

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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Pastor Jeff notes:

Make Space for Grace

As we continue our Lenten journey, we are again reminded of the need to make space for God's grace in our lives. What is grace? In short, it is a term describing God's incredible love for us. Methodist founder John Wesley understood grace as God's mercy that comes to us though we do nothing to deserve that mercy. The good news is that grace is a free gift with no strings attached. We remember in Lent that God has graciously forgiven our sin through Jesus Christ.

God's grace comes to us in many different ways. We may experience it in the midst of relationships. We may experience it as we admire God's creation. Sometimes we are unsure of how grace comes into our lives, but we can be assured that God will find a way to bring grace into our midst. Our job as Christians is to be open to God's grace, whatever form it takes, so that we are ready to receive it in our own lives. Once we receive grace, our hearts must be prepared to

pass it on to a world in desperate need of this gift God freely offers.

Take time during this Lenten season to reflect on God's grace in your own life. Slow down long enough to experience anew the grace that God gives you. As God's grace fills our hearts this Lent, let us pray that our actions reflect the gratitude we have for God's unending mercy.

Pastor Jeff

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Trustees Report:

Thanks to the generous gift from Allen Smith in memory of Charles V. Smith, Sr. and honor of Jimmy Childre, Sr. to be used for core maintenance work the trustees were able to renovate the roof of the parsonage. Substantial repairs were made and new shingles were installed. In addition the related boxwork was repaired and repainted. Thanks to Russell Brown and his crew and a break in the weather this was very rapidly completed. Hopefully it will be a very long time before we have to again worry about leaks. We still have work to do under the parsonage before we're through.



Happy Birthday



Dennard Miller!!!



Dennard Miller's 90th birthday was celebrated by over 80 of his friends and family on Sunday March 7. A special presentation was made by Mary Moye and Leona Rogers during the worship service and a wonderful meal was enjoyed by everyone after worship.

A video of the presentation and pictures can be found on our web site –

www.tennilleumc.org

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UMW Day at TUMC March 14, 2010



A very special worship day at Tennille UMC when two very very special ladies were honored for their service through their faith, gifts, and works. Those ladies were our beloved Betty Freeman and Patsy Blount. Leona recognized each of them



with a brief history of their faithfulness to the Methodist Church and especially to United Methodist Women and we were all blessed by their stories as we have been blessed by being in their presence and being recipients of their gifts.



We were also especially blessed to have Gloria Morgan



was our speaker for the day.

More pictures can be found at www.tennilleumc.org

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Calendar

Thurs. April 1 at 6:00 p.m. - Maundy Thursday Service in the sanctuary

Friday April 2 at 6:00 p.m. - Good Friday Service in the sanctuary

Sat. April 3 at 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Easter Celebration at the Parsonage- Easter egg hunt for the children with food and fellowship for all

Sunday April 4 at 11:00 a.m. - Easter Worship Service

Sunday April 11 at 11:00 a.m. - Gideon Sunday

Sunday May 2 at 11:00 a.m. worship - Annual Family Day Celebration - Randy Mayberry will be our guest speaker

Sunday School 9:45 am

UMW News

Saturday, April 17, Dublin District Day Apart, Swainsboro UMC; Rev. Joyce Payne will be the speaker. This is the day on which we remember our faithful United Methodist Women who have gone to be with the Lord. This year we will remember Thelma Chapman, who was a member of the Annie Lou Hodges Circle.

Saturday, May 22 will be our Dublin District Mission Study, 'The Beauty of Sudan', Tammy Hauser of the Valdosta District will be the study leader. Tammy is our South GA Conf Chairperson of Membership, Nurture and Outreach. Since this study had be be rescheduled, the host church will be announced upon confirmation

Report on Haiti

The following is the report from Joy Dunnam, a former nursing student of Marjorie Johnson's, detailing her experience with the Forrest Hills UMC mission team to Haiti. I want to thank each of you again for the supplies you donated toward this mission effort and the subsequent funds you raised in the aftermath of the earthquake that struck shortly after the mission team arrived back in Georgia. Through our connectional efforts with Forrest Hills, we helped to make a difference for the kingdom of God.
Pastor Jeff

