



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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Holy Week Services

Wed., April 4, 7 pm

Rev. Peter Barlow

Thurs., April 5, 7 pm

Rev. Dr. Dwight Irons

Fri., April 6, 12 noon

Rev. Chuck Love

A salad/sandwich luncheon will follow the service.

Tennille UMW News

Wed., April 11, 7:30 pm:

Annie Lou Hodges Circle will meet in the home of Jean Bevill.

Wed., April 18, 10:30 am:

Erin Holder Smith Circle will meet in the home of Doris Patrick.

Sat., April 21, 10:00 am:

Dublin District Day Apart, Wadley UMC. This is a day we set aside each year to remember our United Methodist Women who have gone to be with the Lord. This year Tennille UMW will remember Mrs. Hazel Miller.

Report on UMW Day

On March 11, we celebrated UMW Day to recognize the work of the UMW. Betty Freeman was the speaker and gave a very appropriate and inspirational message. A special recognition pin was awarded this year to Mr. Robert P. Northington. Mary Moye wrote a tribute which is included on page 2 of this newsletter.

Family Night Supper and Prayer Study

At the last Nurture Committee Meeting, it was suggested that we begin having a Family Night Supper once a week and have a time of Bible Study and Prayer to follow. Thursday Night, April 26 will be our target date to begin this program. Supper for this first Family Night will be provided by Selwyn May and will be served at 6:15. There will be no charge for the meal. The study will begin at 7:00.

We encourage you to come for fellowship around the table as we enjoy some good food. Then if you wish, you may stay for our study and prayer time. We plan to provide a nursery for children if parents want to join us for the study.

We will have a sign up sheet in the narthex for the meal and study. It will help to know how much food to prepare and Pete needs to know how many study work books he will need to order.

Pastor Pete will be leading a study on 'Intercessory Prayer' which we believe will be a great initial study for our family meal nights. This will be an eight week study designed to help us understand intercessory Prayer.

Christian sympathy is extended to the families of

Mr. Verne Borders

Mr. Jack Carrow

Mrs. Sammie Lou Prince May

New Arrival

Congratulations to Brian and Anna Appel Rountree on the birth of Christian Morrison Rountree, who was born on March 13, 2007. Christian's grandparents are Tommy and Susie Mingledorff Rountree and Frank and Frankie Appel. The proud great-grandfather is Tom Mingledorff.

Bread of Life

The 2nd 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 persons in our community. The menu for April 11 is Ham, Macaroni and Cheese, Green Beans, Bread, dessert, and milk. If you would like to help, contact Mary Moye at 552-7703.

TUMC Website

Changes occur daily

Thanks to Selwyn May, the TUMC has a web site. Visit at www.tennilleumc.org and click on the links to explore the site. I think you will love it. You can hear the Pastor's Sunday sermon online by Wednesday.

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UMW Service Award to Bob Northington

by Mary Moye

Each year the ladies of the UMW award a Service Achievement pin to one of our church members—male or female--in recognition of their service and commitment to this church. It is a small memento but with it goes the love and appreciation of this congregation. The very deserving recipient of the award this year has the distinction of being the longest living member of the Tennille UMC. His grandfather was an original charter member of the TMC, his father was a life long member making him a 3rd generation member. You probably have already guessed and now it is my sincere pleasure to confirm that the recipient of the Service Achievement award this year is Bob Northington. Before Bob comes forward to receive his pin I would like to take this opportunity to tell you something about Bob Northington and his lifetime of service to this church.

Bob was born on April 17, 1919. His parents were Robert Percy Northington, Sr. and Mary Margaret Smith. He has the distinction of being born and reared and still living right here in Tennille, Georgia. After graduating from Tennille High School in 1936, he attended Middle Georgia College and then went on to the University of Georgia where he graduated in 1940 with a degree in business administration. In addition to running his family's farm, Bob worked for more than 40 years at Champion Paper Company where he made and maintains many fond friendships with those in Washington County who worked with him in the kaolin industry.

