



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:

By the time you receive this newsletter, I will be a graduate of The Candler School of Theology. Hallelujah! I give thanks to God and to each of you for your prayers and support during this journey. As my seminary journey ends, other journeys begin. I could list a number of journeys that I am looking forward to as my seminary career comes to a close. The journey that I wish to focus on in this writing is our journey together. We have been together for almost a year, and what a year that it has been!

As we have prayed, worshiped, studied, and played together as a church family, my spirit has been edified. God has blessed me richly as I have developed relationships with you. I hope that you are experiencing a similar blessing in your lives as well. I encourage you to reflect on the year that we have shared together. As you do so, give thanks to Christ for his church and especially the people that make up the community of

faith we call Tennille United Methodist Church.

After we give thanks for the relationships with God and one another that make our church possible, let us take time to also pray for the beginning of our second year together in June. I thank God for the passion that I have seen in each of you to do the work of Jesus Christ. Let us not rest on our laurels. Instead, let us ask God to renew our passion daily. A few months ago Bishop King encouraged the churches of South Georgia to commit to growing a Christ-like world. There is no goal that is more worthy than sharing the love of God with the world.

As Christians, we are the expression of God's love. I am convinced that God is calling us to intentionally share the love of Christ with our community and to invite the people of our community to join us in learning and practicing the Christian faith. We serve a mighty God and a risen Savior! Let us pray for God to give us strength so that we may be bold in letting our passion for Jesus Christ shine. Together, let us commit to growing a Christ-like world beginning with our church. In our journey together, we have so much to offer the world. Most

importantly, we can offer the world Christ.

I end this letter with a challenge. I encourage each of you to pray for one person you know that needs to experience the love of Christ. Ask God to show you how to share the love of Christ with that person. Remember, our church is a tremendous resource for sharing the love of Christ. Invite the person God puts on your heart to join you in participating in a ministry or church event. Together, we can change lives through the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Pastor Jeff

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Welcome to TUMC!

We are blessed to welcome two new members into our church family. Marcia Harris joined on Sunday, January 17, 2010 and Ronald McBrayer joined on Sunday, April 25, 2010. Ron and Marcia, we have been blessed as we have developed relationships with you and look forward to years of friendship and Christian ministry together!

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Interested in Joining TUMC?

What does it mean to become a church member? The first and most important step is to profess faith in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior. The second step is to be baptized. Baptism is an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace. You are acknowledging what God has done for you and seeking the help of others to encourage you in your Christian journey. God's grace allows you to be come into relationship with Christ and promises to be with you as you commit to following Christ. The third and fourth steps involve committing to serving Christ as a member of The United Methodist Church and Tennille United Methodist Church. In the third step, you will be asked to commit to being loyal to Christ through The United Methodist Church and do all in your power to strengthen the ministries of the church. The fourth step is to commit to faithful participation in the ministries of Tennille United Methodist Church by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness.

If you have not done so already, I encourage you to begin this journey. Accept Christ as your Savior and commit to following Christ as a member of his church. The church is an amazing gift given by Christ to us. Christ realized that when a group of his disciples come together with their God-given gifts, he can

strengthen those people to change the world in his name.

If you have questions about joining the church, Pastor Jeff would love to talk with you.

Relay for Life



On Friday, May 7, 2010, Tennille UMC participated in Washington County's Relay for Life at the Washington County High School track. Our theme was Mickey and Friends. Margie Johnson and Catherine Orr were team captains. Marcia Harris, Mary Moye, Ike and Jean Bevill, Tony Orr, Andy Orr, Charles Orr, Dwight Irons, Ron and Linda Deem, Bobby Harris and Jeff and Sandra Cook all played important parts in making the TUMC tent a success.

Our church raised almost \$1000 for the American Cancer Society through donations and selling candy and water that was graciously donated by several area businesses. Thanks to everyone who made this event a success!

Make plans to join next years' team. You will have a great time and contribute to a worthy cause.

