

# 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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## Why Jesus: Answering Tough Questions About Our Savior Join us in February for the answers.....

Wednesday evenings at 6pm



Tennille  
Community Fall  
Festival 2010



What tough questions do you have about Jesus?  
We will begin to ask these questions in  
four sessions.

Session 1: What's the Big Deal about Jesus?

Session 2: Was Jesus God, or Just a Good Man?

Session 3: Were Jesus' Miracles Just an Illusion?

Session 4: Is Jesus the Only Way to Heaven

Culture is blurring the lines between different faiths. It is increasingly difficult for people to grasp how their faith in Jesus Christ is unique. In these four powerful sessions, David Nasser addresses the tough questions that people have about Jesus and points them back to the scriptural truths about our Savior.



UMW Day 2010



All Saints Day 2010



UMW Day 2010

### *Tribute to Doris Patrick*

We lost a dear friend and dedicated member of our church in Mrs. Doris Patrick on November 20, 2010. Doris joined Tennille United Methodist Church on October 6, 1957. In her 53 years as a member of Tennille Methodist, Doris made a difference for the kingdom of God. She loved children and spent many Sunday's teaching the children of this church in Sunday School. She believed in the mission of the United Methodist Women, serving as a member of the Erin Holder Smith Circle and past president of the Tennille UMW unit. She was dedicated to helping those in need as shown by her commitment to Bread of Life and Feed My Sheep. We will all miss the sparkle in her eye and the warm smile on her face, but we can all smile knowing that all of heaven is enjoying the presence of this wonderful woman that we came to know and love.



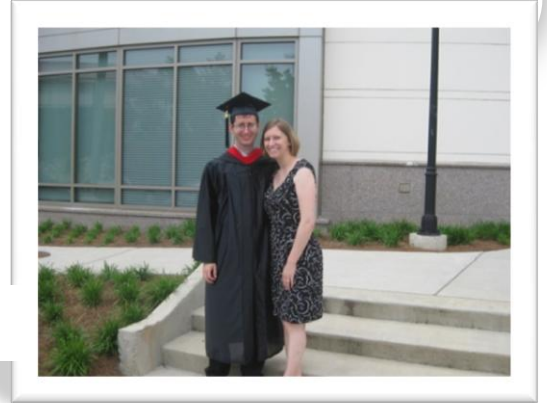
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What is your goal for this Advent season?

Advent is a time of preparation. As Christians, we are to prepare our hearts for Christ's coming. Christ did not just come once on that first Christmas, but instead he comes to us day by day. Are we preparing our hearts through prayer, reading scripture, worship, and other means so that Christ may come into our hearts? The temptation for us all during this Christmas season is to become so excited about buying gifts and attending parties that we miss out on the preparation.

We must be intentional about preparing our hearts so that we can welcome Christ into our lives. It is only when we welcome Christ into our lives that we are assured that the peace and hope of God will be with us. Only through welcoming Christ into our hearts does our focus turn from things of little significance to those of eternal significance. A worthy goal for each of us as we approach Christmas is to prepare our hearts to receive the living Christ day in and day out. Christ alone can soften our hearts so that we can love God. Christ alone can soften our hearts so that we can love one another regardless of our differences. Christ alone can soften our hearts so that we can hear the cry of the needy. Christ can do all things if we will prepare our hearts to accept Him.



In Christ,  
Rev. Jeff Cook



Fall Festival 2010



Christmas Cantata 2010



Sunday School

## The Tennille Testimony



*Media Team*



*Easter 2010*



*Council Planning Meeting*

### ***FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT***

Loyalty Sunday was held on October 3, 2010, and 26 families completed Estimate of Giving Cards totaling \$89,116.00. Based on last years' giving records, \$21,100.00 can be expected from people who did not complete Estimate of Giving Cards. \$2500.00 from basket donations can also be estimated based on 2010 gifts. The total 2011 estimated gifts amount to \$112,716.00.

The proposed 2011 budget of Tennille United Methodist Church of \$118,557.00 was approved by the Charge Conference on November 7th. The budget included increases in Conference and District apportionments and in Ministerial Support. It also included decreases in Buildings and Grounds and Program and Ministry expenses. The total estimated expenditures is \$705.00 more than 2010 budget of \$117,852.00.

