

# THE TENNILLE TESTIMONY

Mark 16:15 "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

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## *Notes from Pastor Jeff:*



These are exciting times at Tennille United Methodist Church. God is moving in our midst and deserves our praise! How is God moving in our midst?

1) We are currently holding two Wednesday Bible studies (1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.) and Sunday School (9:45 a.m.) as our church is hungry to grow in relationship with Jesus Christ.

2) Our first Movie Night was a success allowing us to fellowship with one another, strengthening our community.

3) Our Bread of Life and Feed My Sheep ministries continue to be an avenue for us to serve others in the name of Jesus.

4) The United Methodist Women's Circles continue to offer great opportunities for spiritual growth and service to the women of our church.

5) Look around and you will see the progress being made in renovating the old Sunday School wing. These rooms are almost ready for action, giving us more space to do vital ministry.

These are just a few examples of how God is moving in our midst. The mission of our church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. What a worthy mission that we are all called to participate in as Christians! Each of us should strive to be more faithful disciples. Remember, our relationship with Christ is a journey in which we are to grow throughout our lifetime. I encourage everyone involved with our church to be involved in some form of discipleship training. What opportunities are available? Bible Study, Sunday School, and UMW all provide opportunities to learn about our faith. Fellowship opportunities such as Movie Night and service opportunities such as Bread of Life and Feed My Sheep strengthen our community and our faith. Look for these monthly opportunities on the calendar in our newsletter.

In addition to our responsibility to grow as

disciples, we are to help those outside of the church to become disciples. This involves inviting others to church. God is preparing us for this mission as we speak. So I have a proposal. Remember this phrase: **Each one reach One.**

As Christians, we are the expression of God's love. We are called to share this love. I am asking each person to commit to asking one person to come to worship or join them in an activity of the church. Also, commit to pray for that person daily. God is working in our midst and is ready to do more than we can imagine. Let us be open to God's continued work in and through us.

*In Christ,  
Jeff Cook, Pastor*

We are still looking for a delegate to annual conference and a prayer coordinator for 2010. Perhaps we can ask if anyone is interested in serving in these positions, to contact Pastor Jeff

*We miss you if you are not here!*

Sunday School 9:45 am  
Worship Service 11:00 am  
Bible Study, Wednesday -  
1pm and 7pm

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## Outreach – Health & Welfare

Margie Johnson - Chairman

### “Bumps, Bruises and Blood Pressure”

is the booth that our church and the GA College Association of Nursing Students (GCANS) will sponsor for the Tennille BBQ Blast on October 16th and 17th. We will be setting up Friday afternoon (the 16th) and Martha and I are planning to be at the booth that evening for the festivities. Saturday morning, the nursing students will be coming to assist.



There will be first aid, blood pressure screening,



brochures on health to distribute and the drawing for the “nurse teddy bear”. Please come join us when you can on Friday and/or Saturday.

Many thanks to church members who have helped make this a success— Mary Moye for the sign, Selwyn and Allen for bringing the tables and chairs, Leona and Rhonie for making the sign into one we can hang from the top of the tent, Jeff for organizing the event, and all others who will be assisting with setting up, taking down, being present and supporting this event!!!

## Trustees Report

Derek Spry – Chairman

The renovation of the old Sunday School Rooms, the side rooms to the Sanctuary and the area behind the organ along with other items were given the go ahead by the Church Council in August. At the time of writing the work on the old Sunday School is almost complete including installation of an air conditioning system. The work related to the side rooms should be well under way this month. The Trustees also hope to complete a number of smaller but important repairs before winter including the WB Smith building portico and another attempt to squirrel proof the attics.

None of this would have been possible without generous gifts given recently and in the past.

In the last report we mentioned the longer-term maintenance plan. The following items are some major needs. They are in priority order with rough cost and possible timing.

In 2010 at the parsonage replace the roof and repair and repaint the box-work for about \$12,000. Also paint the inside of the Sanctuary windows and the furnace room for \$3,500.

In 2011 paint the outside of the Sanctuary and the old Sunday School for about \$9,500

In 2012 paint the outside of the WB Smith building for about \$9,000.

A plan is only a starting place. Actual work will no doubt depend on changing priorities and availability of funds.



## Movie Night

Over 20 people enjoyed the movie “Fireproof”, the meal and the ‘popcorn and candy’ snacks. The movie was really great and we certainly enjoyed the fellowship. Thanks to all who planned this – especially the popcorn in the real movie popcorn bags!! We watched the movie on our new 55” tv purchased with the Dorris Purser donation.

*Charge Conference  
October 26  
Covered Dish – 6:00 pm  
Meeting following*

### **Dates to remember:**

**Monday, October 26** at 6:00 p.m. – Charge Conference with a covered dish supper

**Saturday, October 31** at 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - We are co-sponsoring a Community Fall Festival with Tennille Christian Church. The festival will be held in the parking lot of Tennille Christian Church. Please arrive at 4:00 for setup.