Calendar

May

- Wed., May 19 at 10:30 a.m.
Erin Holder Smith UMW circle will meet at the home of Gus Ouzts
- Thurs., May 20 at 6:00 p.m.
WACO Cancer Support Group meets in the W.B. Smith Building.
- Sat., May 22 at 9:30 a.m.
registration; study 10 am to 2 pm – Dublin District UMW Mission Study 'Beauty of Sudan,' Calvary UMC in Swainsboro
- Wed., May 26 at 4:00 p.m.
at TUMC- We are starting a Prayer Shawl Ministry at TUMC. These shawls may be crocheted, knitted, or made with fabric. These shawls will wrap, enfold, comfort, give solace, hug, and shelter someone going through difficult times. Come join us and learn more about this ministry. Contact Leona Rogers at 552-7838 for more information.

June

- Sun.-Wed. June 6-9
The South Georgia Annual Conference meets in Tifton, Georgia. Jeff and Sandra will be attending the conference. Sandra will be our lay delegate.
- Wed., June 9 at 3:30 p.m.
Bread of Life Ministry meets in the W.B. Smith Building
- Mon., June 14 at 4:00 p.m.
Annie Lou Hodges UMW

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circle will meet with Betty Freeman as the hostess.

- Wed., June 16 at 10:30 a.m.
Erin Holder Smith UMW circle will meet at the home of Mary Eva Rowley

July

- Thurs. July 15- Sun. July 18
South Georgia Conference School of Missions will be held at Epworth by the Sea in Saint Simons.
- Sun. July 18- Thurs. July 22
Dublin District Campmeeting will be held each night at Camp Adrian in Adrian, Georgia. Pastor Jeff will be preaching at the Monday night service.
- Mon. July 19- Fri. July 23
Dublin District Children's and Youth Camp will be held at Camp Adrian.
- Fri. July 23 at 7:00 p.m.
Tennille UMC Family Picnic will be held at the W.B. Smith Building.

Be on the lookout for more activities to be added to the church calendar as we continue to plan for the summer!

Celebrating Pentecost in the Home

MaryJane Pierce Norton

On Sunday, May 23, 2010, Christian churches celebrate Pentecost. For Christians, Pentecost occurs fifty days after Easter. On that day, the church celebrates the happenings recorded in the New Testament Book of Acts,

chapter 2. Notice when you go into church, the changes in colors in the sanctuary. Red is the color of Pentecost, and it signifies the tongues of flames seem over the heads of those praying together. The Scripture also tells us that the sound of the blowing of a violent wind filled the house where they were praying. In addition to the color red, churches often display tongues of flame and symbols of the wind on banners and posters.

In Scripture, we read that the believers were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to go into the streets telling of Jesus to all those they met. Following Peter's sermon, many were baptized; and the church began to grow. Because of this, we call Pentecost, "the birthday of the church."

In our families, we may have elaborate celebrations of Christmas and Easter, but fail to celebrate Pentecost. However, without Pentecost, we wouldn't have the church. It is worthwhile to spend time in family devotions and celebrations for this church holy day that helps us remember how the church began.

What can you do in your family to celebrate Pentecost? Read together Acts 2:1-40. Ask each family member to tell of one thing he or she will try to remember from the Scripture reading.

Make a Pentecost cake to celebrate the birth of the church. Tint icing red and

decorate. Place candles in clusters to symbolize the flames.

Enjoy wind activities together. Make and fly a kite. Sit outside at dusk and feel the wind on your faces.

Visit an older member of your church. Ask your church friend to tell you about memories of how your church started, of memories of Sunday school, and of memories of people who were important to his or her faith formation.

Decorate your home by making red banners, posters, or pictures.

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Devotional Story:

#### **WHO IS YOUR DADDY?**

A seminary professor was vacationing with his wife in Gatlinburg, TN. One morning, they were eating breakfast at a little restaurant, hoping to enjoy a quiet, family meal. While they were waiting for their food, they noticed a distinguished looking, white-haired man moving from table to table, visiting with the guests. The professor leaned over and whispered to his wife, 'I hope he doesn't come over here.' But sure enough, the man did come over to their table.

'Where are you folks from?' he asked in a friendly voice. 'Oklahoma,' they answered.

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'Great to have you here in Tennessee,' the stranger said. 'What do you do for a living?'

'I teach at a seminary,' he replied.

'Oh, so you teach preachers how to preach, do you? Well, I've got a really great story for you.' And with that, the gentleman pulled up a chair and sat down at the table with the couple.

The professor groaned and thought to himself, 'Great ... Just what I need ...another preacher story!'

