

The Tennille Testimony

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March 2009

Sunday Morning Assembly 9:45 am



Join us for songs and announcements to go with
"Mary's Muffins" before Sunday School.

Sunday School 10:00 am
Children's Class – Selwyn May
Youth Class – Joe Thomas
Adult Classes
Seekers - Leona Rogers
John Wesley - Mary Moye

Morning Worship
11:00 am

If you are **unable** to attend worship listen to us:



On WJFL 101.9 FM
(LIVE)
Or WSNT 99.9 FM
(Prior Sunday recorded)

Nursery Schedule

Mar. 8 Joe Thomas
Mar. 15 Jean Bevill
Mar. 22 Sue Burgamy
Mar. 29 Linda Deem
Apr. 5 Selwyn May
Apr. 12 Doris Patrick

**Christian Sympathy is extended to
Ron Deem & family. Ron's father, Earnest
Deem has passed away. Ron has asked that in
lieu of flowers donations be made to TUMC
"Nursery Upgrade Fund"**

THANK YOU!!

Thank you so much, TUMC, for sending me on the Spouses Retreat. I cannot express my appreciation to you very adequately, but by the grace of our Lord and Savior, I will do my best to represent Him and you in my duties as Dublin Representative.
Please keep us in prayer the weekend of March 13 – 15. That we can come back refreshed and full His power and love.
Again thank you for this and everything else you do to extend the love and grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

PRAYER REQUESTS



Dennard Miller, Elsie Marchman, Ethan Rachels, Betty Smith, Scott Freeman, Veronica Rodriguez, Eunious Ethridge, Joan Borders, Roger Chapman, Jim Morgan, Noah Burgamy, Eddie Rogers, George Leverett, Laura Holly, Olive Margaret Webster, Helen Chapman, Harry Cook, Lucyle Ballentine, Faye McMaster, Auston Guthrie, Geneva Bussel, Cody Cullens, Harold Matthews, Monique Couture, Amelia McAfee, Jessie Parker, Thelma Chapman, Leona Shepherd Rogers (Leona's daughter-in-law), Jackie Varnell, Deem Family

Answers to Exodus Quiz

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1. (Aaron) 2. (Pharaoh's daughter) 3. (Jewels) 4. (10)
5. (Frogs) 6. (Aaron's rod swallowed them)
7. (Red Sea) 8. (Marah) 9. (Quail) 10. (A pillar of cloud and of fire)
11. (From a rock) 12. (Mt. Sinai)
13. (Thou shalt not commit adultery) 14. (Two cherubim) 15. (An onyx) 16. (Blue)
17. (they didn't know what had happened to Moses)
18. (Bezaleel) 19. (Joshua) 20. (40)

A Tribute to Paul F. Thiele written by Mary Moye, TUMC Member

The tribute was presented at the Christmas Memorial Concert honoring Mr. Thiele in December 2008 at the Tennille United Methodist Church.

Paul Frederick Thiele was born August 5, 1914 in Appleton, Wisconsin. Despite his early years north of the Mason-Dixon line, Paul became a true southern gentleman when he moved to Washington County in the 1940's and established Thiele Kaolin Company. He brought a new dimension of leadership and innovation to the mining industry. Business leaders worldwide have nothing but words of praise for Paul Thiele's business acumen and his style of leadership. He was a fine Christian man in the workplace as well as in the sanctuary.

As soon as he came to Washington County, Paul sought church affiliation and we in Tennille are so fortunate that he chose to join the Tennille Methodist Church in 1949. Over the years Paul Thiele served this church in a number of leadership roles. He served ably as Chairman of the Finance Committee, Administrative Board Chairman, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Sunday School Superintendent, and Director of the Chancel Choir.

Today we remember especially his love for beautiful music. Music was his personal passion and church music was always a strong commitment in his life. The members of the Tennille United Methodist Church are beneficiaries of his commitment. But Paul Thiele was not bound by denomination. Being a man of Christian generosity, he supported, assisted and freely gave to churches throughout Washington County regardless of denomination or background. His benevolence extended outside the bounds of this community to churches around the state.

