



After three day's I will rise again.. Matthew 27:63
 He has risen just as he said Matthew 28:6

April 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>Easter Sunday</i> <i>Breakfast</i> <i>following service.</i> <i>8 A.M.</i>	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 <i>Worship</i> <i>10 A.M.</i> <i>Evening</i> <i>6 P.M.</i>	9	10 <i>Teacher's</i> <i>Meeting.</i> <i>Everyone welcome</i> <i>7 P.M.</i>	11 <i>Ladies</i> <i>Refreshing time</i> <i>6:30 P.M.</i> <i>All ladies welcome</i>	12	13	14 <i>Men's</i> <i>Refreshing time</i> <i>12:00 P.M.</i> <i>All men welcome</i>
15 <i>Worship</i> <i>10 A.M.</i> <i>Evening</i> <i>6 P.M.</i>	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 <i>Worship</i> <i>10 A.M.</i> <i>Evening</i> <i>6 P.M.</i>	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 <i>Worship</i> <i>10 A.M.</i> <i>Evening</i> <i>6 P.M.</i>	30					

Happy April
Birthday's

Pleasant Grove Pentecostal Church
From the Pastor's desk

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As I wrote about the wind in March, I want to write about the rain in April. I wrote about the wind blowing away our old religious doctrine and attitude, so we can have a pure relationship with God. Now we are ready to receive the rains of the Holy Spirit. In Joel 2:28,29 then in Acts 2:17,18 *And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, "I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh."* Now our concept of pouring is like pouring milk into a glass, or pouring water out of a bucket. We picture a little stream of liquid being poured by our hands.

It is raining today. While I was walking outside, I stopped and looked *all around*, God was pouring water out of His hand. The rain was coming down all threw the valley and covering everything. I looked further and the rain *was coming down* on the mountains and hills as far as I could see. I thought God I couldn't do that with my little bucket, only you Lord could rain over all the land at one time. But I saw something else, I saw where there were dry spots under my car, under the picnic table, and under an old piece of tin that laid by my shed. Then I realized that there could be many things to hinder the rain of God's Spirit upon each of us. First of all we need to see if we intentionally cover ourselves so God's Spirit can't rain down on us. **God forbid!**

Lord I don't want to put up a religious umbrella or a denominational rain coat on, I don't want anything to block the Holy Spirit from me. Or is it something that someone else, or the Devil put there to stop the rain of the Spirit. I think of how the leaves on the trees turn toward the sky when it's going to rain saying *"God we want all your rain."* We should lift our hands to heaven and say, *God rain your Holy Spirit down on me, I want to grow, I want to bear fruit, I don't want anything covering or hindering me from receiving from you. God I want to accomplish all you want me to do for you as a servant"*

Pastor Denny

Truth Remains

Like the rock that withstands the raging fire: the Truth will remain. Everything around it will perish, but the Truth—and the One who gives it—will remain.

The prophet Isaiah stated it plain as day: “the grass withers, the flowers fade, but the word of our God remains forever” (Isa. 40:8). Jesus, standing on a mountain, said the same to His disciples: “Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will never pass away” (Matt. 24:35). And listen to these no-nonsense words from Peter’s second letter: “But the Day of the Lord will come like a thief; on that day the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, the elements will burn and be dissolved, and the earth and the works on it will be disclosed” (2 Pet. 3:10). The facts of our lives will melt away with the heat; they were never meant to last. But when the trappings of this temporary life burn away, what will be revealed? Is my life hidden in the immovable, imperishable rock of God and His Word, or am I climbing hills made of lesser things and hoping for the best? If the stuff of life will burn away, why can’t I ignore the cares of today and simply hold out for the eternal tomorrow? I could, were it not for Jesus. Jesus knew exactly how temporary the things of this world are. He was “with God in the beginning”, after all, and “all things were created through Him” (John 1:2-3). Even so, “He emptied Himself...taking on the likeness of men, “the Creator becoming like one of His created for the sake of reconciling them eternally to Himself (Phil. 2:7). He was Emmanuel, God truly with us. The Son of God came to earth to die in our stead. Who would have blamed Him for biding His time until the end? But that’s not who Jesus was. Ignoring the world around Him would not have brought glory to His Father. And ignoring the people around Him was not His nature—a nature defined by love and holiness, just justice and grace.

Instead of keeping His distance, the Son of God did the opposite: He fully entered in. Jesus attended weddings and cooked breakfast. He started conversations with strangers and fed hungry crowds. He embraced lepers and healed the hurting. He took notice of widows and sat orphans on His knee. He wept with His friends and He loved His mama. Jesus knew precisely what would and wouldn’t last, and He chose to be all there. He chose to be fully present, out of obedience to His Father and love for His people. As followers of Christ, we are called to do the same.

Forgiveness

Some say, "We do not have to forgive those who sin against us unless they repent. Even God does not forgive without repentance."

Other's say, "We need to forgive those who sin against us, even if they do not repent. Jesus forgave those who crucified Him, even while they were still at it."

Though the two paragraphs seem to disagree, they are actually talking about different things. We do not have the authority or standing to forgive as God forgives. God wiped the offender's slate clean. He removes both the guilt and the punishment for sin. Forgiveness in that sense cannot be forgiven without repentance, but only God can forgive in that sense. The prayer of Jesus on the cross did not accomplish immediate forgiveness for those crucifying Him. Some were forgiven fifty days later, but only when they believed Peter preaching the gospel and repented and were baptized. What is important for us to learn from Jesus' prayer on the cross is the attitude He demonstrates. He was for them, because He so greatly desired that they be forgiven.

We are told to forgive one another as God for Christ's sake has forgiven us (Eph. 4:32). One who has sinned against us needs to see in us, as Jesus enables us to see in Him, a love willing to receive, a readiness to forgive, a desire for reconciliation, to help produce repentance. It is for our sakes that we need the spirit of forgiveness toward others that Jesus showed toward us. Our souls will be shriveled, our spirit impoverished, our hearts hardened, if we harbor grudges or keep a bitter unforgiving spirit. Forgiveness was offered to us before we came to repentance and our forgiveness is jeopardized if we do not show the same forgiving spirit to others that Christ showed toward us.

When God forgives, offenders are pardoned. That requires their repentance. When we forgive, we ourselves are released from the burden of grudge-bearing, liberated to love, and enabled to receive the forgiveness we need. And the offender is encouraged to repent.

There will be a Teacher's meeting on the 10th Of April. Everyone is welcome to attend. Would like for anyone who is interested in becoming a teacher to come. As we need more teacher's.

On the 11th of April, there is a Ladies Refreshing Meeting at 6:30 P.M.

All ladies are welcome. Come enjoy the evening of fellowship and God's love.

April 14th there is a Men's Refreshing meeting at 12 P.M. All men welcome and encouraged to come. Come enjoy the fellowship of men and God.

Faith Step: *Jesus invites you to come. He wants your company. Today, imagine yourself walking beside Him. Share your heart and problems with the One Who knows the way.*

If you have not received that gift of eternal life with Him, then pray this short prayer to the One who gave us victory over death through Jesus Christ.

I know that I am a sinner and need your forgiveness. I believe that Jesus Christ died for my sins. I am willing to turn from my sins. I now

invite Jesus Christ to come into my heart and life as my personal Savior. I will confess you before men, study your Word and live according to your will as you guide me. Thank you for sending Jesus so that I might have eternal life.

Your word says in Romans 10:9-10 "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus and shalt

believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man

believeth unto righteousness. And with the mouth Confession is made unto salvation. Amen

Prayer Request

Place request in prayer basket at the alter, or mail them and we will place them in the prayer basket for you.

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