

Loyalty Sunday Results

The following is Jean Bevill's report to the Church:

A total of 28 households completed their Estimate of Giving Cards this year. Twelve of these households increased their financial commitment above last year's amount. These 28 households committed a total of \$92,280.

Based on last years giving records \$16,300 can be expected for the coming year from persons who have established giving patterns but did not complete Estimate of Giving Cards.

This gives us a grand total of \$108,580 in anticipated income for the next twelve months.

Thanks to your generosity the operating needs of our church should be met for 2008.

In addition to meeting our basic needs we know you make countless gifts to the missions, ministries, projects and special needs of the church. For all of this we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

As always we like to hear from you about Loyalty Sunday and our stewardship campaign particularly if you think we need to do things differently. Please let us or Pastor Pete know.

Lucy Nell Smith, Stewardship
Derek Spry, Finance

Dedication of Chimes

**In memory of
Hazel Muggridge Miller
October 7, 2007**

During the morning worship service on October 7, we will have a dedication service for the Carillon Chime System which is a gift to the TUMC by Mr. Dennard Miller, in memory of his wife, Hazel. This service will be followed by a covered dish dinner in the social hall of the W.B. Smith Bldg.

Schedule for Chimes:

Monday through Saturday: Strike the hour from 9 am to 7 pm with 10 minutes of hymns at noon and 7 pm

Sunday: 1 minute Call to Sunday school at 9:55 am; 1 minute Call to Worship at 10:50 am; 10 minutes of hymns immediately following the postlude; 15 minutes of hymns at 2:30 pm and 5:30 pm.

We hope you will see these musical offerings as a way to remember and acknowledge our God has given us this day and we ought to rejoice in it. We also ask for your patience as we adjust the volume and schedule. We are looking for a balance that will serve the most people. We welcome any and all comments, please call, write or email. Peter Barlow, Pastor, Tennille UMC, 478-552-7811; tumc@tennilleumc.org; and visit our website at www.tennilleumc.org

Leaps of Faith



(photo by Michael Glennon, Cherokee Tribune)

Deidra Dalrymple, 10, daughter of Deana and Gerry Dalrymple of Canton, (granddaughter of Patsy and Dean Blount), is shown leaping from a pyramid formed by her friends, Angie Merrell and Faith William at a recent free Christian Music Concert at Heritage Park in Canton, GA.

**Annual Church Conference
Sunday, October 21, 3:00 pm**

Our Annual Church Conference will be held on Sunday afternoon, October 21, at 3 pm. We look forward to this opportunity to hear our District Superintendent, Rev. Richard Varnell, preach.

The business meeting and preaching will be followed by a time of fellowship as light refreshments are served. We encourage all church members to plan to be present for this meeting.

Tennille UMW News

At the Dublin District UMW meeting on Sept 22 in Swainsboro, Leona Rogers was installed as a District Officer - Social Actions Chairperson.

At this meeting, Tennille UMW was recognized as a **Five Channel Unit**; a **Hall of Fame Unit**; a **Mission Today Unit**; we completed **two Mission Studies** – *Globalization* and *Shalom, Salaam, Peace*; we had two members, Leona Rogers and Linda Deem participate in the **Reading Program**. The Reading Program certificates and the brass plaque for Five Channel Unit were presented at this meeting; all others will be presented at the UMW Annual Conference Meeting on Oct. 20. The highlight of the meeting was the dramatic portrayal of Corrie Ten Boom by Laurie Jo Upchurch, President Statesboro District UMW.

