January 5, 2020

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

"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee. Trust ye in the Lord for ever: for in the Lord JEHOVAH is everlasting strength" (Isaiah 26:3-4).

"I love them that love me and those that seek me early will find me" (Proverbs 8:17).

December

Building Fund- \$6721 Missions- \$2534

2020 Vision, Staying Committed

"Behold, I have refined thee, but not with silver; I have chosen thee in the *furnace* of affliction" (Isaiah 48:10).

"Thus saith the Lord, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: I am the Lord thy God which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go" (Isaiah 48:17).

The past is behind us and we must look forward to a brand new year, 2020. The Lord has brought us through trial after trial and we still are here, learning to trust him, seeking him, and believing him. It doesn't matter that we have had some challenges to face this year; sometimes we may have felt like quitting the race. We have continued to be faithful to the purpose and will of God. Looking back on this past year, I have come to understand that anything that we have set out to do, can't be compared to what Jesus did at Calvary. The only thing that does matter, in the end, is the realization that we made it by keeping the faith, leaning on the Lord, and trusting in his holy word, because he's never failed us yet! He is faithful. Keep holding on to his promise and you will see your prayers answered in the very near future.

Backing out of the race isn't an option, nor is focusing on all of the things that didn't go well this past year. What can we do? We can look at our situation through God's eyes to gain a totally different perspective. We can learn how to be thankful for the many times the Lord has spared our lives from tragedy: not everyone can say that. We can be thankful for every day that the Lord gives us strength, wisdom, and the willpower to complete any task that he sets before us.

We can't measure our successes using the same yardstick that the world uses, but we can thank the Lord for leading us through the "furnace of affliction." Did I read this right, Sister Morgan? Affliction? It's true; the Lord selects us from the "furnace of affliction" so that we can declare his glory. He wants us to fully commit our lives to his service, not out of a sense of duty or obligation, but because we love Him, and we want to serve Him to the uttermost. The question we should be asking ourselves is: can we be trusted? The Lord would share so much more with us if we could be trusted to handle both the good and the bad without panicking every step of the way.

The Israelites would have had "peace as a river" if they had "hearkened to the commandments" of the Lord, but they chose to worry and disobey instead. They wanted the peace but not the commitment that comes with serving God." Instead of "righteousness as the waves of the sea," they sold out for half-hearted worship. Instead of trusting God so that their seed also had been as the sand, they were destined to walk the sands in the wilderness and eventually to have their name cut off and destroyed from the Lord (Isaiah 48:18-19). There is a price to pay for commitment, but if you want the Lord to "teach you how to profit" you'll be willing to pay that price, after all, hasn't he paid a greater price for your salvation? Thank you for worshiping with us, today. gm



Rule of 5

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

Facebook Contacts 8755

2020 Vision

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.



POG-POGC-Enfield-

TWA:

Contacts:

Visitors:

Home Bible Studies:

Holy Ghost:

January Birthdays

Baptized:

2019 Totals TWA 205

First Time Visitors: 498

Total Bible studies: 183

Holy Ghost: 23

Renewed: 3 Baptisms: 22

3 Gracelyn Paige

5 Rickey Aquilla

1 Meghan Pruitt

1 Gabriel Deleon

6 Kara Ann Tate

7 Josefina Esparza

8 Anita Brown

9 Zelma Smith

12 Jesus Filomero

17 Melanie Manning

19 Angel Hardison

18 Thalisa (TT)

Cattenhead

21 Linda Williams

24 Rebekah White

26 Lucero Salinas

Jeronimo

29 Maria Cruz

29 Sammy Mitchell

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

Total Visitors: 772 Contacts 5908

One Lessons: 55

Willie's

TOP TEN SIGNS YOU MAY NOT BE READING YOUR BIBLE ENOUGH:

10) The Preacher announces the sermon is from Galatians ... and you check the table of contents.



- 9) You think Abraham, Isaac & Jacob may have had a few hit songs during the 60's.
- 8) You open to the Gospel of Luke and a WWII Savings Bond falls out.
- 7) Your favorite Old Testament Patriarch is Hercules.
- 6) A small family of woodchucks has taken up residence in the Psalms of your Bible.
- 5) You become frustrated because Charlton Heston isn't listed in either the Concordance or the Table of Contents.
- 4) Catching the kids reading the Song of Solomon, you demand: "Who gave you this stuff?"
- 3) You think the Minor Prophets worked in the quarries.
- 2) You keep falling for it every time when Pastor tells you to turn to First Condominiums.
- 1) The kids keep asking too many questions about your usual bedtime story: "Jonah the Shepherd Boy and His Ark of Many Colors."

Until next time, Willie

Welcome to The Pentecostals of Greenville.

We are glad that you are here, today. We invite you to worship freely in this place. 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. Do you want to read more of the Lattereign newsletter? Follow it at lattereign7.com