaking of his name. The Jews couldn't accept Jesus for who he was because Jesus wasn't anything like they expected. How disillusioned they were to miss the greatest miracle of all: his unconditional love. Their rejection became our redemption. How blessed we are to have a Savior who loved us to death. He is alive today so we can live eternally.

Thank you for making the effort to visit with us on this Easter Sunday for it is a special day of celebration. He is alive! Feel free to enter into God's presence this morning. May the Lord minister to your needs in this service. **Welcome to the Pentecostals of Greenville!** *gm* 



## Rule of 5

- 1. Pray
- 2. Read the Bible
- 3. Be a Witness
- 4. Give
- 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: 208 Contacts: 2159 Visitors: 70

Bible Studies: 63 Holy Ghost: 3 Baptized: 13

"Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is this king of glory?

The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle"

(Psalm 24: 7-8).

God is Like a TV Commercial. Then there's the Sunday School teacher who had her 5th grade class watch commercials to see if they could use them to come up with ways to communicate truths about God. Here's what they said: God is like...

Allstate: You're in good hands. Alka-Seltzer: Try him, you'll like Him

**Tide:** He gets the stains out that others leave behind.

**Sears:** He has everything. **A Ford:** He's got a better idea.

Hallmark Cards: He cared enough to send the very best.

**Bayer Aspirin:** He works miracles. **Delta:** He's ready when you are.

**Alberto Vo-5:** He holds through all kinds of weather.

**Coke:** He's the real thing.

The US Post Office: Neither rain, nor snow, nor sleet, nor hail

will keep Him from His appointed rounds.

**Scotch Tape:** You can't see Him, but you know He's there. **Dial Soap:** Aren't you glad you've got Him? Don't you wish

everybody did?

**General Electric:** He brings good things to life.

There's always great things happening at the POG Sunday school!

Until next time, Willie

"Search me,
O God, and know
my heart: try me,
and know my thoughts"
(Psalm 139:23).

# **April Birthdays:**

- 2 Brandon Freeman
- 6 Misty Lantz
- 7 Greta Lee
- 7 Linda Daniels
- 8 Donald Richardson
- 9 Cameron Wade
- 13 James Earl Manning, III
- 12 Caidence Rene Sumner
- 12 Lauren Washington
- 14 Crystal Boseman
- 14 Norman Schmidt
- 14 Monique Wright
- 15 Alice Godley
- 15 Irma Lappin
- 17 Jessica Aguirre
- 17 Tommy Williams
- 18 Erieck Fiarza
- 21 Dorothy Duncan
- 22 J.J. Hardison
- 22 Jim Wood
- 24 Hannah Paige
- 24 Frank (Butch)

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- 26 Sara Catherine O'Neal
- 27 Robert Mitchell
- 28 Lisa Johnson
- 29 Chuck Ausherman

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