Leona thanks all who responded to the call for needed items for Vashti (school supplies), Open Door Community House (small and medium size men's briefs), and Wesley Community Center (disposable cameras). If you would like to help, you can still bring any of these items and Leona will take them when she goes to UMW Conference on Oct 20. Remember the following dates:

October 3: Annie Lou Hodges Circle will meet with Betty Freeman, 7:30 pm

October 17: Erin Holder Smith Circle will meet with Lucy Nell Smith, 10:30 am

October 21: South Georgia UMW Annual Conference, Douglas UMC, Waycross District, 10 am

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November 3: Dublin District Prayer Brunch, New Hope UMC (between Davisboro and Bartow)

December 5: Annual UMW Christmas Party (Mark this on your calendar as this is a change from the date voted on at our August Meeting which we later realized would be a conflict with Bread of Life)

Core Value Session

On September 16, the Vision Team met with members of the Tennille Congregation for the 'Core Vale' session of our Visioning Process. Because we are looking for Spiritual Guidance during this process, we opened with prayer and a brief study of selected scriptures. Pastor Pete then reviewed an overall picture of 'birth, growth, and decline' within the life of the church so that we could understand the need for our church to have a goal or 'VISION' which would lead us forward into the future as a church fulfilling 'God's Vision' for our Church.

We then had a short break and enjoyed a picnic supper and time of fellowship.

We then gathered in small groups for our Core Value study, during which we were asked to choose four (4) values which were important to us as individuals. We then were asked to pick one (1) which we felt was MOST IMPORTANT. We had an opportunity to share with those in our group about why these values were important qualities which we thought our church should have. After selecting our Most Important value, we then placed a red dot (most important), as well as three (3) other dots (our

other choices) on posters with the corresponding values. After more discussion, we were dismissed with prayer. The 'dots' will be analyzed by the Vision Team after all church members have had an opportunity to attend a 'Core Value' session.

Another session is being planned, but a date has not been selected at this time. Watch the bulletin for more information.

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 October 10 is beef stew, green beans, Bread, dessert, and milk. Randy thanks the congregation for the financial donations and encouraged others to join them in the program by preparing food or helping with deliveries. If you would like to help in any way contact Randy Thomas at 552-7679 or Mary Moye at 552-7703 for more details.

CARNIVAL FOR CHRIST

October 29, 2007

Time is fast approaching for the 2007 Carnival. The Carnival will be open from 3 to 7 pm at the Tennille City Park. The Planning Team is looking for 2 people from each congregation; if you would like to serve on this team please let the pastor know.

www.tennilleumc.org

is the place to go to keep up with what is happening at TUMC. Our Web Site was created by Selwyn May and

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recently some of the responsibility for editing and updating the web site has been turned over to Pastor Pete, which means that our site is

updated almost every day. Stop by when you're 'surfing' and see what is new. Selwyn is willing to train anyone else who would be interested in working

with the website. Also, we can now access the internet wirelessly from all areas of the church.

Pastor Pete's Ponderings

In another section of this newsletter you will see a report from the Finance Committee about Loyalty Sunday. It's a good report and it is exciting for the pastor when the congregation is so generous. Not just because we have more resources for ministries, but also because increased giving is a sign of an increase in our spiritual maturity. Thanks for all that you do for the Kingdom of God through the Tennille UMC.

The following is basically a reprint of my Ponderings from May 2006 with updated numbers. Our rationale has stayed the same. Therefore with raises from the fine folk of TUMC and Uncle Sam our giving naturally increased.

Why do I give? When do I give? Where do I give? What do I give? I know stewardship includes all aspects of our life and is not limited to money, yet it does include money. Therefore I would like to share with you "Why, When, Where and What your pastor gives." As the pastor, two of my responsibilities according to our Book of Discipline are: {¶ 340.3.b) (3)} "To provide leadership for the funding ministry of the congregation." And {¶ 340.3.b) (4)} "To promote faithful, financial stewardship and to encourage giving as a spiritual discipline." I have tried to fulfill these requirements in sermons, Sunday School, Finance Committee Meetings, Church Council Meetings, Trustees' Meetings and any other opportunity that I've sensed. So why not the News Letter? Two reasons: it is yet another opportunity to encourage giving as a spiritual discipline and it also gives me a chance to be a little more personal. So here goes:

Why do I give? First let me say it's not I, rather we, Reba and I. Why do we give money? We could list several Scriptures that encourage giving of our money. To mention just a couple: "Be generous with the different things God gave you, passing them around so all get in on it." (1 Peter 4:10, the Message) and "Honor God with everything you own; give him the first and the best." (Proverbs 3:9, the Message) These are just a couple of the many scriptures that explain in part our rationale for giving of our money. We feel as if we have received it from God and that we are honoring God when we give our money to worth while organizations.