The man started, 'See that mountain over there? (pointing out the restaurant window). Not far from the base of that mountain, there was a boy born to an unwed mother. He had a hard time growing up, because every place he went, he was always asked the same question, 'Hey boy, Who's your daddy?'

Whether he was at school, in the grocery store or drug store , people would ask the same question, 'Who's your daddy?'

He would hide at recess and lunchtime from other students. He would avoid going into stores because that question hurt him so bad. 'When he was about 12 years old, a new preacher came to his church. He would always go in late and slip out early to avoid hearing the question, 'Who's your daddy?'

But one day, the new preacher said the benediction so fast that he got caught and had to walk out with the crowd. Just about the time he got to

the back door, the new preacher, not knowing anything about him, put his hand on his shoulder and asked him, 'Son, who's your daddy?'

The whole church got deathly quiet. He could feel every eye in the church looking at him. Now everyone would finally know the answer to the question, 'Who's your daddy?'

This new preacher, though, sensed the situation around him and using discernment that only the Holy Spirit could give, said the following to that scared little boy. 'Wait a minute! I know who you are! I see the family resemblance now. You are a child of God.'

With that he patted the boy on his shoulder and said, 'Boy, you've got a great inheritance. Go and claim it.'

With that, the boy smiled for the first time in a long time and walked out the door a changed person. He was never the same again. Whenever anybody asked him, 'Who's your Daddy?' he'd just tell them, 'I'm a Child of God.'

The distinguished gentleman got up from the table and said, 'Isn't that a great story?'

The professor responded that it really was a great story!

As the man turned to leave, he said, 'You know, if that new preacher hadn't told me that I was one of God's children, I probably never would have amounted to anything!' And he walked away.

The seminary professor and his wife were stunned. He called the waitress over &

asked her, 'Do you know who that man was, the one who just left that was sitting at our table?'

The waitress grinned and said, 'Of course. Everybody here knows him. That's Ben Hooper. He's governor of Tennessee!'

YOU ARE ONE OF GOD'S CHILDREN! HAVE A GREAT DAY!

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CPR classes at TUMC



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## Birthdays

### May

Dianna Blount – 2  
Laura Smith – 6  
Tony Orr- 7  
Joe Thomas – 10



Dr. Lynn Taylor Denny – 17  
Ann Cook – 19  
Betty Smith – 26  
Brian Rountree – 28

### June

Charles Orr – 1  
Ike Bevill – 4  
Hugh McMaster – 10  
Suzanne Irons – 13  
Faye West – 14  
Leona Rogers – 16  
Robert Patrick 17  
Dana Rountree – 18  
Billy McMaster – 19  
Christopher 'Bud' Alexander– 27  
Catherine Orr – 30  
Carrie Ingram Burger – 30

### July

Harry Gilbert – 3  
Beryl Spry – 5  
Margaret S. Alexander – 6  
Jerry Knight – 9  
Linda Deem – 17  
Jerry Chapman – 20  
Clint Smith – 28  
Hill Thomas – 29  
E. Allen Smith – 30  
Will Smith – 31

## Anniversaries

### May



Ron and Linda Deem – 18  
Buddy and Gus Ouzts – 20  
Ike and Jean Bevill – 24  
Hal and Harriette Jones – 24

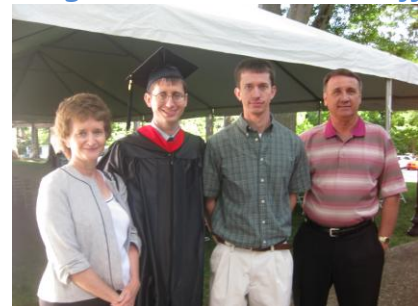
### June

William and Sue Burgamy -- 5  
Dwight and Suzanne Irons – 7  
Brad and Joey Boardwell – 12  
Rev. Jeff and Sandra Cook- 12  
Joe and Randy Thomas – 21  
Rev. Ramus and Betty Freeman – 26  
Dean and Patsy Blount – 28

### July

Scott and Holly Smith – 6  
Danny and Carole Garner- 27  
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Congratulations Pastor Jeff



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Flowers

May

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

June

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

July

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

August

1- Loretha Thiele
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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 Moye 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

