June 23, 2019

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

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

Finally, brethren,
whatsoever things are
true, whatsoever things
are honest, whatsoever
things are just,
whatsoever things are
pure, whatsoever things
are of good report:
if there be any virtue,
and if there be any
praise, think on these
things.

Philippians 4:6-8

June

Building Fund- \$12696 Missions- \$2518

Refined Through the Fire

In the dictionary, "refine" means several things: to reduce to a pure state, as with sugar, metal, or oil; to free from moral imperfection; to improve by pruning or polishing; or to free from what is coarse, vulgar, or uncouth, as with a refined person.

What does the Bible say about refining?

- 1. **Metal is refined and purified in a furnace; the Lord purifies and tests the heart.** "The refining pot is for silver, and the furnace for gold: but the Lord trieth the hearts" (Proverbs 17:3).
- 2. We must be refined before our offerings are acceptable to the Lord. "But who may abide the day of his coming? And who shall stand when he appeareth? For he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap: And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness" (Malachi 3:2-4).
- 3. The Lord's people will be tested in the furnace of affliction (or great suffering). (Read Isaiah 1:25, 4:4, 48:10 and Jeremiah 9:7)
- 4. **The Lord examines your heart and mind.** "I the Lord search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings" (Jeremiah 17:10).
- 5. Those who survive will be refined and tested by the Lord. "And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, The Lord is my God" (Zechariah 13:9).

It is in God's plan to take us through the fire. The fire is not a pleasant thing nor is it always easy, perhaps even most dreaded; but, it is necessary to go through the fire so that you can be refined. If we never face adversity, we'll not be prepared to overcome conflict in our lives. I am thankful that the Lord takes the time to help us to be prepared for spiritual warfare.

He hasn't abandoned us even though we may feel that we are very much alone. I know that the Lord is with us at all times, even when we don't understand the circumstances that brought us to a place in the wilderness. He knows the plans that he has for us; to prosper us, and to keep us in good health. If you obey the scriptures, you'll know that you have authority in God's word to overcome the adversary.

Stand on the word of God, and expect God's best. gm

Welcome to the POG!

If this is your first time visiting us at the *POG*, you're invited to join us immediately after service for light refreshments in the fellowship hall.



Rule of 5

- 1. Pray
- 2. Read the Bible
- 3. Be a Witness
- 4. Give
- 5. Come to Church & Worship.

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: 190 Contacts: 111 Visitors: 11

Home Bible Studies: 4

Holy Ghost: Baptized:

Willie's Korner



THOUGHTS TO PONDER,

"I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13).

The road to success is not straight.
There is a curve called FAILURE,
A loop called CONFUSION,
Speed bumps called FRIENDS,
Red lights called ENEMIES,

Caution lights called FAMILY.

You will have flats called JOBS.
But, if you have a spare called DETERMINATION,
An engine called PERSEVERANCE,
Insurance called FAITH,
A driver called JESUS,

You will make it to a place called SUCCESS!

Three Biblical principles to abide by if you want to live an abundant life.:

- 1. Live with nothing to prove.
- 2. Live with nothing to hide.
- 3. Live with nothing to lose.
- -Ken Davis, "Focus on the Family"

Put your Trust in God. Don't Give Up on Yourself!

Albert Einstein's parents thought he was retarded. He spoke haltingly until age 9, and after that he answered questions only after laboring in thought about them. He was advised by a teacher to drop out of high school:

"You'll never amount to anything, Einstein."

Until next time, Willie

June Birthdays:

- 1 Pebbles Fincham
- 2 Gracie Page
- 3 Brittany Johnson
- 3 Judah A. White
- 6 Scott Tout
- 10 Bobby Pettus
- 11 Nikolas Pierce
- 11 Nina Villeda
- 12 Ethan Brooks
- 12 Jacob Drury
- 12 Alexia Dupree
- 17 Shatka

Brightstarr

Richardson

- 18 Doresa Puckett
- 19 Sacha Gibson
- 19 Tim O'Connor
- 23 Brooks Fincham
- 25 Jodi-Ann

Arthurs

25 Arnetta Jordan

27 Will Paige

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

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