



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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Soup-er Sunday Luncheon February 5, 2006, 12:00, noon Rev. Don Youmans Guest Minister

Don Youmans will be our guest minister for the morning worship, filling in while Pastor Pete is out of town. We always look forward to an opportunity to have Don with us to preach.

We will have a 'Soup-er Bowl' soup and sandwich luncheon following the morning worship hour. This will be a fund-raising luncheon with donations going to the Organ Restoration Fund. We also look forward to having special 'goodies' for sale which have been prepared by Margaret Northington especially for this event.

Mardi Gras Marathon

On February 5, Pastor Pete will be in New Orleans running in the Mardi Gras Marathon. Pete is giving us an opportunity to sponsor him in this race with the proceeds going to help Katrina Victims through UMCOR. A marathon is 26.2 miles. Pete has set a goal of \$2620. This works out to 100 people sponsoring Pete at \$1 per mile, or \$26.20 per person. If you would like to sponsor Pete, make your check payable to TUMC and designate it MARATHON.

**Our Christian Sympathy is extended to the family of Owen Jackson 'Jack' Cook
Nov 25, 1933 - Jan 21, 2005**

Altar Flowers can extend our love to others

In hopes of extending our love to the community in a different way, a decision has been made to 'recycle' altar flowers. A Flower Committee is being formed to provide this ministry. The flowers can either be delivered to your home on Monday for your own use or to designated shut-ins, the hospital or nursing homes. You may indicate your preference. In fact, if flowers aren't picked up by NOON Monday, it will be assumed they are being donated to this charitable cause. It would be nice to have some wonderfully talented person volunteer to help arrange the flowers in several small vase arrangements. The committee would then deliver the flowers. Thank you so much for all you do. We truly appreciate all the ways you give unto our Lord.

TUMC WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

We extend a warm welcome to Dr. Dwight and Suzanne Irons who joined our congregation on Sunday, January 22, 2006. Dwight is retired from the ministry; Suzanne is retired from the Washington County Public School System. They both love music and plan to be involved in the music ministry of our church. He has agreed to assist Margaret Northington by playing the organ when needed. They love the Lord and look forward to serving Him in our church.

TUMC Extended Family Baby Boom

Christian Shaun Smith was born January 19, 2006 at 3:35am. He weighed in at 6 lbs 8 oz. Scott and Holly Smith are the proud parents; Ron and Linda Deem are the proud grandparents.

Hunt Anderson McAteer was born January 23, 2006 at 3:50pm. He weighed in at 9 lbs 15 oz. Wes and Katherine McAteer are the proud parents; E.K and Debbie May are the proud grandparents. Katie is also proud of her new brother.

Barlow Ligon Tillman was born January 26, 2006 at 8:58am. He weighed in at 8 lbs 13 oz. Tab and Brandee Tillman are the proud parents; Peter and Reba Barlow are the proud grandparents. Rivers is also proud of her new brother.

Bread of Life

The second Wednesday evening each month Tennille United Methodist Church is participating in the *Bread of Life* program. This mission provides an evening meal to almost 60 needy families in our community. See page 3 for menus for 2006 and other information about how you can help in this ministry.

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Annie Lou Hodges Circle, 7:30 pm
At the home of Linda Deem

February 12, 2006, 2:30 pm

UMW Service of Prayer and Self Denial in the Church Sanctuary

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Grand Sweep

We have completed 36 weeks of our Grand Sweep Study, but it is never too late to join us as we continue to study God's Word during the Sunday school hour. Using Dr. J. Ellsworth Kalas' systematic approach to daily Bible reading makes for an exciting study. Please join us on Sunday mornings at 9:45.

TUMC Website

Thanks to Selwyn May, the TUMC has a web site. Important news about the church and photos of special events are posted on the site. Visit at www.tennilleumc.org and

click on the links to explore the site. I think you will love it.

Radio Ministry

Tennille United Methodist Church Services are aired on radio station WJFL 101.9 on Sunday Mornings at 10:00 am. Recorded worship services are also available for purchase. You may access the TUMC website for a listing of sermon topics; then submit your order via email or call the church at 478-552-7811. Tapes are \$2.00 each (if mailed) or \$1.00 each (if picked up from the church). Pete also has devotions once a month on radio station WACO 100 which run for 1 minute each day for a week.