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Dear Tennille UMC Members,

I'm sorry it has taken me so long to respond. I hit the ground running when we got home, actually had to work the very next day and the following day...so is the life of nursing. Of course, as you know, the devastating earthquake hit only like two weeks after we were home. It was very overwhelming to think of the places that we drove by demolished and the people lying dead in piles. The country was already living in terrible conditions. However, one thing we have been praying is that God would use this to bring more people into His kingdom. Voodoo has such a stronghold in that country, and we are praying against it.

When we arrived in Port au Prince, we boarded a bus at the airport and drove 8 1/2 hours (only 90 miles) to the mountain where we were staying. The bus stopped at the foot of the mountain where people from the village and mules met us for the hour hike up the mountain in the middle of the night. We stayed in a school that the church had recently built. It was a concrete building with dirt floors and no running water (although we did have toilets). ;-)

The next day, we attended a church service. Haitian Christians have such a passionate love for the Lord, it is convicting. They worship with all their hearts. After the

service, we fed the village lunch and set up for the medical clinic. We fed over 2100 lunches in the course of three days. We set up the clinic in two rooms at the back of the school. Someone would escort each person in for the nurses to see and then one of our team members would pray with them after a nurse saw them. We took a lot of blood pressures and gave out a lot of vitamins and Tylenol. Although we didn't feel like we did a whole lot, we did make these people feel loved just by touching them and caring for their needs as best we could. The second day, I had a little girl come in with a fever of 102. We were able to give her liquid Tylenol, and I gave her water with the little syringe you gave me. She looked much better when she left. It was really overwhelming at times. There were so many people and such great need. We did the clinic for two days and even ran the generator with one light bulb the last night so we could see more patients. We wondered while we were there why all of us nurses felt so compelled to bring so many wound supplies because we didn't use any of it. Now we know why. God knew what He was doing. We have received reports that it has all been very useful after the earthquake.

We saw an estimated 850 patients in two days. In addition to the clinic, we also did VBS with the children. One of the guys on our team also

built desks for the school. One of our greatest joys was worshiping with this group of people so completely sold out to loving God. We've heard reports of such continued praise even after the earthquake. Thank you so much for your support and interest in our trip. Please continue to keep Haiti in your prayers.

We stayed our last night at the Baptist Haiti Mission outside of Port au Prince. This mission does an incredible amount to minister to the needs of Haiti and share the love of Jesus. They also have a hospital on site that has done a lot to meet needs since the earthquake. They also have a sponsorship program to help meet the needs of children in Haiti. If anyone is interested, their site is www.bhm.org. Thanks for the prayers and the clothes, money, school and medical supplies donated by Tennille United Methodist Church.

Joy

Purser Media Project

Work should begin soon on the Purser Media Project. We will soon be able to host overflow crowds in the social hall with services being projected on our big screen television set.

We will be videotaping every Sunday morning service and publishing the recorded services on our Web site. The

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infrastructure for this project will allow us to expand our use of technology in ministry to reach more people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The funds for this project were donated by *Ralph and Dorris Purser*.

Banking on Jesus

by *Marcia Harris*

Have you noticed the impact of modern banking called ATM? The impact and easy accessibility of these banking machines can be found in stores, college campuses and even in shopping centers. These funds are easily available but when the funds run out, the card becomes useless. Plus when using the funds they can only be used once per transaction and money only provides temporal material gain. There will not be any ATM banking at heaven's door nor will there be any material carnal effort to pass through heaven's gates. I will take none of my earthly carnal material with me.

The word is like a debit that provides eternal measure. The word clearly states in Isaiah 55:1-3 just to come. "Ho! Everyone who thirsts come to the waters, and you who have no money, come buy and eat. Yes come buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend money for what is not bread. And your wages for what does not satisfy? Listen carefully to

me and eat what is good. And let your soul delight itself in abundance. Incline your ear and come to Me. Hear and your soul shall live, and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, the sure mercies of David."