With a \$118,557.00 budget for 2011 and estimated gifts of \$112,716.00, the Finance Committee recognizes that we need \$5,841.00 to balance the budget. We feel that this estimated difference of \$5,841.00 could be reached if our members were aware that a 6% increase in their giving would allow us to fund the 2011 estimated budget.

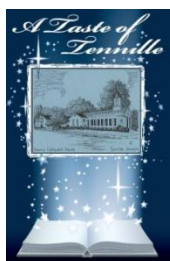
Thank you very much for your generous support to our Church. It is truly amazing the commitment our members have for our Church, our dedicated Minister and our ministries.

### **A Generous Challenge**

Allen Smith has generously offered to match the first \$5,000 of contributions to clean, repair and repaint the exterior woodwork of the sanctuary and the old Sunday school building. This work is essential to prevent deterioration of these buildings and is the Trustees #1 maintenance priority.

It is our challenge to find the \$5,000 so that we can start on this project by the spring. Please make your most generous contribution to the TUMC designated for the painting project and send it to Jean Bevill.

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A Taste of Tennille cookbooks are for sale for \$15.00. They make a wonderful gift. They are available for sale in the narthex or the church office.



## *Trustees Report*

The "Guideline for Trustees" tell us that the charge of the Trustees is to maintain all property belonging to our congregation so that the mission of the Church can be effective. In order to better meet this charge and the requirements of the report to the charge conference your trustees have been working on a longer-term plan.

To make this plan we realized that knowledgeable assessment of our needs was essential. As to be expected when knowing eyes climb ladders, look in furnaces and crawl under buildings we learnt there is always much to do. With this expert advice we were able to develop a needs list from which to make a plan.

What we can do is limited by the funds we have. Looking back over the last 12 to 14 years we typically spent \$20,000 each year on maintenance and repairs and your current Trustees have spent more. Recent work included basic needs such as the new roof, tackling the crawl space drainage and related problems and other repairs at the Parsonage. The old Sunday school was completely renovated including a new heating and cooling system and major repairs were made on the portico of the WB Smith building. Although these expenditures are not surprising for a facility of the size and value of ours it is a lot of money and has only been possible because of the generosity of past and present members and friends.

Because much is needed and resources are limited choosing the right priorities is important. The first priority is to maintain our facilities in a condition that keeps us warm, dry and safe. The following lists in approximate order of priority the major maintenance needs in the plan.

### Major Maintenance Needs (Not in the budget)

*Work is listed generally in order of priority but all is needed as soon as funds can be found, hopefully substantially in 2011. \$\$ numbers are estimates by Russell Brown.*

#### Parsonage:

Continue to closely monitor crawl space, adjust french drain if needed and make minor repairs.

#### Sanctuary & old S/S:

|                                                           |         |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Clean, repair & repaint exterior wood work                | \$9,400 |
| Repair & paint shutters                                   | \$2,750 |
| Prepare & paint inside windows of sanctuary, furnace room | \$1,750 |

#### WB Smith Building:

|                                         |         |
|-----------------------------------------|---------|
| Clean, repair & paint exterior woodwork | \$9,500 |
| Repair & paint shutters                 | \$ 850  |

The shutters might all be a separate longer- term project.

*Future major maintenance needs for which we need to be prepared include the H/AC units in the WB Smith building; 1 of the 4 units is unsafe and offline. Roofs have 8/10 years life remaining, except parsonage with 20+. Painting of brickwork is not in the above.*

Routine servicing and inspection of our facilities including the parsonage is essential for our safety and to catch small problems before they become costly ones. The Trustees have made arrangements as follows:

Routine annual servicing/inspection needs. (These are in the budget as a line item)  
Annual service of heating/cooling systems to help ensure they are safe and functioning.

*Andrews Climate Control*

Fire extinguishers in place and working.

*Middle Georgia Safely*

Termite and Pest Control.

*Arrow Exterminators*

External building inspection.