Bob joined the Tennille Methodist Church in 1928 when he was 9 years old. Have you done the math? That's 79 years that Bob has been a member of this church! But, Bob Northington was not content to just put his name on the church roll—he has been a VERY ACTIVE member of this church throughout his lifetime. He became the Secretary of the Sunday School when he was still in High School and served as Sunday School Superintendent for 35 years. Bob kept very meticulous Sunday School records, We recently discovered an official Sunday School record book from 1977 and it shows attendance, offering and even the weather conditions for each Sunday. He recorded it all. Bob was the one who originated the “ringing of the bell” to tell us that Sunday School must end and to summon us to worship!

Bob has held a number of positions of leadership in our church He has been our Administrative Board Chairman, and served on the Board of Trustees, just to mention a few. But, just as important, Bob has always been a supporter when others take the lead. He would not want anyone to know it, but his generosity has made possible many projects of this congregation. Bob is a gold mine of historical information about Tennille Methodist Church.. He remembers the original church building quite well and the fire that destroyed it in 1941. We are so fortunate that he is sharing all his recollections s with his daughter Mary Margaret and she is transcribing his stories of our church—what a priceless legacy.

When his health permitted Bob was always faithful in his attendance at Sunday School and at worship services. We miss him since his health has not allowed him to come each Sunday and we rejoice on those occasions when he is able to be with us.

In 1957 Bob made one of the best decisions of his life when he met and married Margaret Borders from Carrolton—and brought her to Tennille and into our church. Together they have raised four wonderful children. Mary Margaret, Frances, Robert and Otis, Bob and Margaret's children, became the 4th generation of Northingtons to belong to TUMC. Otis is still a member and in 2003 we were delighted that a 5th generation Otis' daughter Anna Slate was christened here in the home church of the Northingtons. Through their 50 years of marriage Bob and Margaret have remained steadfast in their support of all the ministries of the Tennille United Methodist Church and served as a model for all of us in their love, commitment and gentleness.

Sometimes the gentle people who serve quietly are forgotten in the hustle and bustle of our busy lives. That should not be so. Therefore, on behalf of the United Methodist Women it is my deep pleasure to present to Bob Northington the Service Achievement pin in recognition of his many years of service to this church. Bob, there are people who follow a brighter light than the glimmer of their own candle! You are such a person and we honor you today.

*You are cordially invited to attend
the
Ceremony and Organ Concert
to
Dedicate the restored church organ*

*To the Glory of God
and
In memory of
Charles Vestus Smith
and
Charles Vestus Ouzts*

*3:00 P.M.
Sunday afternoon
April 15, 2007*

*Tennille United Methodist Church
Tennille, Georgia*

*Reception to Follow in
Church Social Hall*

Pipe Organ Rededication Concert

On the Sunday after Easter, April 15, Tennille UMC will celebrate the restoration of the memorial pipe organ in a ceremony to rededicate the organ to the Glory of God and to present Dr. Robin Elmore Hensley in a dedicatory concert. Robin Hensley is active in the Atlanta area as an organ recitalist, accompanist, teacher, and advocate for young musicians. A North Carolina native, Robin earned the Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the University of Georgia, the Master of Music degree from Converse College in South Carolina; and the Bachelor of Music degree from Salem College in North Carolina. During her graduate studies Robin served as a teaching assistant and accompanist at the University of Georgia, and she later taught music classes and applied piano and organ classes and served as a staff accompanist in the music departments of Clayton State College and University and Agnes Scott College.

Dr. Hensley has performed throughout North and South Carolina and Georgia as an organ recitalist and accompanist, and as a church organist, sharing a wide variety of music with audiences and congregations of all ages. She particularly enjoys presenting educational lecture-recitals and offering children's concerts that introduce young people to the organ. Robin also loves working with children's choirs, and she directed the Children's Music Ministry at her church last year, involving 200 young people in eleven performing ensembles. A licensed Musikgarten Instructor, Robin teaches weekly classes for parents and children providing a wonderful foundation for family music-making together.

Currently, Dr. Hensley shares her talents at Peachtree Road United Methodist Church in Atlanta, where she serves as Associate Director of Children's Ministries, and at *My House*, a transitional home for medically fragile infants and children, where she works as an Administrative Assistant. She and her husband are parent volunteers at Greater Atlanta Christian School and at Livsey Elementary where their daughter, age 12 and son, age 10 attend. Robin also enjoys serving in the Atlanta Chapter, *American Guild of Organists*, in activities that encourage and promote young musicians.

