

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's Corner: Discipleship – What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus Christ?

As followers of Christ, we all need an intentional plan of discipleship. What are you doing to follow Christ? Unless we make a plan, we will not follow through on our commitment to serve Christ. We can only be effective disciples when we nurture our personal relationship with Christ. When we grow in our personal relationship, we are better able to reach out to others in Christ's name. Below is one method of spiritual growth presented at our First Wednesday Night Supper on February 1. I encourage you to try this spiritual discipline in your life. As you do, be ready for God to move in your life.



An Example of Prayer and Devotion at Night from *A Disciple's Journal Year B* by Steven Manskar
Available from Amazon.com

Call to Prayer

O Gracious Light, pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,
And as our eyes behold the evening light,
We sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,
O Son of God, O Giver of life,
And to be glorified through all the worlds. Amen.

Scripture *One of the lessons for the day may be read.*

Reflection on Sunday-

Psalm 35:1-10

Wednesday Readings- Jeremiah 29:1-14, Mark 5:1-20

Prayers for Ourselves and Others

See a Cycle of Intercessions on page xv

Focus for Wednesday

*The social services

*All who work in the criminal justice system

*Victims and perpetrators of crime

*The work of aid agencies throughout the world

*Those living in poverty or under oppression

The Lord's Prayer

The Collect for Wednesday Evening

O God, the life of all who live, the light
of the faithful, the strength of those who labor, and the
repose of the dead: We thank you for the blessings
of the day that is past, and humbly ask for your
protection through the coming night.

Bring us in safety to

the morning hours; through him who died and rose again
for us, your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The General Rule of Discipleship- Accountability for Living as a Disciple

S.O.A.P Method of Bible Study

S = Scripture

What verse (s) in the chapter jumps out at me?

O = Observation

Write out (in one sentence) what jumps out to you about the verse.

A = Application

How does the verse apply to my life? Write an answer in a sentence or two.

P = Prayer

Write a one sentence prayer asking God to help me apply the scripture to my life.

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Sunday School

Adult Sunday School Classes - Spring theme: Creation – God’s Creative Word – The Gospel of John
You will be so blessed by becoming a member of one of our Adult Sunday School classes.

Scheduled Meetings

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| 1. Witness/ Media Team | Sun., Feb. 19 at 3:00 p.m. |
| 2. NOW Team- Developing a Disciple Plan for TUMC | Sun., Feb.19 at 4:00 p.m. |
| 3. Church Council Meeting | Mon. March 26 at 6:00 p.m. |

Worship Dates

February 12- Rev. Dwight Irons preaching the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services
February 22- Ash Wednesday Service at 6:00 p.m.
March 2- World Day of Prayer Salad Luncheon at noon- Rev. Tyler Plaxico is preaching
March 11- UMW Sunday- Speaker to be announced
March 18- Nick Nicholson preaches at 9:00 a.m.; Gideon speaker at 11:00 a.m.
April 1- Palm Sunday at 11:00 a.m.
Holy Week Services- Wed. April 4 and Thurs. April 5 at 7:00 p.m. and Fri. April 6 at noon-
Rev. Mike McAfee Preaching
April 8- Easter Sunday services at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
May 6- Family Day at TUMC with lunch following 11:00 a.m. worship



TUMC Easter Egg Hunt

TUMC McMaster Lot- Saturday, April 7 at 11:00 a.m.

Become a Team Member – Relay for Life www.relayforlife.org/washingtonco

First Wednesday Night Suppers – 6:00 pm

March 7- Margaret Alexander and Lucy Nell Smith are in charge of the meal.
April 4- Holy Week- Potluck Supper followed by Worship
May 2- Mary Moye and Margie Johnson are in charge of the meal

Flower Ministry

Contact Gus Ouzts if you would like to place flowers in the church on one of the following dates.
Feb. 26, March 18, June 10, June 17, June 24, July 8, July 14, July 22, Sept. 16, Sept. 23, Sept. 30, Oct. 21.