When do I give? Paul suggests we give regularly: "Every Sunday each of you make an offering and put it in safekeeping. Be as generous as you can. When I get there you'll have it ready, and I won't have to make a special appeal." (1 Corinthians 16:2, the Message) Reba and I have set up in our budget to give regularly. We don't get paid every week. I get paid once per month from both my pastor's salary and my Navy retirement. We give once per month from these. Reba is paid twice per month and she writes a check from each pay check. In my mind we could wait and write one check per month, but those of you who know my Sweetie know how excited she gets when she can write three checks per month instead of just one. She truly is the "*cheerful giver*" Paul talks about in 2 Corinthians 9:7. When do we give? Our giving is predetermined and is included in our monthly budget.

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Where do I give? We give to several different things. I will explain more in the What I Give discussion, but basically we give to Tennille UMC, other ministries and missionaries, and even some non religious organizations like The Navy Relief, an organization that helps sailors and marines in crisis. We give at times to the Red Cross, the Fraternal Order of Police, American Cancer Society, USO and political organizations.

What do I give? Reba and I are tithers. Or we could say we are percentage givers. Our giving is based on a percentage of our income. This is how we work out our budget giving. We have two sections for our giving. We have a predetermined amount for each. The first section is what we call our tithe, or 10 % of our income that we give to the operating budget of the church. For us that is 10 % of our gross income from our all sources: Tennille UMC, US Navy, and WJFL Radio station. Why the operating budget? We base this on: “Bring your full tithe to the Temple treasury so there will be ample provisions in my Temple. Test me in this and see if I don't open up heaven itself to you and pour out blessings beyond your wildest dreams.” (Malachi 3:10, the Message) We see the Tennille UMC as our store house and we bring our 10 % here and trust the leadership of the church to be good stewards of it.

We also give 2.75 % to what we call our offerings or second mile giving. From this 2.75 % we give to things like the organ fund or other special offerings through the church, missionaries, the Navy Relief, the Police Association, etc... This is extra giving that we designate where we want it to go. Our goal is to increase our offering giving to 10 % as well.

How does that work out in numbers for the Barlows? The congregation of the Tennille UMC is very gracious and pays their pastor a monthly salary of \$3,726. Uncle Sam kicks in \$1,568 for my 21 years in the Navy. Reba typically makes a little more than this, but our budget is set up with her making \$700. When her income is more, because we are percentage givers, our gifts automatically increase. Our total monthly income is \$5,994; therefore we return 10 % (\$599.40) to the Tennille UMC to be used in the operating budget as determined by the leadership of the congregation. We use 2.75 % (\$165.00) for the designated organizations that we feel are important. We use these percentages for what ever the reason for the increase: from any other income, honorariums or change found on the street.

I've read recently this statement from a Church's Stewardship Committee: “*We are not concerned with your share of our budget, what matters is God's share of your income.*” What a great statement! I would like to challenge you to do as this Stewardship Committee has asked. I would also like for you to go a step further. As you take a look at your finances, consider becoming a percentage giver. **Prayerfully** determine what percentage of your income that you will designate God's share. Using the percentage method, when you receive a blessing like a pay raise or unexpected income, you've already determined how much to return to God.

Thank you for giving to our Lord through the Tennille UMC. You will see in the coming weeks and months reports that show how your gifts are being used to the Glory of God in His Kingdom.

Pastor Pete

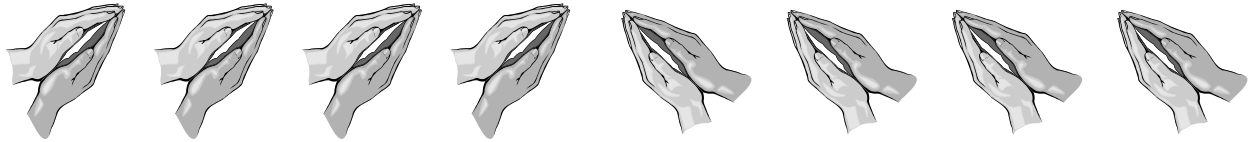
“By All Means, Let's Win Some to Heaven in 2007”

