April 23, 2023

The Pentecostals

2950 South Memorial Drive, Greenville, NC

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### **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.

#### **April**

Building Fund— \$5496 Missions— \$2499

Welcome to the Pentecostals of Greenville!

# Scriptures to live by

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

## **Refined Through The Fire**

In the dictionary, "refine" means several things: to reduce to a pure state, as with sugar, metal, or oil; to free from moral imperfection; to improve by pruning or polishing; or to free from what is coarse, vulgar, or uncouth, as with a refined person.

### What does the Bible say about refining?

- 1. Metal is refined and purified in a furnace; the Lord purifies and tests the heart. "The refining pot is for silver, and the furnace for gold: but the Lord trieth the hearts." (Proverbs 17:3).
- 2. We must be refined before our offerings are acceptable to the Lord. "But who may abide the day of his coming? And who shall stand when he appeareth? For he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap: And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness." (Malachi 3:2-4).
- 3. The Lord's people will be tested in the furnace of affliction (or great suffering). (Read Isaiah 1:25, 4:4, 48:10 and Jeremiah 9:7)
- 4. **The Lord examines your heart and mind.** "I the Lord search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings." (Jeremiah 17:10).
- **5.** Those who survive will be refined and tested by the Lord. "And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, The Lord is my God." (Zechariah 13:9).

It is in God's plan to take us through the fire. The fire is not a pleasant thing nor is it always easy, perhaps even most dreaded; but, it is necessary to go through the fire so that you can be refined. If we never face adversity, we'll not be prepared to overcome conflict in our lives. I am thankful that the Lord takes the time to help us to be prepared for spiritual warfare. He hasn't abandoned us even though we may feel that we are very much alone. I know that the Lord is with us at all times, even when we don't understand the circumstances that brought us to a place in the wilderness. He knows the plan that He has for us; to purify us and to prepare us for life's battles. If you obey the scriptures, you'll know that you have authority in God's word to overcome the adversary.

Stand on the word of God, and expect God's best! gm/wm

### **What's Happening!**

- **-Saturday night prayer...** every Saturday night at 7PM!
- -Lifeline Youth group: Yard Sale... accepting donations for a Yard Sale to take place April 29th to help the Youth go to NAYC! Time for Spring cleaning and decluttering! We will pick up if needed! See Crystal Page or Jim and Janni Wood if you have questions!
- -Friend's Day... One service, next Sunday morning, April 30th! Be a friend and invite some friends on this Sunday! Come dressed casually as we will be spending time with the body of Christ after service! Food, bouncers, volleyball, fellowship, cornhole, horseshoes, Jenga, and more! We're grilling hot dogs and hamburgers, but see Lisa or Crystal for side dishes to bring!

### By The Numbers...

**POG TWA: 185** 

Pentecostals of Greene County: 44

Total Weekly Attendance: 229

Visitors: 10 Holy Ghost: 1 Baptisms:











Senior Group Game Night with the Youth!





Grace's "To accomplish great things we must first dream, then visualize, then plan...believe...act!" John H. Patterson

"Vision without action is merely a dream. Action without vision just passes the time. Vision with action can **change** the world." *Joel A. Barker* 

- "In faith there is enough light for those who want to believe and enough shadows to blind those who don't:." Blaise Pascal
- "It is impossible to go through life without trust. That is to be imprisoned in the worst cell of all—oneself." *Graham Greene*
- "Depression loses its **power** when **fresh vision** pierces the darkness."

  Peter Sinclair
- "Defeat never comes to any man until he admits it." *Josephus Daniels*
- "Failure is the path of least **persistence**." *Unknown Author*
- "By perseverance the snail reached the ark." Charles Haddon Spurgeon

### April Birthdays

- 2 Brandon Freeman
- 3 Indy Petersen
- 7 Linda Daniels
- 8 Donald Richardson
- 9 Gina Williams
- 12 Caidence Sumner
- 13 James Earl Manning,

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- 14 Crystal Boseman
- 14 Norman Schmidt
- 14 Monique Wright
- 21 Megan Warren
- 22 Jim Wood
- 23 Estrella Lopez
- 24 Hannah Paige
- 26 Sara Catherine O'Neal
- 27 Robert Mitchell
- 29 Chuck Ausherman