2012 Relay for Life – Decades Party – Friday, March 9th 7pm – 10pm

Come dressed as your favorite decade! From the '10s through the 2000's!!!
Dance, sing, listen to Music from decades 50's +---bring music from earlier decades and we'll play that music also; light refreshments
Place: Tennille United Methodist W.B. Smith Building
ADMITTANCE FEE: A donation to Relay for Life
Questions? Call Jeff and Sandra Cook @ 552-7811 or Margie Johnson@552-7744

Important Dates

Disciple Covenant Conference- Macon Centriplex- Feb. 24-25
Look Good Feel Better at TUMC- May 7, Aug. 6, and Nov. 5 from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Clergy Cluster Meeting at Tennille UMC- April 16 from 9:00 a.m. - noon
Relay for Life at Brentwood- April 27
Every second Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. - Bread of Life
Every third Thursday at 6:00 p.m. - Cancer Support Group
Every third Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. - Erin Holder Smith Circle
Every second Monday at 4:00 p.m. - Annie Lou Hodges Circle
Every third Monday at 7:00 p.m. - TUMC Men's Group

Cancer Support Group



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706-731-9900

Contact: Andi Van Airsdale

Fighting Cancer Can Be Beautiful

A Class for Women Currently Going Through Cancer Treatment

Look Good...Feel Better is a free program that teaches adult female cancer patients how to cope with the appearance-related side effects of chemotherapy and radiation treatments. Volunteer cosmetologists lead the program that includes a 12-step skin care and makeup program as well as demonstrations on hair/wig techniques to help restore a positive self-image. Each participant receives a free gift kit of name-brand cosmetics for use during and after the workshop. The kits are donated by the Personal Care Products Council Foundation. The American Cancer Society and Tennille United Methodist Church have partnered together to offer this class on a quarterly bases.

Sessions will be held on the following Mondays of 2012 from 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. at Tennille United Methodist Church: February 6, May 7, Aug. 6, and Nov. 5. These classes are available for residents in Washington and surrounding Counties. To RSVP please contact Andi Van Airsdale at , 706-731-9900.

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer through research, education, advocacy and service. For more information about cancer, call 24 hours a day, seven days a week 1.800.ACS.2345.

Tennille United Methodist Church Relay Team – “Rocking at the Soda Shop”

*Purchase: “IN Honor Of” or “IN Memory Of”
Cupcake -- \$1,00 will be displayed in window in Downtown Tennille
Luminaria --\$5 will be lit at WACO Relay for Life April 27th—Brentwood School
Call: Margie Johnson – 552-7744; Mary Moye—552-7703; Jeff Cook—552-7811 to purchase*



Tribute to Mary Eva Smith Rowley

On her 90th Birthday - December 18, 2011

The year was 1921—World War I was over. It was time to get back to the business of life in America. But there were many changes in America in this new decade that was called the Roaring Twenties—the world had become modern—telephones, automobiles, radio, jazz and movies—and the promise of ever greater prosperity. Into this booming economy and national enthusiasm, a beautiful baby girl was born to Mary Edna and Clinton Gay in rural Clay County in southwest Georgia.

Mary Eva Gay was born on December 21, 1921---and this new baby was welcomed home by her older brother Clinton. She was always his “baby sister” and he was always her hero and she called him “Brother”. Due to her father’s work as an Agricultural Security Officer, the Gay family moved to several farming towns in south Georgia. Thus, Mary Eva grew up and attended schools in Bluffton, Douglas and Baxley. Mary Eva’s mother was a school teacher and a renowned cook. From an early age Mary Eva learned to love teaching, cooking, sewing and managing a home—those things she saw her mother do so well. In Baxley High School she was a very popular

and attractive young lady who was a good student, and excelled in basketball. She has the distinction of being named to the District All Star Girls’ Basketball team her Senior year. Mary Eva graduated from Baxley High School in 1938, the year following the invention of the jet engine.

Most of us know what was happening in America in the 1930’s during Mary Eva’s high school years. The stock market had crashed and America was in the midst of the Great Depression. Times were very hard. By 1938 the economy had improved somewhat but jobs were still hard to come by and money was scarce. Mary Eva is aware of the sacrifice her family had to make to give her the opportunity to go to college during these hard times. From 1938-1942 she attended GSCW (Georgia State College for Women) in Milledgeville where she distinguished herself as a student and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Home Economics.