I -Banking banks/relies on the word in assurance because of Him in birth, life, and resurrection. Can you imagine I-Banking received in every heart? At every stride in our lives as we commune in Christian Love? I am blessed through Jesus Christ- I am blessed going out and coming in.

- *I am the Righteousness of God through Christ Jesus.*
- *I am favored in His love at all times.*
- *I am delighting in His truth.*
- *I am Christ centered. I am loved.*

Or how about, because He is the bread of life, I am (John 6:35).

Because He is the Alpha and Omega, I am (Rev. 1:8).

Because He is the Truth, the life and the way, I am (John 14:6).

Because He is the resurrection, I am (John 11:25).

Because He is the Light of the world, I am (John 8:12).

Because He is the Good Shepherd, I am (John 10:11).

Can you imagine the magnitude of I Banking on such a large scale that the word is

ready available within our hearts forever wherever we go so much more than any ATM can supply? That same word can be applied and reapplied in every living breathing moment in our life. The Word is the well that never runs dry and is continuously replenished with living water flowing in the rivers of love. I am buying (steadfast agreement without hesitation) in the word that is easily retrievable. The same word can be used in numerous transactions and I vow to give God my undivided attention and abandon all else to draw from His reservoir of love, the given word. I vow to keep Christ my focus and flow in His love in action, word, and deed, to be the beauty of His splendor. I vow to move in actions of affection in the image in Christ within me . . . to trust, delight, commit, and rest.

The prescription for all of my needs found in the word for calmness, tranquility, safety and assurance steadfast in His precious love. I can count on Him and what He has done. Glory to God in the utmost highest! He remains faithfully true forever, the signatures of love found in the blood He shed for me. I-Banking on Jesus, in Jesus with Jesus, the living hope through the resurrection.

Celebrations

Birthdays

March

Dennard Miller – 10
Kathryn May – 15
Dr. Frances Northington – 17
Lucy Nell Smith – 25
Loretha Thiele – 25
Bryan West – 30

April

Catherine Rogers – 3
Amy Rogers – 6
Gus Ouzts – 8 –
Jean Bevill – 13
Rev. Ramus Freeman – 14
Joan Smith – 15
April Smith – 17
Donna Mingledorf – 18
Harriette Towe – 30

Anniversaries

March

Steve and Jenny Johnson - 6
Tom and Laura Smith – 9

April

Rhonie and Leona Rogers – 25



Important for Everyone

The Department of Human Services Division of Aging Services is urging older adults to be vigilant over the next few months to avoid criminals who are masquerading as legitimate Census Bureau workers. Cyber-criminals and scam artists are looking for any available opportunity to steal money and personal information. With the 2010 U.S. Census process beginning, these criminals are taking advantage of the census-taking event to separate older

adults from personal information that thieves can use to empty bank accounts.

To avoid the scams, here is what older adults need to know. Census forms will be mailed to households with a return-by date of April 1, 2010. From April through July, census workers will knock on the door of every household that did not return its census forms.

If an individual comes to the door, look for someone who has a badge (with a Department of Commerce watermark and expiration date), a letter from the Census Bureau Director on official letterhead, and a handheld device or computer. If you have any questions regarding the person's identity, call the Regional Census Center at 1-800-923-8282 to confirm that the visitor is an employee.

The Census Bureau might ask for basic financial information such as a salary range. It will not, however, ask for Social Security, bank account or credit card numbers. Employees of the U.S. Census Department can never ask for money or donations, enter your home, or tell you that you owe money to the government, even if you do.

There have already been reports of scam artists posing as Census Bureau workers in Georgia. In January, homeowners in middle Georgia's Crawford County reported people going door to door, posing as Census Bureau

workers, and requesting social security numbers.

Census workers may contact you by telephone, by mail or in person at home. They will not contact you by e-mail. Do not click on a link or open any attachments in an email that is supposedly from the U.S. Census Bureau. If you do receive and e-mail or find a website that you suspect is falsely representing the Census Bureau, forward the e-mail or website URL to the Census Bureau at ITSO.Fraud.Reporting@census.gov.