Feb 12, 2006, 5:30 pm
ALPHA course to begin

February 15, 2006, 10:30 am
Erin Holder Smith Circle

March 1, 2006, Noon
Ash Wednesday Service

March 3, 2006, 12:00 Noon
World Day of Prayer
Rev. Jim Dominy, speaker
Salad Luncheon in WB Smith Bldg

March 12, 2006
United Methodist Women Day

March 24, 25, 26, 2006
UMW Spiritual Growth Retreat at Epworth-by-the-Sea If you are interested in attending, please contact Patsy Blount, 552-9567

ALPHA Course—From Maintenance to Mission

Alpha is an exciting new program which has the potential to move our church from maintenance to mission. Alpha addresses all areas of our new administrative structure. It is a tool for witness, outreach and nurture--a most engaging way of passing on the basics of Christianity. Alpha is a ten-week course of study with the Pilot Course beginning on February 12. The purpose of the Pilot course is to introduce Alpha to our congregation. From this first course we hope to recruit people to help with the next course that will be offered to the community in September. The first meeting will be one of information and introduction. After viewing a video, "Is Christianity Irrelevant, Untrue and Boring", you will then decide if you want to participate in the ten week course. If you are interested in knowing more about Christianity and it's pertinence in our culture or how Alpha might impact our church please come to this first meeting on February 12. Please pray that God will use this powerful program to renew our church and lead people into a relationship with Jesus Christ. This course has the potential to profoundly change the lives of all in the church who volunteer to be a part of this transforming program.

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BREAD OF LIFE 2006

February

Meat Loaf

Creamed Potatoes
English Peas
Pears
Bread
Dessert
Milk

March

Chicken Pie

Corn
Dessert
Milk

April

Ham

Mac & Cheese
Green Beans
Bread
Dessert
Milk

May

Tuna Casserole

Fruit Cocktail
Dessert
Milk

June

Hamburger

Baked Beans
Peach Half
Dessert
Milk

July

Chicken Tenders

Pimento-Cheese Sandwiches
Deviled Eggs
Dessert
Milk

August

Hot Dogs

Cole Slaw
Fruit Cocktail
Dessert
Milk

September

Barbecue Chicken

Rice
Green Beans
Pear Half
Bread
Dessert
Milk

October

Beef Stew

Green Beans
Peach Half
Bread
Dessert
Milk

November

Vegetable Soup

Corn Muffins
Fruit Cocktail
Dessert
Milk

December

Lasagna

Green Beans
Fruit Cocktail
Bread
Milk

Assignments for the year

Entrees—Reba will put sign-up sheet in the narthex 1st two Sundays each month

(We will need at least 5 people willing to prepare 10 servings of ***main dish***)

Recipes—Randy and Mary will provide recipes for main dishes

Vegetables—Mary

Fruit—Paula

Dessert—Gus and Jean

Bread—Margaret

Milk – Randy

Communication with recipients—Doris

Delivery Teams: Doris, Jean, Ike, Dan, Beryl, Derek, Patsy, Dean, Pete, Reba, Randy and Joe

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP IN ANY OF THE ABOVE WAYS

PLEASE CONTACT MARY MOYE 552-7703.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE INVOLVED.

Reba's Reflections

We have had a wonderful start on the New Year!

January 1, we had a Litany Service where we were challenged to remember our covenant with our Lord. God is so faithful to us; we need to be faithful to Him in all things.

January 8, we had a 'Remember Your Baptism Service.' There we learned we need to be continually filled with the Spirit of God, through worship, prayer and renewing of our mind (studying to show ourselves approved as unto God). We are both filled as we do these things and do these more often as we are filled. We should be continually giving of ourselves to others, which mean we need more of God to function. Kind of like washing clothes, to have clean clothes you must wash them after every wearing. Or like your pantry, if you want to eat, you must buy more groceries if you plan on eating again. So don't forget to get your refill of the Spirit of God through worship, prayer & study and even fellowship with like believers. Some might say 'we have all the Spirit of God we will ever get or need,' this is also a true statement; but just like if you had a 200 lb sack of meal, which would last you for a long time if not forever, doesn't mean you don't need some everyday...or every time your recipe calls for it. Our life calls for God's grace, mercy, love, joy, peace, etcevery minute of our lives. Remember from where all blessing flow...and receive them and give them.

January 15, we were reminded 'that God IS', 'who I am', & 'what matters most.' God is ever present in the time of need, in control of every situation, loving, kind, forgiving, patiently waiting to spend quality time with us in prayer, worship and exhalation. I am...You are a child of the Most High God, of the King of Kings, joint heirs with Jesus. Our relationship with Him is what matters most.

January 22, we learned the work of the Holy Spirit. Before salvation He convinces us we need a savior and draws us to a relationship with our Lord. At salvation He regenerates or renews us, then seals our inheritance which gives us security in our relationship with The God of the Universe, and shows others including the enemy that we are owned by our God. Owned in a since of care taking and pride for us. He empowers us to do the work of the Lord and to give to others the mercy and grace that has been bestowed upon us. The peace, love and joy we experience as a child of the King is just a foretaste of glory divine, so we know our future is secure and we grow from glory to glory. Our growth here might seem slow and uneventful at times but in a twinkling of an eye He will be seen in through us.