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Tennille United Methodist Church Financial Report August, 2007

Conference and District Apportionments	2007 Budget	Paid to Date		
World Service Fund	1,278	852.00	Other	Paid to Date
Conference Benevolence	1,755	1,170.00	Human Relations Day	10.00
Clergy Support	1,658	1,105.33	UM Colleges (Wesleyan/Andrew)	40.00
Pre-1982 Pension & MPP	1,320	880.00	Wesleyan Christian Advocate	309.00
Comprehensive Protection Plan	619	412.67	One Great Hour of Sharing	50.00
Health Flex (retired clergy)	1,026	684.00	Native American Ministries	96.00
Health Flex (disabled clergy)	110	73.33	Mae Jordan (burnout Victim)	350.00
Administrative Exp.	839	559.33	Wesley Glen	617.00
State Cooperative Fund	69	46.00	Magnolia Manor	92.00
Christian Higher Education	710	473.33	Carnival for Christ	275.00
SEJ Mission Ministry	106	70.67	Local Benevolence	50.00
Africa University Fund	39	26.00	Oconee Outreach	20.00
Black College Fund	175	116.67	Cavalry Inter. (Matthew Appel)	20.00
General Administration Fund	111	74.00		
General Episcopal Fund	329	219.33		
Interdenominational Coop Fund	34	22.67		
Ministerial Education Fund	440	293.33		
District Parsonage Fund	437	291.33		
District Work Fund	1,748	1,165.33		
<u>Buildings and Grounds</u>				
Church and Parsonage Maintenance	2,400	1,422.52		
Insurance	3,368			
Utilities	9,000	5,164.56		
Yard	2,000	2,340.00		
Termite Control	600	451.00		
Parsonage Committee Improvements	3,300	2,230.25		
<u>Operational Expenses</u>			Month of August	
Janitorial Service	2,000	1,193.68	Contributions	7,885.00
Janitorial Supplies	50	25.00	Disbursements	8,747.26
Office Supplies	700	564.10		
Social Hall Supplies	150	87.90		
Annual Conference Expense	800	400.00		
Musical Instrument Maintenance	500		Check Book	
Miscellaneous	1,000	615.59	Balance as of 12/31/06	13,264.99
Contingency Reserve	3,000	2,000.00	Deposits:	
<u>Program and Ministry</u>			Pledges	69,899.10
Prayer Ministry	600	181.97	Basket	2,305.00
Family Ministry	150	146.00	Disbursements	67,092.79
Worship	300		Balance as of 8/31/07	18,376.30
Evangelism	500			
Missions	800	600.00	Golden Savings Balance	9,391.15
Pastor's Continuing Education	500	500.00		
Music	500	151.66		
Media Ministry (WEB/Newsletter/Radio)	3,480	2,259.80		
<u>Ministerial Support</u>				
Salary and Expense	44,712	29,808.00		
Ministerial Pension Plan	6,292	4,018.80		
Health Flex (Blue Cross-Blue Shield)	6,000	4,396.64		
Total	105,505	67,092.79		

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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	Allen and Lucyle Ballentine
Billie Sweat	Helen Chapman
Velma May	Dennard Miller
Estelle Webb	Louise Cook
Elsie Marchman	Buddy Ouzts
Steve & Jennie Johnson	Anne Bazemore
Lamar & Nicole Belew	Dr. William Taylor
Soldier & their families	Betty Smith
Roger Deem	Georgia Hughes
Alma Deem	Monty Rose
Ernest Deem	Frankie Frost
Sue Stewart	Amelia McAfee
Frank Ergenziner	Ethan Rachels
J. W. Rhodes, Sr.	Ruth Ann Johnson
Angela Mercer	Janet Cowan
Terry Guthrie	Ralph Purser
Joann Harvey	Mrs. Verne Borders
Kathleen Gilbert	Helen Fraps Gilbert
Linda Rhodes Marchman	Veronica Rodriquez
Scott Freeman	

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.