



CHURCH SCHEDULE :

Saturday Night Spanish Service!

7:00 PM

Sunday Morning Service

Sunday School

10:00 AM

Sunday Night Pre-Service Prayer

5:30 PM

Sunday Night Service: Greenville

6:00 PM

Sunday Night Service: Greene County (Spanish/English)

6:00 PM

Wednesday Night

Bible Study

Youth Class

7:00 P.M.

December

Building Fund— \$2865

Missions— \$995

Welcome to the
Pentecostals of Greenville!

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

Bells. They are my favorite decorations around the house at Christmas time. On the tree, on the wall, in the garland... it doesn't matter: there are going to be bells all around the place. One of the highlights decorating my grandma's house each Christmas was hanging the three lighted bells in her kitchen window, and those same bells hung in my house up until about 10 years ago when time and wear finally took their toll on the old decorations. I promptly got online and miraculously found a set exactly like grandma's, and they hang proudly every Christmas at my house.



Bells today are more of a decoration than what they originally were meant to do. The sound of ringing bells was almost always used as a form of communication. It could announce the beginning of a battle, the victory at the end of a battle. It could be a warning, an alert, the start of some event, a call to action. The sound of ringing bells was meant to get people's attention.

Bells aren't mentioned much in the bible, the main mentioning being in the 28th chapter of Exodus where Moses is detailing how the robe should be made for the high priest who enters the Holy Place in the Tabernacle: *"And beneath upon the hem of it thou shalt make pomegranates of blue, and of purple, and of scarlet, round about the hem thereof; and bells of gold between them round about: A golden bell and a pomegranate, a golden bell and a pomegranate, upon the hem of the robe round about. And it shall be upon Aaron to minister: and his sound shall be heard when he goeth in unto the holy place before the Lord, and when he cometh out, that he die not."* (Exodus 28:33-35) The ringing of the bells signified God's acceptance of the high priest and his offering for the people's sin, and gave the people outside assurance that the high priest was alive and well.

In many churches, bells are rung as a reminder of the birth of Christ, celebrating the arrival of the Messiah, Jesus Christ, our Savior: *"And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins."* (Matthew 1:21) We have a blessed assurance even today that Jesus, our high priest, is alive and well and still working in people's lives. He is Wonderful. He is a Counselor. He is the mighty God. He is the everlasting Father. He is the Prince of Peace. He is Healer. He is our Peace. He is our Comforter. He is our Mediator. He is our Hope. He is our Risen Lord. He is Immanuel (God is with us). And He is so, so much more.

The bells will surely ring out this Christmas season as we engage ourselves in the hustle and bustle of the holiday frenzy. But let us be the bells that proclaim the greatness of Jesus to all, not only during Christmas, but throughout the year. Many haven't heard, and many need to hear. He truly is Wonderful, and He *can* ring a blessed Hope into your life. I hope you enjoy the Christmas play this morning and the Candlelight service tonight, and I invite you all to come back again throughout the year. Merry Christmas to all, and **He** truly is the Reason for the Season! wm

Scriptures to live by

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."
(Isaiah 9:6)

Christmas Play practice!



Acts 1:8 "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."
Let's be a witness. Let's be a soul winner. Let's be a prayer warrior. Let's be a bible study teacher. Let's do the work and the will of God!

What's Happening!

-Our **Children's Christmas Play** is **Today**, Dec. 12th at 10AM!

-Our **Candlelight Service** will be tonight, Dec. 12th at 6PM! There will be light refreshments served in the Family Life Center following tonight's service!

POG: 198
POGC (Pentecostals of Greene County): 38
Total Weekly Attendance: 236
Visitors: 7
Bible Studies: 2

Christmas Trivia: Part 2

Willie's
Korner



- 1) What was the first song played in space?
- 2) Candy canes came from which country?
- 3) What movie is known for the quote, "You'll shoot your eye out, kid!"?
- 4) Who invented electric Christmas lights?
- 5) Why are Christmas candy canes red and white in color?
- 6) In 1946, Nat King Cole recorded a hit with a song about "chestnuts roasting over an open fire." What is the name of this song?
- 7) Which Christmas song's second verse begins with, "See the blazing Yule before us"?
- 8) What is the most common Christmas song sung at the Pentecostals of Greenville?
- 9) What is Ralphie's little brother's name in the movie "A Christmas Story"?



December Birthdays

2 Charlene Lappin
5 Mark Rowe
8 (BJ) Alexander
10 Ronald Rouse
16 Christine Moseley
16 Amber Tucker
23 Carson Brown
27 Billy Rouse

1) "Jingle Bells", on spaceflight Gemini 6A in Dec. 1965 2) Germany 3) A Christmas Story 4) Thomas Edison in 1880 5) White symbolizes the purity of Jesus, and red symbolizes the blood that Jesus shed for us 6) The Christmas Song 7) Deck the Halls 8) O Come Let Us Adore Him 9) Randy

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.