Mary Eva came to Tennille to do her student teaching in 1942 just after the United States entered World War II. Here in Tennille she met and fell in love with Bobby Smith and they became engaged. Bobby had joined the army and was stationed in Pennsylvania. Because of the possibility that Bobby might soon be sent to fight overseas, they moved their wedding date up and on February of 1943 they were married. Mary Eva followed Bobby to his army base in Pennsylvania for a time but she returned to Tennille High School when the escalation of WWII brought teaching vacancies and she was offered a fulltime contract to teach Home Economics.

With the war’s end in 1945 Bobby returned to Tennille and resumed his work in his family’s business at Washington Manufacturing Company, or as we know it--the cotton mill.

In 1949 Mary Eva and Bobby adopted their son and he was named Clint after Mary Eva’s father and brother. Clint and his wife Joan are long time members of Tennille Methodist Church and we are so glad that they could be here to share this special day with his mother.

Mary Eva left teaching for a time to stay home with Clint. But in 1954 with Clint starting to school, Mary Eva returned to the classroom at Tennille High School and was a beloved Home Economics teacher to many of the Tennille teenagers of my generation. Many of us credit “Miss” Mary Eva with teaching us to love cooking and homemaking. Now, in truth, not all of us learned to sew—myself as a prime example—but she was an excellent teacher!! Mary Eva and Hazel Miller directed all the plays at Tennille High School and one of my favorite memories of our One Act Play days is how hard Miss Mary Eva worked to curtail my southern dialect and diction. She spent hours helping me learn to say “window” not “winder”. When the high schools consolidated, Mary Eva went to teach at Washington County High School in 1960 and remained there until her retirement from teaching in 1969. Even in retirement, she continued to substitute teach. She was -- and still is -- a wonderful teacher.

In 1998 we were all saddened by the death of Mary Eva’s dear Bobby. He was our friend and a better Georgia Bulldog fan you can never find. Some of my favorite memories are when Dan and I shared Georgia game days in Athens with Mary Eva and Bobby. Bobby’s death was sudden and Mary Eva was faced with grief and hard times, but due to her faith and her strong will, she was able to persevere.

In 2004 Mary Eva married her dear friend George Rowley and we were so pleased that she was able to travel and enjoy an easy life with George. We will always love and remember George for making our Mary Eva happy. How fortunate we are that Mary Eva Smith Rowley came to Tennille. She has been a valuable resident of our community. She has served in leadership positions in numerous civic clubs. She has been a member of the Tennille Garden Club, the Tennille Woman's Club and is a past President of Tennille Fine Arts Club. Before her eyesight failed her she was a formidable bridge player. And let me tell you, she can plan a special event or a party with the skill of any New York designer.

Mary Eva joined TUMC in 1944 – that means she has been a faithful member of our church for 67 years. She has the distinction of being the first New member to join the church in this sanctuary which was built following the fire that destroyed the old church. During these 67 years she has served our church in many ways, most notably as a member of the chancel choir—and we still miss her lovely alto voice in the choir. She has served in leadership positions and on numerous committees of the church and has always been a faithful member of the Sunday School and the missionary circle of the UMW. Even now as she turns 90 years old we can still count on Mary Eva to modify a recipe for us or prepare a dish to share with others in the Bread of Life ministry. She remains one of the great benefactors of this church. Since George's death in 2006 and her failing health, Mary Eva has not always been able to come to church every Sunday, but there are not very many Sundays when she is not right there in her pew. We would all do well to take a lesson in faithfulness by looking to Mary Eva's church attendance.

Mary Eva has always been beloved by many people. Her grandchildren, nieces and nephews, as well as many of the children in our church family have always lovingly called her "Tish". The people who taught with her and were taught by her hold her in great esteem. She is the epitome of a classy lady and we all still look to her for the correct way to dress, how to behave in all social settings, how to be a gracious hostess and most of all --how to always remain a lady of the South.