If anyone posing as a census worker asks you for any personal information, is aggressive, or tries to intimidate or coax you, you have the right to refuse to give information. If you feel uncomfortable in any way, end the conversation immediately and call law enforcement. Then report the matter to the Census Bureau Call Center at 1-800-923-8282.

For more information about elder abuse prevention, the public may call the Georgia Department of Human Services, Division of Aging Services at 1-866-55-AGING (552-4464) or visit <http://www.aging.dhr.georgia.gov>.

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Flowers for remainder of 2010

March

14- E.K. and Debby May
21- Mr. and Mrs. Dan Moyer and
Mr. and Mrs. Billy McMaster
28- Palm Sunday

April

4- Easter-. Joe and Randy Thomas
11- Paula McMaster
18- Mr. and Mrs. Dan Moyer
25- Open

May

2- Family Day- Friends of the
Mayberry's
9- Jean and Ike Beville
16- Mary Eva Rowley
23- Open
30- Mary Eva Rowley

June

6- Mr. and Mrs. Dan Moyer and Mr.
and Mrs. Billy McMaster
13- Helen Chapman
20- Ike and Jean Beville
27- Open

July

4- Ouzts family
11- Paula McMaster
18- Nick and Shirley Nicholson
25- Dean and Patsy Blount

August

1- Loretha Thiele
2- Loretha Thiele
15- Ron and Linda Deem
22- Doris Patrick
29- Catherine Orr

September

5- Loretha Thiele
12- Open'

19- Paula McMaster
26- Allen and Selwyn May

October

3- Mr. and Mrs. Dan Moyer and Mr.
and Mrs. Billy McMaster
10- E.K. and Debby May
17—Martha Taylor
24- Allen and Selwyn May

November

7- Margie Johnson
14- Doris Patrick
21- Skip and Betty Wommack
28- Loretha Thiele

December

Lucy Nell Smith, Margaret
Alexander, and Ben Ouzts provide
poinsettias for the month

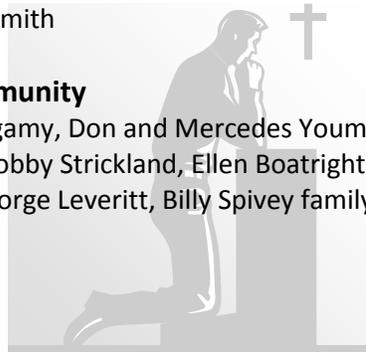
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TUMC Church Family

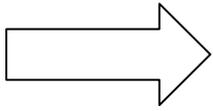
Dennard Miller, Elsie Marchman, Betty Smith, Helen Chapman, Louise Cook, Buddy Ouzts, Frances Marshall, Tom Mingledorff, Gloria Ingram, Joe Thomas, Lee and Ann Cook, Mary Eva Rowley, Anne Bazemore, Harry Gilbert, Linda Deem, Margaret Northington, Will Smith

Extended Family and Community

Eunious Etheridge, Noah Burgamy, Don and Mercedes Youmans, Jim Dunn, Ronald McBayer, Seree Hendricks, Alfred Williams, Sandra Holloway, Bobby Strickland, Ellen Boatright, Harold Borders family, Susie Boatright family, Larry Sumner, Ernie Lord, Carolyn Cusac, George Leveritt, Billy Spivey family, Dot and Frank Ergenzinger, Allen Jones family, Bernice Smith



Opportunities for You at Tennille UMC



Young Adult Ministry

When: Sundays at 6:00 p.m.

Where: The Church Social Hall

What: Fun, Fellowship, and asking hard questions about God

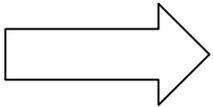


Children's Ministry

When: Sunday's at 9:45 a.m.

Where: The Sunday School Wing

What: Nursery and Sunday School Classes with more activities on the way soon!

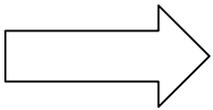


Adult Sunday School Ministry

When: Sunday's at 9:45 a.m.