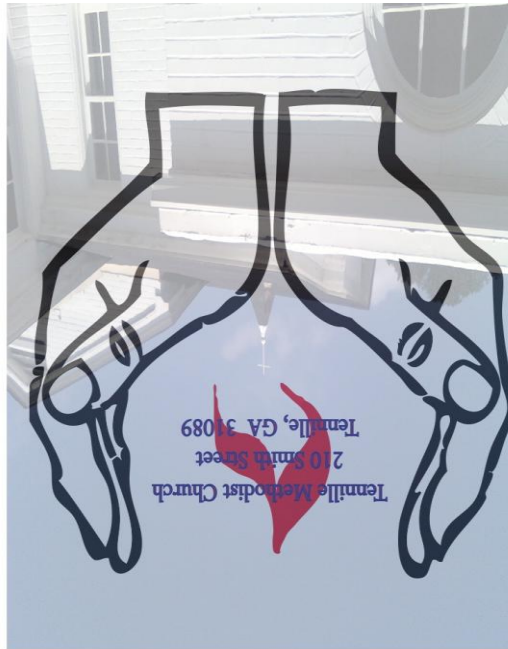
Easter Egg Hunt 2010



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Tennille United Methodist Church Financial Report April 30, 2010

Conference and District Apportionments	2010 Budget	Paid to Date		
World Service Fund	1,361.00	453.67	Other	Paid to Date
Conference Benevolences	1,144.00	381.33	Magnolia Manor	226.00
Congregational Development	1,124.00	374.67	Ronald McBrayer Fund	175.00
Clergy Support	2,234.00	744.67	UMCOR #418325 (Haiti)	595.00
Pre-1982 Pension & MPP	1,566.00	522.00	Larry Gibbons Family	500.00
Comprehensive Protection Plan	742.00	247.33	Gideons International	285.00
Health Flex (retired clergy)	1,100.00	366.67		
Health Flex (disabled clergy)	204.00	68.00		
Administrative Expenses	1,051.00	350.33		
State Cooperative Fund	42.00	14.00		
Christian Higher Education	822.00	274.00		
SEJ Mission and Ministry	118.00	39.33		
Africa University Fund	42.00	14.00		
Black College Fund	186.00	62.00		
General Administration Fund	148.00	49.33		
General Church Episcopal Fund	374.00	124.67		
Inter-denominational Co-op Fund	36.00	12.00		
Ministerial Education Fund	466.00	155.33		
Dublin District Parsonage Fund	400.00	133.33		
Dublin Dist. Operational & Program Fund	667.00	222.33		
SEJ Dam Restoration Fund		11.33		
Buildings and Grounds				
Church and Parsonage Maintenance	3,500.00	486.50		
Insurance	3,368.00			
Utilities	8,000.00	3,414.32		
Yard	4,000.00	800.00		
Termite Control	600.00	149.00		
Parsonage Improvements	2,500.00			
Operational Expenses			Month of April	
Janitorial Service	2,500.00	680.00	Contributions	9,530.50
Janitorial Supplies	50.00	25.34	Disbursements	9,523.43
Office Supplies	1,200.00	399.35		
Social Hall Supplies	200.00	49.93		
Annual Conference Expense	500.00			
Musical Instrument Maintenance	600.00	325.00	Check Book	
Miscellaneous	1,200.00	904.06	Balance as of 12/31/09	12,139.35
Contingency/Reserve	1,500.00	500.00	Deposits:	
Program and Ministry			Pledges	39,353.00
Prayer Ministry	150.00		Basket	784.75
Family Ministry (Includes SS Expenditures)	1,650.00	609.25	Disbursements	35,951.58
Nursery	2,100.00	650.00		
Worship	300.00		Balance as of 04/30/10	16,325.52
Music	3,000.00	1,009.00		
Missions	1,000.00	200.00	Golden Savings Balance	5,231.09
Hospitality (Evangelism)	500.00	90.00		
Media Ministry (Internet/Newsletter/Radio)	5,200.00	1,794.20		
Ministerial Support				
Salary	41,500.00	13,833.32		
Ministerial Pension Plan	6,665.00	2,221.44		
HealthFlex (Blue Cross/Blue Shield)	8,592.00	2,864.00		
Pastor's Exp. Acct.(incl. CEU & Annual Conf.)	3,650.00	326.55		
Total	117,852.00	35,951.58		



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