So here we are today, "Miss" Mary Eva, in the year 2011 in a world quite different from the year of your birth. In a world where jet engines and computers are now commonplace but sadly where good manners, correct grammar and gracious behavior don't seem to matter to the masses. But thankfully, this is still a world where God is in charge and where we can trust in His goodness – and appreciate the special opportunities he gives us to honor people like you who have been so faithful to this church and community over the years. And we do indeed honor you on this your 90th birthday. We celebrate your life—the ninety years which have brought you professional success as well as personal satisfaction—and the years which you have given of your special talents to all of us. You are a very dear person. You and your family will always hold a special place in the hearts of the people of Tennille and especially the members of this church.

We are so delighted that you are able to be here with us today and that so many of your friends and family are joining us in celebrating on this momentous occasion. With our love and appreciation to you, Mary Eva, we wish you a very Happy Birthday.

Anniversaries

February

Carl and Marjorie Wright- 1, 1959
Skip and Betty Wommack – 11

March

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

Nursery Schedule - 2012

February

5 - Joe Thomas
12 – Linda Deem
19 – Jean Bevill
26 – Sandra Cook

11 – Joe Thomas
18 – Linda Deem
25 – Jean Bevill

April

1 – Sandra Cook
8 – Selwyn May
15 – Joe Thomas

22 – Linda Deem
29 – Jean Bevill

May

6 – Sandra Cook
13 – Selwyn May
20 – Joe Thomas
27 – Linda Deem

June

3 – Jean Bevill
10 – Sandra Cook
17 – Selwyn May
24 – Joe Thomas

March

4 – Selwyn May

Media Schedule 2012

February

5- Tony Orr
12- Selwyn May
19- Sandra Cook
26- Dean Blount

March

4- Russ Garland
11- Tony Orr
18-Selwyn May
25- Sandra Cook

April

1- Dean Blount
8-Russ Garland
15-Tony Orr
22- Selwyn May
29-Sandra Cook

May

6-Dean Blount
13-Russ Garland
20-Tony Orr

27-Selwyn May

June

3- Sandra Cook
10- Dean Blount
17- Russ Garland
24- Tony Orr

Birthdays

February

Jessica Lape- 3
Sandra Cook- 5
Jeffrey Rogers – 7
Scarlett Lindsey – 13
Jay Smith (J. H., Jr.) – 19
Dwight Irons - 20
Randall Harris- 20

March

Ronald McBrayer- 3
Dennard Miller – 10
Kathryn McAteer – 15
Dr. Frances Northington – 17
Nathan Smith- 20
Carole Garner- 23
Lucy Nell Smith – 25
Loretha Thiele – 25
Rev. Jeff Cook- 28
Michael Cook-29
Bryan West – 30

April

Catherine Rogers – 3
Danny Garner- 6
Amy Rogers – 6
Gus Ouzts – 8 –
Jean Bevill – 13
Rev. Ramus Freeman – 14
Joan Smith – 15
April Smith – 17
Donna Mingledorf – 18
Tommy West – 25
Harriette Towe – 30

Addresses you might like to have:

Dr. J. Hamby Barton: 104 Doral Circle Coral Gables, Fl. #34113 Ph, # 239-732-1913

Helen Chapman: The Bridge at Lawrenceville, c/o Helen Chapman Room 108, 220 Collins Industrial Way, Lawrenceville, GA 30043

Dennard Miller: Jerry Miller, c/o Dennard Miller, 6 Priory Rd. , Savannah, Ga 31411

Missed a Service? Want to hear a sermon again? Looking for a picture?

Sunday Services and most all special services from 2005 forward are available at www.tennilleumc.org – click on **Sermons** button.

Musical Programs – many of our musical programs are available for listening at www.tennilleumc.org – click on **Music** button.

Special Services – many of our special services are recorded and available at www.tennilleumc.org – click on **Special Services** button.

Pictures – many of our church pictures are available at www.tennilleumc.org – click on **Picture Archives** button.