Throughout his lifetime, Paul Thiele remained the same cultured, intelligent, caring person who came to Washington County in the forties. Most importantly Paul was a man with a deep sense of spirituality—a man who lived the golden rule—a man who simply put into practice Jesus' commandment that we love one another. Paul loved this community and we loved him.

This concert at Christmastime is a fitting remembrance of the life of Paul Thiele. Paul loved Christmas, he loved music and he loved this church. Today we pause to enjoy the music and remember with much fondness this fine man—our good friend.

There are people who follow a brighter light than the glimmer of their own candle; Paul Thiele was such a person. We dedicate this Christmas concert to the glory of God and in loving memory of Paul Frederick Thiele.

Sermon Schedule

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| 3/1 | 1st Lent | The Life Question: What Are You Looking For? |
| 3/8 | 2nd Lent | UMW Day |
| 3/15 | 3rd Lent | The Grace Question: Are You A Teacher...and Yet Do Not Understand? |
| 3/22 | 4th Lent | The Wholeness Question: Do You Want To Be Made Well? |
| 3/29 | 5th Lent | Rev. Ramus Freeman preaching |
| 4/5 | Passion/Palm Sunday | The Cross Question: Am I Not To Drink The Cup? |
| 4/12 | Easter | The Easter Question: Why Are You Weeping? Whom Do You Seek? |

Tennille United Methodist Church Financial Report February 28, 2009

| Conference and District Apportionments | Budget | To Date | | Paid to Date |
|---|-------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| World Service Fund | 1,386.00 | 231.00 | Other | |
| Conference Benevolences | 1,126.00 | 187.67 | Magnolia Manor | 176.00 |
| Congregational Development | 1,142.00 | 190.33 | | |
| Clergy Support | 2,049.00 | 341.50 | | |
| Pre-1982 Pension & MPP | 1,527.00 | 254.50 | | |
| Comprehensive Protection Plan | 724.00 | 120.67 | | |
| Health Flex (retired clergy) | 1,019.00 | 169.83 | | |
| Health Flex (disabled clergy) | 162.00 | 27.00 | | |
| Administrative Expenses | 1,017.00 | 169.50 | | |
| State Cooperative Fund | 80.00 | 13.33 | | |
| Christian Higher Education | 802.00 | 133.67 | | |
| SEJ Mission and Ministry | 115.00 | 19.17 | | |
| Africa University Fund | 40.00 | 6.67 | | |
| Black College Fund | 179.00 | 29.83 | | |
| General Administration Fund | 144.00 | 24.00 | | |
| General Church Episcopal Fund | 352.00 | 58.67 | | |
| Inter-denominational Co-op Fund | 35.00 | 5.83 | | |
| Ministerial Education Fund | 448.00 | 74.67 | | |
| Dublin District Parsonage Fund | 467.00 | 77.83 | | |
| Dublin Dist. Operational & Program Fund | 1,238.00 | 206.33 | | |
| <u>Buildings and Grounds</u> | | | | |
| Church and Parsonage Maintenance | 2,400.00 | 225.27 | | |
| Insurance | 3,368.00 | | | |
| Utilities | 8,000.00 | 1,532.52 | | |
| Yard | 3,000.00 | 170.00 | | |
| Termite Control | 600.00 | 86.00 | | |
| Parsonage Improvements | 1,000.00 | | | |
| <u>Operational Expenses</u> | | | | |
| Janitorial Service | 2,500.00 | 433.44 | Month of February | |
| Janitorial Supplies | 50.00 | | Contributions | 9,410.21 |
| Office Supplies | 1,200.00 | 247.79 | Disbursements | 8,710.99 |
| Social Hall Supplies | 150.00 | | | |
| Annual Conference Expense | 500.00 | | | |
| Musical Instrument Maintenance | 500.00 | | Check Book | |
| Miscellaneous | 1,200.00 | 399.51 | Balance as of 12/31/08 | 18,404.90 |
| | | | Deposits: | |
| <u>Program and Ministry</u> | | | | |
| Prayer Ministry | 250.00 | | Pledges | 17,025.56 |
| Family Ministry | 150.00 | 47.40 | Basket | 900.00 |
| Worship | 300.00 | | Disbursements | 16,312.50 |
| Music | 3,000.00 | 554.00 | Balance as of 2/28/09 | 20,017.96 |
| Missions | 800.00 | 100.00 | Golden Savings Balance | 8,229.99 |
| Hospitality (Evangelism) | 500.00 | | | |
| Media Ministry (Internet/Newsletter/Radio) | 7,900.00 | 1,276.59 | | |
| <u>Ministerial Support</u> | | | | |
| Salary | 45,198.00 | 7,533.00 | | |
| Ministerial Pension Plan | 5,832.00 | 598.58 | | |
| HealthFlex (Blue Cross/Blue Shield) | 7,800.00 | 675.00 | | |
| Pastor's Exp. Acct.(incl. CEU & Annual Conf.) | 3,650.00 | 91.40 | | |
| Total | 113,900.00 | 16,312.50 | | |