Let us continue to grow in and through the knowledge and grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and glorify Him in all we do. Don't get discouraged, lift your hearts up to the Lord and let Him take your hand and lead you into all righteousness.

Know that in the Family of God you have brothers and sisters that love and care for you and are willing to do anything to help you in your time of need...what ever that might be. Nothing is too small or insignificant to the Lord and shouldn't be with us. We are here for you, lifting you up in prayer and willing to lend a helping hand.

May God's grace be with you always.

Pastor Pete's Ponderings

Be My Valentine. What does that phrase mean to you? What is Valentine's Day all about?

Our Mothers and Fathers in the Faith would be surprised at what has become of Valentine's Day. What we call Valentine's Day began in the church as the Feast of St. Valentine. It was a religious holiday. For the founders of this holiday it was a day to remember and celebrate the life and death of a Christian Martyr.

According to church legend, St. Valentine was a priest near Rome in about the year 270 A.D. Valentine was imprisoned, some say for performing Christian marriages. Others say for helping Christians escape prison. In either case while in prison he was beheaded for his Christian witness.

There is a big difference between our modern Valentine's Day and its Christian roots. Both are celebrations of love, but they show us the difference between the world's understanding of love and the Christian understanding. For the world, love can mean a lot of different things. It can refer to the deep communion experienced by a couple who have been married 50 years. Or "love" may simply refer to a physical act. More often than not it refers to romantic love, the feeling between a man and a woman.

But the Church's definition of love is quite different. Jesus said, "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." (John 15:13) The world's standard for love is a warm gushy feeling. But God's standard for love is the ultimate act of giving one's life for the one that is loved. This is a level of love that far surpasses the kind of love the world offers. The world's love is often self-serving and self centered. Its purpose is to serve the lover not the one loved. When it fails to serve the lover then the object of that love is abandoned. God's love on the other hand lives, and even dies, for the sake of the one who is being loved.

For the Christian the ultimate example of that love is Jesus Christ. He is the living example of God's love. He lived and died for our sake. He came to this earth so that the lost and lonely people of the world could experience the Kingdom of God. And he died for our sins so that we could be reunited with our Heavenly Father in this life. And he rose again so that we could be united with God for eternity in the life after.

For those of us who believe in Christ, Valentine's Day is a day to celebrate the love of God. That love was shown to us in the life and death of Jesus and the life and death of martyrs like Valentine. It is a love with a depth of commitment that goes deeper than any other love. It is the love of a God willing to suffer so that his creatures could know salvation. It is the love of a man willing to risk death so that others can know eternal life.

"Be my Valentine." We all want to hear that phrase. It simply means, "You are loved." I want to tell you that you are loved. God loves you and wants you to be his Valentine.

Will you be God's Valentine? It is your choice. Let's say yes and return in kind the love that God first gave us. And when we do, let's remember the first Valentine and the way he gave everything, including his life, to the God he loved.

Who do you know that's needs to hear; "You are loved!"?

Pastor Pete

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Our Prayer Concerns and Praise Reports

Name	Name
Peter & Reba Barlow	Stan Carter (wife died 12/26)
Bob Northington	Douglas Welch (wife died 12/25)
Jim Kitchings	Lucyle Ballentine
Jerry Gill	Will Garland (5yr old child)
Tim & Danielle Patnode	Margaret Northington (hip surgery soon)
Tom Mingledorff	Billie Sweat
Marie Hagood	Mary Marshall
Estelle Webb	Traci Mizelle
Diane Haywood	Tiahna Hoff
Mac Brantley	Australia Cochran
Dr. William Taylor	Audrey Cook
Hazel & Dennard Miller	
Ruby Brantley	
Lamar & Nicole Belew	OUR PRAISE REPORTS
Bess Freeman	Lamar Belew is now safely home from Iraq
Roger Deem	Christian Shaun Smith born 01-19-06
Scott, Holly & Shaun Smith	Hunt Anderson McAteer born 01-23-06
Maggie Farmer	Barlow Ligon Tillman born 01-26-06
George Logue	Rewiring of the Sanctuary is complete
Elmer Moss	Organ Restoration Fund continues to grow
Elsie Marchman	
All Disaster Victims	
Soldiers	
Ruth Ann Johnson	
Billie Jean Wofford	
Frankie Frost	
Lee Cook	
Daniel May	
Steve & Jennie Johnson	
Louise Cook	
The Family of Jack Cook (died 1-21-05)	
Henrietta Lewis	
Judy Davis	
Katherine May	

Please pray for these people daily as you pray. Who do you know needs prayer? Could it be you? Has God answered any of the above prayers? Let us rejoice with you. Submit to Reba Barlow – pereb@bellsouth.net or call 478-552-7883 or hand me their written name please.