*Russell Brown*

Parsonage crawl space inspection.

*To be arranged.*

The Trustees also have in the plan a list of some of the other items that either need to be done or might be nice to do if funding was available.

Other needs that have been requested or identified.

(Not in the budget)

*Some of these needs are identified in the report to the Charge Conference. They are not prioritized.*

*Items not listed such as the railings on the steps to the social hall have been generously funded and are already planned*

New appraisal for insurance purposes.

Fire & safety audit

Security system with fire & CO monitoring

Handicap accessible restroom

Lightning protection

Playground equipment.

The above is an outline of the recent thinking of your Trustees. We may well have neglected something of importance to you. Circumstances and needs will keep changing and so will this thinking. Because nothing is possible without generous people we are enormously grateful for the recent and past contributions in treasure and time. Of particular note of course is the WB Ouzts Trust and in the term of the current Trustees, the Taylor family and Allen Smith. (A separate article tells about Allen's recent generous offer) Also Sonny Barksdale on the seemingly intractable parsonage water problem. To these we add thanks to all those who make the many other vital contributions such as the memorials to Joseph; and contributions often made without our knowledge. Also we thank Russell Brown who has worked and given way beyond what one would expect in a business relationship.

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*Gaithers Trip 2010*



*Family Day 2010*



*Fall Festival 2010*

***Birthdays  
December***

Ben Ouzts – 2  
Derek Spry – 13  
Allen May – 18  
Mary Eva Rowley – 21  
Simmons Thomas – 27

Betty Freeman – 7  
Samuel Rogers – 13  
Selwyn May – 18  
Carl Wright- 22  
Randall Harris- 30

Otis Northington – 9  
Holly Smith – 14  
Margaret Northington – 18  
Mary Knight – 25  
Rusty Harris- 31

***January***

R. W. "Skip" Wommack – 1  
William Burgamy – 17  
Hunt Anderson McAteer – 23  
Dr. Kenneth Towe – 31

Herschel Ouzts – 11  
Mary Beth Rogers – 19  
Tom Mingledorf – 28

Johnny Mimbs- 15  
Christian Shaun Smith – 19  
Jackie Lindsay – 29

***February***

Jessica Lape- 3  
Scarlett Lindsey – 13  
Randall Harris- 20

Sandra Cook- 5  
Jay Smith (J. H., Jr.) – 19

Jeffrey Rogers – 7  
Dwight Irons – 20

***Anniversaries***

***December***

Lee and Ann Cook – 17

***January***

E. K. and Debby May – 1

***February***

Carl and Marjorie Wright- 1

Dan and Mary Moye – 28

Billy and Faye McMaster – 16

Skip and Betty Wommack – 11

*The Poinsettias are given for the month of December by  
Lucy Nell Smith, Margaret Alexander and Ben Ouzts  
in memory of  
John Holder Smith,  
William Smith  
and  
Harry Cunningham*