Tennille United Methodist Church Financial Report January 31, 2012

<u>Conference and District Apportionments</u>	2012 Budget	Paid to Date		
World Service Fund	1,445.00	120.42	Other	Paid to Date
Conference Benevolences	1,013.00	84.42		
Congregational Development	909.00	75.75		
Clergy Support	2,493.00	207.75		
Pre-1982 Pension & MPP	1,558.00	129.83		
Comprehensive Protection Plan	790.00	65.83		
Health Flex (retired clergy)	1,002.00	83.50		
Health Flex (disabled clergy)	211.00	17.58		
Administrative Expenses	1,084.00	90.33		
Christian Higher Education	804.00	67.00		
SEJ Mission and Ministry	125.00	10.42		
Africa University Fund	43.00	3.58		
Black College Fund	191.00	15.92		
General Administration Fund	165.00	13.75		
General Church Episcopal Fund	440.00	36.67		
Inter-denominational Co-op Fund	38.00	3.17		
Ministerial Education Fund	479.00	39.92		
Dublin District Parsonage Fund	427.00	35.58		
Dublin Dist. Operational & Program Fund	683.00	56.92		
SEJ Dam Restoration Fund	36.00	3.00		
<u>Buildings and Grounds</u>				
Church and Parsonage Maintenance	4,000.00	469.00		
Insurance	3,368.00			
Utilities	9,500.00	717.90		
Yard	4,000.00			
Service Agreements	1,450.00	41.45		
Parsonage Improvements	1,000.00			
<u>Operational Expenses</u>			Month of January	
Janitorial Service	2,500.00	160.00	Contributions	9,631.00
Janitorial Supplies	75.00		Disbursements	7,780.79
Office Supplies	1,200.00	78.01		
Social Hall Supplies	200.00			
Annual Conference Expense	350.00			
Musical Instrument Maintenance	700.00		Check Book	
Miscellaneous	1,200.00	132.10	Balance as of 12/31/11	13,355.72
Contingency/Reserve	1,500.00	125.00	Deposits:	
<u>Program and Ministry</u>			Pledges	9,521.00
Prayer Ministry	150.00		Basket	110.00
Family Ministry (Includes SS Expenditures)	1,650.00	315.22	Disbursements	7,780.79
Nursery	2,100.00	200.00		
Worship	200.00		Balance as of 1/31/12	15,205.93
Music	3,000.00	334.00		
Missions	1,000.00	125.00	Golden Savings Balance	22,421.18
Hospitality (Evangelism)	500.00			
Media Ministry (Internet/Newsletter/Radio)	5,200.00	363.44		
<u>Ministerial Support</u>				
Salary	42,700.00	3,558.33		
Ministerial Pension Plan	7,469.00			
HealthFlex (Blue Cross/Blue Shield)	9,696.00			
Pastor's Exp. Acct.(incl. CEU & Annual Conf.)	3,000.00			
<u>Total</u>	121,644.00	7,780.79		

A story by Leo Tolstoy, a Russian novelist and philosopher at the beginning of the twentieth century, illustrates how right it is that we love one another. The story is about a relatively minor incident resulting in a major disaster. Ivan's hen laid an egg in Gabriel's yard, and a quarrel arose over who owned the egg. Harsh words led to lawsuits and insults. Hatred took over and spread. One day Ivan's wife insulted Gabriel and Gabriel slapped her. Ivan demanded that Gabriel be given twenty lashes, and Gabriel, who had never been whipped before, was humiliated. In anger he set fire to Ivan's shed. Ivan saw the blaze, but instead of putting out the small fire, he ran after Gabriel. Unattended, the fire spread to Ivan's house, to a neighbor's house, and continued until the whole village was burned to the ground. Then, Ivan, brokenhearted and bereft, said, "If I had put out that first little flame, this would not have happened." A wise old man of the village said, "Yes, you're right. And the first little flame was that silly incident over the egg."

If only our foresight was as good as our hindsight, we could avoid many bad experiences. As some wise man said many years ago, "Better shun the bait than struggle in the trap." Shakespeare's Macbeth, after Duncan's murder, said: "Will all great Neptune's ocean wash this blood clean from my hand? No! This hand of mine will rather the multitudinous seas make red." He started on a downward spiral because he let greedy ambition drive him too far. Macbeth got started on a wrong course and did not know how to stop the consequences.

He did not know that the blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth us from all sin.

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