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**Sunday, November 22** at 5:00 p.m.- Hanging of the Greens with Supper

**Thursday, November 26** at 8:00 a.m. - Thanksgiving Breakfast and Devotion

**Sunday, November 29** at 6:00 p.m. - Thanksgiving service at Kite UMC (Rev. Dwight Irons' church) - I am preaching, our choir is singing, and our entire congregation is invited

**Friday, December 4** at 7:00 p.m. - TUMC Christmas Party-hosted by the UMW- covered dish supper

**Sunday, December 13** at 5:00 p.m. - TUMC Christmas Program in the sanctuary



**December 24: Christmas Eve Communion Service**

### **Bread of Life**

is held every second Wednesday from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the W.B. Smith Building.

### **Annie Lou Hodges Circle**

2nd Monday of each month 3:00 p.m. - place TBA each month

**Erin Holder Smith Circle**  
3rd Wednesday of each month  
10:30 a.m.- place TBA each month

### **Make a Joyful Noise!**

Join the Choir! Practice is every Monday at 5:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

### **Bible Studies**

are held at 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. every Wednesday.

### **Sunday School**

is held every Sunday at **9:45 a.m.**



## *Our Christian Sympathy to the families of*

*Tommy Lee West  
April 25, 1940 -  
October 4, 2009*

*and*

*Betty Barlow  
December 19, 1925 -  
July 12, 2009*



## *Celebrate our Church Family Birthdays....*

### October

Shirley Nicholson - 2  
Carl Aycock - 4  
Thomas Smith - 5  
Paula McMaster - 5  
John Dana - 10  
Jon Ingram - 11  
Marjorie Johnson - 19

**Buddy Ouzts** - On the 19<sup>th</sup> Buddy will be 90. Buddy has been an active member of the Tennille Methodist since 1928.

### November

Eddie Rogers - 1  
Mary Moye - 1  
Patsy Blount - 4  
Ray Patrick - 7  
Ellen Rogers - 8  
Joey Boardwell - 9  
Norman Marshall - 13  
Betty Wommack - 19

### **Louise Cook**

- on the 19<sup>th</sup> Louise will be 97

Louise has been an active member of TUMC since 1940.



Martha Taylor - 20  
Hugh Dana - 22  
Dean Blount - 22

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Rhonie Rogers - 22  
Scott Dana - 24  
Jeanette Rogers Ward - 25  
Scott Smith - 30  
Rhonie P. Rogers - 30

### December

Ben Ouzts - 2  
Betty Freeman - 7  
Otis Northington - 9  
Derek Spry - 13  
Samuel Rogers - 13  
Holly Smith - 14  
Allen May - 18  
Selwyn May - 18  
Margaret Northington - 18  
Mary Eva Rowley - 21  
Mary Knight - 25  
Simmons Thomas - 27