Robin Hensley enjoys gardening, writing, and traveling with her family. The Hensleys reside in Tucker, Georgia with a variety of pets. This spring they look forward to the ordination of Robin's husband Darren as a deacon in the United Methodist Church.

The Tennille United Methodist Church is honored to have someone of Dr. Robin Hensley's talent and grace to share this worship experience with us. Make your plans to be present for this wonderful day in the life of our church.

Pastor Pete's Pondering

"Easter people, raise your voices!" Remember Easter people that the Easter Season begins on Easter Eve and continues for fifty days to Pentecost, which this year is May 27. So, Easter People, raise your voices! Easter People, it's not just a song we sing, it is what we should be doing year round, raising our voices!

Who are "Easter People"? A Sunday School teacher was telling the story of Jesus to some first and second graders. She approached the climax of her story and said, "And on the third day, what happened?" One little boy wide-eyed replied immediately: "The Easter Bunny came." Well, not exactly. Let me suggest who Easter People might be.

"Easter people" are ordinary people who stake their lives on a God who can bring life out of death. The occasion for this affirmation today is Jesus' resurrection from the dead. In reading the various accounts in the Gospels, one has the sense that the writers were attempting to describe an experience for which there was simply not adequate words. Several things are clear from the Gospel accounts. The resurrection is not a claim that Jesus did not die. The Biblical claim is that he died, and that he was dead. The resurrection is also not a claim that Jesus was resuscitated, that he resumed his former life after a "clinical death" experience. The Biblical claim is that he was somehow made alive and present to his followers in a new way.

Faith in a God who could bring life out of death was not new to the people in Jesus' time. For hundreds of years, Jesus had observed the Passover with the rest of his Jewish people. The Passover was a celebration of how God took a people who were dead in slavery and made them alive in freedom.

And there was another time; it was when the people were being held in captivity in Babylon. Through the prophet Ezekiel, God said that the people were not only dead but simply dry bones spread all over the desert. God said to the prophet, "Can these bones live?" And the answer was a resounding "Yes." A people who were dead to their identity as God's children and dead to their calling as the servants of God were once again made alive by the power of God.

The resurrection of Jesus profoundly changed the understanding of death. Death became an event, like birth, that is lived through. We live in the confidence that we will never be separated from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

This affirmation changes not only the way we view death, but also the way we view life. Easter People are to raise their voices year round in celebration of what the resurrection means. Are you an Easter Person?—**Raise Your Voice!**

Pastor Pete

Projected Preaching Schedule

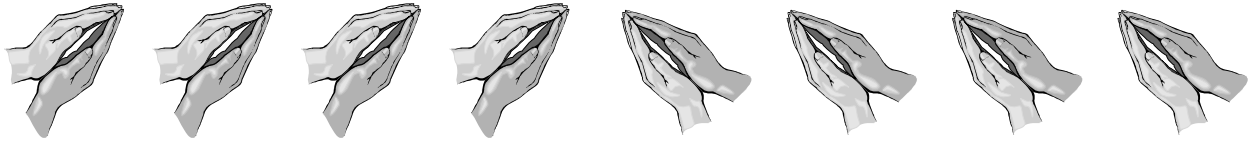
April 1	Passion/Palm Sunday, Dramatic Reading of the Passion of Christ
April 8	Easter Sunday, I Believe in the Resurrection of the Body
April 15	Dr. Hamby Barton preaching at 11:00 am; Organ rededication at 3:00 pm
April 22	I Believe in the Life Everlasting
April 29	Amen, last part of the Apostles' Creed series
May 6	Family Day, Mr. Chris Alexander is our speaker
May 13	Mother's Day

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Tennille United Methodist Church Financial Report February, 2007