Where: The Church Social Hall

What: Fellowship and learning about our faith.



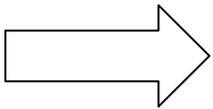
United Methodist Women

When: Second Monday of the month at 4:00 p.m.

Third Wednesday of the month at 10:30 a.m.

Where: Location announced monthly

What: Fellowship, study, and Christian service opportunities

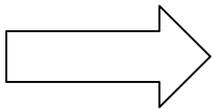


Bread of Life

When: Second Wednesday of every month at 4:00 p.m.

Where: Meet at the church social hall to make meals, then take off across the county to deliver.

What: Feeding the hungry in our community



Choir Member

When: Anthem at Sunday morning worship and on special occasions. Practices a few times per month.

Where: Sanctuary

What: Traditional Worship

Always be on the lookout for more ministry opportunities.

If you are interested in the above ministries or have ideas for new ministries, talk to Pastor Jeff. Your input is welcomed and encouraged.

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Conference and District Apportionments	2010 Budget	Paid to Date		
World Service Fund	1,361.00	226.83	Other	Paid to Date
Conference Benevolences	1,144.00	190.67	Magnolia Manor	226.00
Congregational Development	1,124.00	187.33	Ronald McBrayer Fund	175.00
Clergy Support	2,234.00	372.33	UMCOR #418325 (Haiti)	595.00
Pre-1982 Pension & MPP	1,566.00	261.00		
Comprehensive Protection Plan	742.00	123.67		
Health Flex (retired clergy)	1,100.00	183.33		
Health Flex (disabled clergy)	204.00	34.00		
Administrative Expenses	1,051.00	175.17		
State Cooperative Fund	42.00	7.00		
Christian Higher Education	822.00	137.00		
SEJ Mission and Ministry	118.00	19.67		
Africa University Fund	42.00	7.00		
Black College Fund	186.00	31.00		
General Administration Fund	148.00	24.67		
General Church Episcopal Fund	374.00	62.33		
Inter-denominational Co-op Fund	36.00	6.00		
Ministerial Education Fund	466.00	77.67		
Dublin District Parsonage Fund	400.00	66.67		
Dublin Dist. Operational & Program Fund	667.00	111.17		
<u>Buildings and Grounds</u>				
Church and Parsonage Maintenance	3,500.00	380.49		
Insurance	3,368.00			
Utilities	8,000.00	1,941.44		
Yard	4,000.00			
Termite Control	600.00	42.00		
Parsonage Improvements	2,500.00			
<u>Operational Expenses</u>			Month of February	
Janitorial Service	2,500.00	320.00	Contributions	9,653.25
Janitorial Supplies	50.00	25.34	Disbursements	9,922.96
Office Supplies	1,200.00	155.12		
Social Hall Supplies	200.00	25.08		
Annual Conference Expense	500.00			
Musical Instrument Maintenance	600.00		Check Book	
Miscellaneous	1,200.00	651.97	Balance as of 12/31/09	12,139.35
Contingency/Reserve	1,500.00	125.00	Deposits:	
<u>Program and Ministry</u>			Pledges	17,757.00
Prayer Ministry	150.00		Basket	179.25
Family Ministry (Includes SS Expenditures)	1,650.00	318.61	Disbursements	17,899.79
Nursery	2,100.00	360.00		
Worship	300.00		Balance as of 02/28/10	12,175.81
Music	3,000.00	559.00		
Missions	1,000.00	100.00	Golden Savings Balance	4,855.93
Hospitality (Evangelism)	500.00			
Media Ministry (Internet/Newsletter/Radio)	5,200.00	1,050.30		
<u>Ministerial Support</u>				
Salary	41,500.00	6,916.66		
Ministerial Pension Plan	6,665.00	1,110.72		
HealthFlex (Blue Cross/Blue Shield)	8,592.00	1,432.00		
Pastor's Exp. Acct.(incl. CEU & Annual Conf.)	3,650.00	81.55		
Total	117,852.00	17,899.79		



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