Leave a Lasting Impression

One of the facets of estate planning is the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of your loved ones and support the causes you most care about. You may also have the ability to leave a legacy after you pass away.

Some things to think about when it comes to legacy planning:

1. Think about charities and causes that are important to you. Describe which ones you would like to support with financial resources before or after you pass away.
2. How would you like to be remembered by your family and friends?
3. Personally imagine some of the ways you can leave a lasting impression. Write down your thoughts.
4. Suppose you had \$1 million to give upon your death, how would you allocate this money?

Your thoughts, answers and questions would be the basis of a good discussion with your estate planning attorney to see how an effective estate plan can achieve your objectives and leave a lasting impression.

Written by Jennifer N. Sawday

Have you thought about how you could make a lasting impression in the Kingdom of God by including the Tennille United Methodist Church in your estate planning?

Pastor Pete

WHAT'S YOUR I.Q.?

I found something interesting in my reading this week. It was a test that measured not your Intelligence Quotient, but your Invitation Quotient.

We at Tennille United Methodist Church want to be a welcoming and friendly congregation. Will each of you take the time to take this test and then do something about it?

1. Have you spoken to anyone since worship this past Sunday to share with them what Christ and His church mean to YOU?
2. Do you often speak to someone who has been absent from worship to express your concern for them?
3. Have you invited a newcomer to the community to your church any time within the past four months? The past year?
4. Have you encouraged or invited anyone who does not attend Sunday School or worship to visit yours with you?
5. During the past month, have you introduced yourself to anyone you did not know, so you may get to know the people you worship with?
6. Do you take the time to greet the people who sit around you?
7. Do you pray for the ability to use opportunities, as God presents them to you, to be a welcoming person?
8. Will you pray that the Holy Spirit will guide you in your outreach concerns?

I pray that the Spirit of God will be in us not only as we worship together, but also as we are sent out into our community as we welcome persons to God. How's your I.Q.?

Pastor Pete

SOME THOUGHTS ABOUT PRAYER

We are often looking for the one way to do things, the perfect model. I don't believe there is just one way to pray. There is not one model. However we do have several scriptures that talk about prayer and can give some insight about speaking with our Creator. Here are three:

1. **Pray Trustfully.** 14. Since we have a great high priest, Jesus the Son of God, who has gone into heaven, let us hold on to the faith we have. 15. For our high priest is able to understand our weaknesses. When he lived on earth, he was tempted in every way that we are, but he did not sin. 16. Let us, then, feel very sure that we can come before God's throne where there is grace. There we can receive mercy and grace to help us when we need it. (Hebrews 4:14-16 NCV)

We can trust that Jesus somehow has experienced the same thing we have. He knows how it feels, and in fact is already praying to Father on our behalf.