<u>Conference and District Apportionments</u>	2007 Budget	Paid to Date	Other	Paid to Date
World Service Fund	1,278	213.00		
Conference Benevolence	1,755	292.50	Human Relations Day	10.00
Clergy Support	1,658	276.33	UM Colleges (Wesleyan/Andrew)	40.00
Pre-1982 Pension & MPP	1,320	220.00		
Comprehensive Protection Plan	619	103.17		
Health Flex (retired clergy)	1,026	171.00		
Health Flex (disabled clergy)	110	18.33		
Administrative Exp.	839	139.83		
State Cooperative Fund	69	11.50		
Christian Higher Education	710	118.33		
SEJ Mission Ministry	106	17.67		
Africa University Fund	39	6.50		
Black College Fund	175	29.17		
General Administration Fund	111	18.50		
General Episcopal Fund	329	54.83		
Interdenominational Coop Fund	34	5.67		
Ministerial Education Fund	440	73.33		
District Parsonage Fund	437	72.93		
District Work Fund	1,748	291.33		
<u>Buildings and Grounds</u>				
Church and Parsonage Maintenance	2,400	82.08		
Insurance	3,368			
Utilities	9,000	1,347.17		
Yard	2,000			
Termite Control	600	102.00		
Parsonage Committee Improvements	3,300			
<u>Operational Expenses</u>				
Janitorial Service	2,000	395.13	Contributions	12,420.68
Janitorial Supplies	50	25.00	Disbursements	7,547.52
Office Supplies	700	141.52		
Social Hall Supplies	150	27.01		
Annual Conference Expense	800			
Musical Instrument Maintenance	500			
Miscellaneous	1,000	337.03	Check Book	
Contingency Reserve	3,000	500.00	Balance as of 12/31/06	13,264.99
<u>Program and Ministry</u>			Deposits:	
Prayer Ministry	600	107.40	Pledges	20,483.08
Family Ministry	150	61.90	Basket	627.00
Worship	300		Disbursements	15,144.53
Evangelism	500		Balance as of 2/28/07	19,230.54
Missions	800	200.00	Golden Savings Balance	7,854.27
Pastor's Continuing Education	500			
Music	500	101.00		
Media Ministry (WEB/Newsletter/Radio)	3,480	529.90		
<u>Ministerial Support</u>				
Salary and Expense	44,712	7,452.00		
Ministerial Pension Plan	6,292	502.35		
Health Flex (Blue Cross-Blue Shield)	6,000	1,099.16		
<u>Total</u>	105,505	15,144.53		

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Our Prayer Concerns and Praise Reports

Name	Name
Pete and Reba Barlow	Elizabeth Burgess Lemon
Bob and Margaret Northington	Tom Mingledorff
Rubye Brantley	Lucyle Ballentine
Billie Sweat	Marie Hagood
Velma May	Mary Marshall
Estelle Webb	Traci Mizelle
Phillipa Denny	Monty Rose
Elsie Marchman	Audrey Cook
Otis Davis	Diane Haywood
Lamar & Nicole Belew	Helen Chapman
Bess Freeman	Sol Thomas (Praise God for healing)
Roger Deem	Louise Cook
Alma Deem	Patsy St. Blanc
All Disaster Victims	Billy Bowers
Soldiers & their families	Betty Barlow
Wilbur Archer	Steve & Jennie Johnson
Billie Jean Wofford	Anne Bazemore
Frankie Frost	Amelia McAfee
Dr. William Taylor	Susan Redwell
Mercedes Youmans	Family of Mr. Verne Borders
Amos Tanner	Sheila Godfrey
Ken Etheridge	Suzanne Irons
Georgia Hughes	Ethan Rachels
Ruth Ann Johnson	Rev. Dale Andrews
Buddy Ouzts	Edith McMaster
Family of Mrs. Sammie Lou Prince May	Cliff Dalrymple
Family of Mr. Jack Carrow	Sue Stewart
Frank Ergenzinger	

Prayer Alert: Please pray for these people daily as you pray. Please help us keep our prayer list up to date. If you ask us to put someone on the list, let us know when their prayers have been answered and they can be removed. We realize some on our list have ‘chronic conditions’ and need much prayer. Many are going through a time of crisis and need ‘extra prayer’ to help them through. When God has answered prayers and brought you through a crisis, let us rejoice with you. Beginning next month, we will remove all who have been on our list more than 6 months unless told otherwise—some have already told me of the need for continued prayer. When you need prayer or know someone who does, please contact Reba Barlow, 478-552-7883 or rebabarlow@nctv.com or Leona Rogers, 478-552-7838 or rhonie@washemc.net.