**Tennille United Methodist Church Financial Report November 30, 2010**

| <u>Conference and District Apportionments</u> | <b>2010 Budget</b> | <b>Paid to Date</b> |                               |                     |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| World Service Fund                            | 1,361.00           | 1,247.58            | <b>Other</b>                  | <b>Paid to Date</b> |
| Conference Benevolences                       | 1,144.00           | 1,048.67            | Magnolia Manor                | 286.00              |
| Congregational Development                    | 1,124.00           | 1,030.33            | Ronald McBrayer Fund          | 175.00              |
| Clergy Support                                | 2,234.00           | 2,047.83            | UMCOR #418325 (Haiti)         | 595.00              |
| Pre-1982 Pension & MPP                        | 1,566.00           | 1,435.50            | Larry Gibbons Family          | 500.00              |
| Comprehensive Protection Plan                 | 742.00             | 680.17              | Gideons International         | 285.00              |
| Health Flex (retired clergy)                  | 1,100.00           | 1,008.33            | New S. Ga. Conf. Center       | 70.00               |
| Health Flex (disabled clergy)                 | 204.00             | 187.00              | UMCOR                         | 50.00               |
| Administrative Expenses                       | 1,051.00           | 963.42              |                               |                     |
| State Cooperative Fund                        | 42.00              | 38.50               |                               |                     |
| Christian Higher Education                    | 822.00             | 753.50              |                               |                     |
| SEJ Mission and Ministry                      | 118.00             | 108.17              |                               |                     |
| Africa University Fund                        | 42.00              | 38.50               |                               |                     |
| Black College Fund                            | 186.00             | 170.50              |                               |                     |
| General Administration Fund                   | 148.00             | 135.67              |                               |                     |
| General Church Episcopal Fund                 | 374.00             | 342.83              |                               |                     |
| Inter-denominational Co-op Fund               | 36.00              | 33.00               |                               |                     |
| Ministerial Education Fund                    | 466.00             | 427.17              |                               |                     |
| Dublin District Parsonage Fund                | 400.00             | 366.67              |                               |                     |
| Dublin Dist. Operational & Program Fund       | 667.00             | 611.42              |                               |                     |
| SEJ Dam Restoration Fund                      |                    | 31.17               |                               |                     |
| <b>Buildings and Grounds</b>                  |                    |                     |                               |                     |
| Church and Parsonage Maintenance              | 3,500.00           | 3,013.28            |                               |                     |
| Insurance                                     | 3,368.00           | 3,440.00            |                               |                     |
| Utilities                                     | 8,000.00           | 7,743.41            |                               |                     |
| Yard                                          | 4,000.00           | 3,380.00            |                               |                     |
| Termite Control                               | 600.00             | 606.00              |                               |                     |
| Parsonage Improvements                        | 2,500.00           |                     |                               |                     |
| <b>Operational Expenses</b>                   |                    |                     | <b>Month of November</b>      |                     |
| Janitorial Service                            | 2,500.00           | 2,345.00            | Contributions                 | 7,623.20            |
| Janitorial Supplies                           | 50.00              | 64.95               | Disbursements                 | 12,512.01           |
| Office Supplies                               | 1,200.00           | 1,221.64            |                               |                     |
| Social Hall Supplies                          | 200.00             | 112.84              |                               |                     |
| Annual Conference Expense                     | 500.00             | 207.66              |                               |                     |
| Musical Instrument Maintenance                | 600.00             | 325.00              | <b>Check Book</b>             |                     |
| Miscellaneous                                 | 1,200.00           | 1,529.06            | <b>Balance as of 12/31/09</b> | <b>12,139.35</b>    |
| Contingency/Reserve                           | 1,500.00           | 1,375.00            | Deposits:                     |                     |
| <b>Program and Ministry</b>                   |                    |                     | Pledges                       | 102,923.00          |
| Prayer Ministry                               | 150.00             | 248.98              | Basket                        | 1,715.95            |
| Family Ministry ( Includes SS Expenditures)   | 1,650.00           | 1,658.92            | Disbursements                 | 104,427.82          |
| Nursery                                       | 2,100.00           | 1,870.00            |                               |                     |
| Worship                                       | 300.00             |                     | <b>Balance as of 11/30/10</b> | <b>12,350.48</b>    |
| Music                                         | 3,000.00           | 2,584.00            |                               |                     |
| Missions                                      | 1,000.00           | 840.00              | <b>Golden Savings Balance</b> | <b>5,259.06</b>     |
| Hospitality (Evangelism)                      | 500.00             | 90.00               |                               |                     |
| Media Ministry (Internet/Newsletter/Radio)    | 5,200.00           | 4,719.85            |                               |                     |
| <b>Ministerial Support</b>                    |                    |                     |                               |                     |
| Salary                                        | 41,500.00          | 38,041.63           |                               |                     |
| Ministerial Pension Plan                      | 6,665.00           | 6,108.96            |                               |                     |
| HealthFlex (Blue Cross/Blue Shield)           | 8,592.00           | 7,876.00            |                               |                     |
| Pastor's Exp. Acct.(incl. CEU & Annual Conf.) | 3,650.00           | 2,319.71            |                               |                     |
| <b>Total</b>                                  | <b>117,852.00</b>  | <b>104,427.8</b>    |                               |                     |



*Memories*

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