2. **Pray Thankfully.** 17. When the seventy-two came back, they were very happy and said, "Lord, even the demons obeyed us when we used your name!" 18. Jesus said, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. 19. Listen, I have given you power to walk on snakes and scorpions, power that is greater than the enemy has. So nothing will hurt you. 20. But you should not be happy because the spirits obey you but because your names are written in heaven. (Luke 10:17-20)

We are to always remember that God loved us enough to save us; he certainly loves us enough to attend unto our prayer concerns.

3. **Pray Tenaciously.** 5. Then Jesus said to them, "Suppose one of you went to your friend's house at midnight and said to him, 'Friend, loan me three loaves of bread. 6. A friend of mine has come into town to visit me, but I have nothing for him to eat.' 7. Your friend inside the house answers, 'Don't bother me! The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything.' 8. I tell you, if friendship is not enough to make him get up to give you the bread, your boldness will make him get up and give you whatever you need. 9. So I tell you, ask, and God will give to you. Search, and you will find. Knock, and the door will open for you. 10. Yes, everyone who asks will receive. The one who searches will find. And everyone who knocks will have the door opened. (Luke 11:5-10)

This text suggests we aren't to pray once and forget about it. We are to keep on asking. When we were children we didn't stop asking our parents after just one time. Nor do our children stop after asking just once.

Once again there is no perfect formula, just talk to your heavenly Father. Talk to him with the confidence this granddaughter does: Grandpa passed by her room one night and heard her repeating the alphabet in an oddly reverent way. He asked her "What on earth are you up to?" She explained, "I'm saying my prayers, but I can't think of exactly the right words tonight, so I'm just saying the letters. God will put them together for me, because he knows what I'm thinking."

Pray Trustfully. Pray Thankfully. Pray Tenaciously.

*Grace and Peace,
Pastor Pete*

The Exodus Bible Quiz

1. What was the name of Moses' brother?
2. Who rescued Moses from the ark of bulrushes?
3. What did the Israelites borrow from their neighbors?
4. How many plagues did God send on Egypt?
5. What was the second plague?
6. Aaron turned his rod into a serpent before Pharaoh, and Pharaoh's magicians did likewise, but what happened to their serpents?
7. What sea did the Israelites cross through to escape the Egyptians?
8. At what place did the Israelites arrive only to find the water was too bitter to drink, whereupon God caused it to become sweet?
9. What bird did God provide for meat in the wilderness?
10. What guided the Israelites through the wilderness?
11. When there was no water to drink, how did Moses provide it?
12. On which mountain were the Israelites given the Ten Commandments?
13. What is the seventh commandment?
14. What was on top of the Ark of the Covenant?
15. On what type of stone were the 12 children of Israel to have their names engraved?
16. What color was the priest's robe?
17. What compelled the Israelites to form and worship the golden calf?
18. What was the name of a man who was given the Spirit of God, to enable him to become a good craftsman, and assist with the building of the tabernacle?
19. Who was Moses' successor?
20. For how many years did the Israelites wander in the wilderness?

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Are you sharing the Divine life line with anyone? Put a smile on all faces involved – share today.

Tennille United Methodist Church Is Our Name And Sharing The Divine Life Line In 2009 Is Our Game.



Are you anxious or hesitant about sharing your faith? **JOIN THE CROWD!** Most of us are somewhat nervous, yet on the other hand we feel a desire and a need to share our faith. If you fall in that category, this is an excellent opportunity for you. I was excited when we had 16 people sign up Sunday, January 25 for our Faith-Sharing Bible Study. That's 4/5 of my goal of 20. I believe I was a little conservative in my dreaming (I'll do better in the future). I am now expecting 25 to sign up. We will begin this Lenten Bible Study on February 26. We will meet for one hour on Thursdays through Lent, finishing on April 4. The study will be offered at two different times: 1:00 PM and 7:00 PM. The cost is \$13. Call, email, or sign up in the Narthex to reserve your copy of the Study Book.

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