### Happy Anniversary



#### October

Clint and Joan Smith - 9

Charles and Catherine Orr - 12

Scott and Laura Taylor  
Pridemore - 26

#### November

Jason and Scarlett Knight  
Lindsey - 10

Allen and Selwyn May - 21

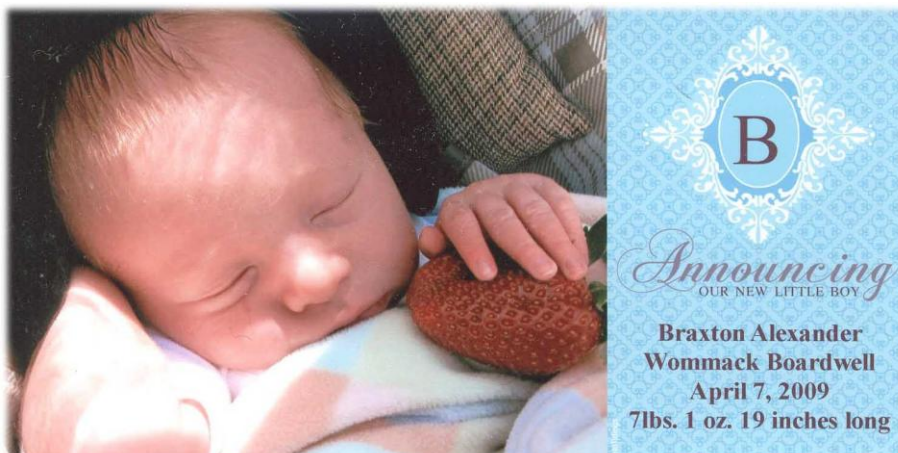
### December

Lee and Ann Cook - 17

Dan and Mary Moye - 28

### Our Prayers are needed...

Dennard Miller, Elsie Marchman, Betty Smith, Helen Chapman, Louise Cook, Buddy Ouzts, Frances Marshall, Rev. Ramus Freeman, Amie Williams, Tom Mingledorf, Johnny Mimbs, Gloria Ingram, Joe Thomas, Marjorie Johnson, Lee Cook, Ann Cook, Ron Deem, Linda Deem, Patsy Blount, Tony Orr, Dan Moye, Mary Eva Rowley. Eunious Ethridge, Noah Burgamy, George Leverett, Lucyle Ballentine, Geneva Bussel, Amelia McAfee, Ruby Hunt, David Kent, Calvin Till, Rodney Ray, Don and Mercedes Youmans, Frank Hill, Zoan Gentner, Jenna Rae Migdon, Debbie & Mack McArty, Nicole Ray, Halie Montgomery, Tamara Yates, Angela Farmer Woods, Mike Leimers, Tommy Rountree, Brownie Barksdale, Drew Brantley, Jim Dunn, Mike Sheppard, Alfred Williams, Harold Borders, Joan Borders, Carolyn Cusic, Carolyn Brown, Ruby McClean family, Nicky Crismond, Jim Morgan, Ruth Fox, Carol Johnson, Laverne Faircloth, Charles Wallace family, Augusta Lawson family, Chance Wombles, Earl Bivens family, Reba Barlow, Tommy West family, Seretta Roberts



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**Tennille United Methodist Church Financial Report September 30, 2009**

<b><u>Conference and District Apportionments</u></b>	<b>2009 Budget</b>	<b>Paid to Date</b>		
World Service Fund	1,386.00	1,039.50	<b>Other</b>	<b>Paid to Date</b>
Conference Benevolences	1,126.00	844.50	Magnolia Manor	176.00
Congregational Development	1,142.00	856.50	Christian Life Center	100.00
Clergy Support	2,049.00	1,536.75	Wesleyan Christian Adv.	190.00
Pre-1982 Pension & MPP	1,527.00	1,145.25	Gideons International	215.00
Comprehensive Protection Plan	724.00	543.00	CCPI	100.00
Health Flex (retired clergy)	1,019.00	764.25		
Health Flex (disabled clergy)	162.00	121.50		
Administrative Expenses	1,017.00	762.75		
State Cooperative Fund	80.00	60.00		
Christian Higher Education	802.00	601.50		
SEJ Mission and Ministry	115.00	86.25		
Africa University Fund	40.00	30.00		
Black College Fund	179.00	134.25		
General Administration Fund	144.00	108.00		
General Church Episcopal Fund	352.00	264.00		
Inter-denominational Co-op Fund	35.00	26.25		
Ministerial Education Fund	448.00	336.00		
Dublin District Parsonage Fund	467.00	350.25		
Dublin Dist. Operational & Program Fund	1,238.00	928.50		
<b><u>Buildings and Grounds</u></b>				
Church and Parsonage Maintenance	2,400.00	3,450.72		
Insurance	3,368.00			
Utilities	8,000.00	5,872.87		
Yard	3,000.00	3,224.60		
Termite Control	600.00	478.00		
Parsonage Improvements	1,000.00	3,830.52		
<b><u>Operational Expenses</u></b>			<b>Month of September</b>	
Janitorial Service	2,500.00	1,673.44	Contributions	8,742.00
Janitorial Supplies	50.00	12.84	Disbursements	9,249.66
Office Supplies	1,200.00	771.96		
Social Hall Supplies	150.00	177.14		
Annual Conference Expense	500.00			
Musical Instrument Maintenance	500.00	296.00	<b>Check Book</b>	
Miscellaneous	1,200.00	902.44	<b>Balance as of 12/31/08</b>	<b>18,404.90</b>
			Deposits:	
<b><u>Program and Ministry</u></b>			Pledges	83,791.91
Prayer Ministry	250.00	87.91	Basket	2,080.10
Family Ministry	150.00	127.04	Disbursements	87,272.23
Nursery		920.00		
Worship	300.00		<b>Balance as of 9/30/09</b>	<b>17,004.68</b>
Music	3,000.00	2,179.00		
Missions	800.00	500.00	<b>Golden Savings Balance</b>	<b>7,230.75</b>
Hospitality (Evangelism)	500.00	318.45		
Media Ministry (Internet/Newsletter/Radio)	7,900.00	5,529.44		
<b><u>Ministerial Support</u></b>				
Salary	45,198.00	32,598.99		
Ministerial Pension Plan	5,832.00	5,338.47		
HealthFlex (Blue Cross/Blue Shield)	7,800.00	6,075.00		
Pastor's Exp. Acct. (incl. CEU & Annual Conf.)	3,650.00	2,368.40		
<b>Total</b>	<b>113,900.00</b>	<b>87,272.23</b>		

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