



CHURCH SCHEDULE

Saturday Night Prayer

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

Kids For Christ (KFC)

7:00 P.M.

December

Building Fund— \$4055

Missions— \$743

Welcome to the
Pentecostals of Greenville!

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.

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 old 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 mention 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 our 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 next weekend, 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

What's Happening!

-Children's Christmas Play...

this morning: "Miracle on Main Street"! Thanks Sis. Ross and all who helped!

-Christmas Spectacular... Saturday night, Dec. 17th at 6PM! Pick up some invitations in the foyer and pass them out this week to your family, friends, neighbors, coworkers, checkout person at Food Lion, grumpy uncle, etc.!

-Candlelight Service... Sunday night, Dec. 18th at 6PM!

-No Morning Service on Christmas Day! We will have an evening Service that night at 6PM!

By The Numbers...

POG TWA: 171

The Sanctuary (Winterville): 17
Pentecostals of Greene County: 24

Total Weekly Attendance: 195

Visitors: 9

Holy Ghost:

Baptisms:

Senior Connect Group!



Food!
Fun!
Fellowship!
Games!
Laughter!



Grace's Korner



Some Christmas Trivia for you!

- 1) What is the best-selling Christmas song of all time?
- 2) How many gifts, in total, are given during the "Twelve Days of Christmas" carol?
- 3) In which classic Christmas film does Tiny Tim appear?
- 4) What was Frosty the Snowman's nose made out of?
- 5) The movie *Miracle on 34th Street* is based on a real-life department store. What is it?
- 6) What is the name of George Bailey's guardian angel in *It's A Wonderful Life*?
- 7) The French word "Noel" is often used around Christmas, but what was its original meaning in Latin?
- 8) What popular holiday song was written during the Cuban missile crisis and was a plea for peace?
- 9) What old Christmas tradition signals to people passing by that the residents of a house are Christian?

1) "White Christmas" by Bing Crosby 2) 364 3) A Christmas Carol 4) A button 5) Macy's 6) Clarence Odbody 7) Birth 8) Do You Hear What I Hear? 9) Putting candles in the windows

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!



December Birthdays

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