February 16, 2020

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

That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; But speaking the truth in in all things, which is the head, even Christ:" (Ephesians 4:14-15). **February** Building Fund-\$5209 Missions-\$7598

Spiritual Growth

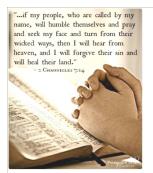
At the beginning of the year some of us make New Year's resolutions. Sometimes we stick to them, but for most of us after the end of January we have completely forgotten about them or just decided that it's too hard and we don't want to do it anymore. At the beginning of this year, I came across a website called oneword365.com. On this website, they give you words that you can pray about and you commit to living out that word in your life for the year, and you focus on this word every day of the year, I chose Growth. Now there are many ways we can grow in our lives, but tonight, I want to focus on spiritual growth.

I believe that it is God's will for us to become mature Christians and in order to do that we must grow in God's word. In Colossians 4:12 Epaphras, who is one of you and a servant of Christ Jesus, sends greetings. He is always wrestling in prayer for you, that you may stand firm in all the will of God, mature and fully assured." Another version of that verse says "That you may become mature Christians and that you may fulfill God's will for you." In order to become spiritually mature we must become like Jesus or be more like him in everything we do. (Ephesians 4:14-15).

However, while all those habits are all good to maintain...spiritual growth does not love, may grow up into him happen overnight. You can be a Christian or you can say you are a Christian and never truly grow up spiritually or even show an ounce of growth. In Hebrews 5:12-13, "For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. For every one that useth milk is unskillful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe." In 2 Peter 3:18, "But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen." It takes time to grow, and we need to be using the time that we have

wisely so that we can grow in Christ. A lot of times we want an instant fix or an easy way to do things. But most things in life that are worth doing, and doing well. will take time. There is no shortcut to spiritual growth! You have to work at it. Just as if you were to plant a garden... it takes time and effort. "Have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives' tales; rather train yourself to be godly. For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come. That is why we labor and strive, because we have put our hope in the living God, who is the Savior of all people, and especially of those who believe" (1 Timothy 4:7-8, 10 NIV).

As with physical training, growth takes time and discipline. We must discipline ourselves for the purpose of godliness. We are called to be his disciples and follow him, however we can not do that if we don't show discipline in certain areas of our life. The bible tells us in, Luke 14:27, "And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. "Then he said to them all: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me" (Luke 9:23). God wants us to deny our flesh daily and follow him. "All scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work" (2 Timothy 3:16-17). The bible helps us to see what is right and wrong in our lives. The bible is our road map, our instruction manual for life, without it directing us, we may become lost and that is not God's will for our life. Finally, "Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the spirit, which is the word of God" (Ephesians 6:17). The word of God is vital in our walk with God and in our continued growth in him. So my question tonight is, "What are you doing to grow in Jesus this year?" Thank you, Sister Amber Tucker for submitting your Saturday night devotional. –gm



Rule of 5

- 1. Pray
- 2. Read the Bible
- 3. Be a Witness
- 4. Give
- 5. Come to Church & Worship. Follow us at lattereign7.com

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- 216 POGC-49 Enfield-5

TWA: 270 Contacts: 125 Visitors: 10

Home Bible Studies: 13 Holy Ghost: 1

Baptized:

Scriptures to live by:

"And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God" (Romans 12:2).

"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand" (Isaiah 41:10).

Welcome to POG!

Join us for a guest reception (light refreshments) immediately following service in the fellowship hall.

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Just a thought...

"I am my neighbor's Bible, He reads when we meet. Today he reads me in my home, Tomorrow in the street."

"Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than going to a garage makes you an automobile."

Here are some more Bible facts.

Part 2 submitted by Sister Marine Turpen

What is the shortest chapter in the Bible? Psalm 117

What is the longest chapter in the Bible? Psalms 119

What chapter is in the center of the Bible? Psalm 118

Fact: There are 594 chapters before Psalm 118.

Fact: There are 594 chapters after Psalm 118.

Add these numbers up and you get, 1188.

What is the center verse in the Bible? Psalm 118:8.

Does this verse say something significant about God's perfect will for our lives?

The next time someone says they would like to find God's perfect will for their lives and that they want to be in the center of his will, just send them to the center of his word.

Psalm 118:8 (NKJV) "It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man." Now isn't that odd how this worked out (or was God in the center of it?)

Until next time, Willie

February Birthdays

Malachi Carlton

2 Betty Moseley

12 Tiffany Edwards

12 Felicia Tucker

16 Wesley Laurin

17 Amanda Savage

22 Travis Kenerly

24 Ruby Roberson

27 Brad Manka

27 Felicia Johnson

28 Essence Emani

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.