February 20, 2021

The Pentecostals

2950 South Memorial Drive, Greenville, NC

757-3033

CHURCH SCHEDULE: Sunday School 10:00 AM

Saturday Evening
Worship
7:00 PM

Pre-service Prayer 6:30 PM

Wednesday Night
Bible Study
Youth Class
Kids for Christ
7:00 P.M.

"That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us:"

Acts 17:27

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Welcome to the Pentecostals of Greenville!

## Bigger than Big; Closer than Close

"God is great not just because nothing is too big; God is great because nothing is too small." (Mark Batterson, from his book Whisper)

It's difficult to truly describe how big God is. "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." (Genesis 1:1) Now the earth, we can see how big it is. But the heavens? The universe is still expanding, and what scientists can see is nothing to what actually is! The universe is billions of light-years in diameter and still growing. God is spirit, and that spirit is omnipresent. "But will God indeed dwell on the earth? behold, the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house that I have builded?" (I Kings 8:27) "The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens." (Psalm 113:4)

How big is God? Bigger than time itself. "I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last." (Rev. 22:13) We read in Isaiah 57:15 "For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity...". Think about that for a moment. God inhabits *eternity*. As humans, an eternity is the time we spend at the stop light when we're in a hurry to get somewhere. As humans, we can't fully grasp what and how long eternity is. It's outside of what we define "time" as. And those that are saved will spend an eternity with Him. "Fro the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Romans 6:23) That's forever, folks.

But what really transformed my life was not that God was bigger than big: God was closer than close. When we try to visualize our omnipresent God we tend to look upward at the heavens and picture Him filling the universe. But God not only fills the universe, His presence is next to us when we need Him. When I need Him. "The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit." (Psalm 34:18) "Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you." (James 4:8) In my despair, I called out to God, and He heard me and came to help me. The God that inhabits eternity. The God that is the champion multi-tasker. The God that created all that was, is, and is to come. He came to me. Me. One of almost eight billion. He heard my cry. Closer than close.

Even when you don't think God is near, when despair in your life has you thinking God is far, far away from you, I can tell you God IS near. Call on Him, for He has said, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." (Hebrews 13:5) One of my favorite Psalms is Psalm 46, where God is saying He is closer (more present) than any trouble that may be close to you. "God *is* our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; *Though* the waters thereof roar and be troubled, *though* the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. Selah. The Lord of hosts *is* with us; the God of Jacob *is* our refuge. Selah. Be still, and know that I *am* God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth. The Lord of hosts *is* with us; the God of Jacob *is* our refuge. Selah" (Psalm 46: 1-3, 7, 10-11). Thanks for being with us today! —wm

# "...if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land." "2 Chronicles 7:14

#### Rule of 5

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

## 2021—Restore!

Pray for restoration of: Souls, Health, Our Nation, Joy, Finances, Eastern NC, Miracles, Peace, Salvation, Praise







POG: 126
POGC: 34
TWA: 160
Contacts:
Visitors:
Home Bible Studies:
Holy Ghost:
Baptized:

# **What's Happening!**

- -Elements of Discipleship Class, 9AM to 10AM on Sunday mornings! See Bro. Obi for more details.
- -Ladies Service, Friday night March 5th!
- -Youth Night: Friday, March 12th in the FLC!
- -Ask about our Home Bible Studies!

# Willie's -\ Korner weath

### Rain Jokes (I couldn't resist!)



-What do you call it when it rains chickens and ducks? Foul weather.

-What did one rain drop say to the other? Two's company, three's a cloud.

- -What's worst than raining buckets? Hailing cabs.
- -When does it rain money? When there's change in the weather.
- -What does daylight-saving time mean in Greenville? An extra hour of rain.
- -What do you call a grizzly bear caught in the rain? A drizzly bear.
- -What's the difference between a horse and the weather? One it reined up and the other rains down.
- -It only rains twice a year in Greenville: August through April and May through July.
- -If six children and two dogs were under an umbrella, why didn't any get wet?

  It wasn't raining. Someplace other than NC. Until next time...Willie

## **February** Birthdays

- 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!

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Call 341-3436 and leave a message to include the name and the birthdate.

#### **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 and to provide a spiritual atmosphere of fellowship and growth.