



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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Loyalty Sunday

September 9, 2007

Loyalty Sunday will be held September 9, 2007 at the Tennille United Methodist Church. The 2006 Loyalty Sunday was successful because members of the church were very generous. The Finance committee again asks each church member to try to be in attendance on September 9th as we remember the mission of the church to be a blessing to others. When we fill out and sign an estimate of giving card, we know that a realistic budget for the church can be planned.

Dedication of Piano

In memory of

Grace Dorothy Irons

September 30, 2007

During the morning worship service on September 30, we will have a dedication service for the Suzuki Piano which was purchased with memorial gifts.

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.

We Welcome New Arrivals

Savannah Grace Burgamy arrived on August 3, 2007. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Trey Burgamy; granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Burgamy.

Avery Christine Alexander arrived on August 22, 2007. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will Alexander; granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Alexander; Great granddaughter of Mrs. Lucy Nell Smith.

Vision Team

Core Values Tool Session

September 16, 2007

5:30 pm

The Vision Team met on August 30 for a training session. Some members of the original team had been through a training course about 18 months ago. We have some others who are new to the team because of their position on the Church Council. This proved to be a refresher/training course so that we could be better prepared to lead the Core Value session.

Everyone is encouraged to attend the church-wide Core Value Tool session on Sept. 16 at 5:30 pm. A picnic supper will be provided and everyone will participate in the first activity of the Visioning Process. This activity is entitled

the 'Core Values Tool' and provides everyone the opportunity to think about and register their Core Values for our church.

Core Values are 'deeply rooted cherished beliefs that determine our attitudes and actions.' Each person in our congregation will have the opportunity and should feel the responsibility to attend and be a part of this process.

Tennille UMW News

September 5: Annie Lou Hodges Circle will meet with Reba Barlow, 7:30 pm

September 19: Erin Holder Smith Circle will meet with Mary Eva Rowley, 10:30 am

September 22: Dublin District UMW Annual Meeting will be held at Swainsboro UMC, 10 am

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

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

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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.

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

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community. The menu for September 12 is barbeque chicken, potato salad, green beans, Bread, dessert, and milk. At the last church council meeting, Randy thanked 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

We're planning now for the 2007 Carnival. 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. Pastor Pete sends a special 'Thank You' to the 10 persons who each gave \$25 to meet our goal of \$250.

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it (Psalm 118:24)

The Christian life would be immeasurable enriched if, when the alarm clock tolls in the morning, you could hit the off button, swivel your feet to the floor, stand up, take a good breath, and say "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it"—and perhaps reiterate this most faithful thought throughout the day.

If you live right here in Tennille, you may have heard the chimes striking the hour or the lovely hymns being played from our steeple. Through the generosity of Mr. Dennard Miller we now have a Carillon chime System installed which will remind our community, "*This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it*"

The Hebrew original of this verse might be translated "his is the day on which the Lord has acted." When the original Psalmist sang "This is the day the Lord has made", he was thinking about the great day in Israel's history, Passover, the day when the Lord acted to deliver his people from bondage, to set them free. We celebrate the great days on which the Lord acted: Christmas, when God came down and became small, to show us his heart, to win our hearts; Easter, when God raised Jesus from the grave and nixed the grip of death; and, if we think about it, every day, today. God acted today. God made today. God is involved. So no matter what else seems to transpire, we have good cause to be glad. . (This was taken from a devotional by Rev. James Howell)

It is our prayer that these chimes will help people remember that there is a higher authority in charge of our community.

The Present Schedule for Chimes:

- Monday through Saturday: Strike the hour from 9 am to 7 pm
- Monday through Saturday: 10 minutes of hymns at noon and 7 pm
- Sunday: 1 minute Call to Sunday School at 9:55 am
- Sunday: 1 minute Call to Worship at 10:50 am
- Sunday: 10 minutes of hymns immediately following the postlude
- Sunday: 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

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Pastor Pete's Ponderings

Are You A Disciple Of Jesus?

That seems like a strange question to ask church members—"Are you a Disciple of Jesus?"
To help us answer the question let's first look at the Word of Disciple and the Goal of a Disciple.

THE WORD "DISCIPLE"

1. The word "disciple" literally means A LEARNER.
2. According to Vine's *Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words*, it denotes "one who follows another's teaching."
3. But a disciple was not only a learner, he was also AN ADHERENT.
4. For this reason disciples were spoken of as IMITATORS of their teachers.

THE GOAL IN BEING A "DISCIPLE"

1. Stated by Jesus himself: "every disciple will be like his teacher" - Luke 6:40.
2. To be Christ's disciple, then, is to strive to be like Him! - Colossians 1:28. "I am apprenticing myself to Jesus."
3. According to the apostle Paul, this coincides with God's goal in the redemption of mankind, that they be conformed to the image of His Son - Romans 8:29.
[There are some "identifying marks" of discipleship given by Jesus which can help us to recognize a true disciple of Jesus...]

THE MARKS OF A "DISCIPLE"

- A. A DISCIPLE IS "ONE WHO ABIDES IN JESUS' WORDS" - John 8:31
- B. A DISCIPLE IS ALSO "ONE WHO LOVES THE BRETHREN" - John 13:34-35.
- C. A DISCIPLE IS "ONE WHO BEARS MUCH FRUIT" - John 15:8.

How are you doing—"Are you a Disciple of Jesus?" Whether we all answer yes to that question or some of us even answer no, we can all use some help of becoming better Disciples of Jesus. So beginning on September 2 I will began a sermon series entitles "Marks of a Disciple." We are going to focus on the "5 Gs" and hopefully find ways to grow in each area. The 5 Gs are: ***Grace, Group, Growth, Gifts, and Good & Generous Stewardship***. As we grow in each of these areas will abide more in Jesus' words; love our brothers and sisters more; and bear more fruit. Here's the sermon schedule:

September 2:	Good and Generous Stewardship
September 9:	Loyalty and Holy Communion Sunday
September 16:	Grace
September 23:	Group
September 30:	Growth
October 7:	World Communion Sunday
October 14:	Gifts

I pray we find this series helpful as we "Grow in the Grace and Knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ." (2 Peter 3:18)

Pastor Pete

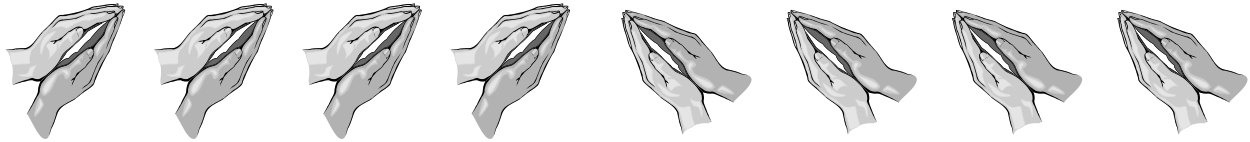
"By All Means, Let's Win Some to Heaven in 2007"

Tennille United Methodist Church Financial Report July, 2007

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Conference and District Apportionments	2007 Budget	Paid to Date		
World Service Fund	1,278	745.50	Other	Paid to Date
Conference Benevolence	1,755	1,023.75	Human Relations Day	10.00
Clergy Support	1,658	967.17	UM Colleges (Wesleyan/Andrew)	40.00
Pre-1982 Pension & MPP	1,320	770.00	Wesleyan Christian Advocate	309.00
Comprehensive Protection Plan	619	361.08	One Great Hour of Sharing	50.00
Health Flex (retired clergy)	1,026	598.50	Native American Ministries	96.00
Health Flex (disabled clergy)	110	64.17	Mae Jordan (burnout Victim)	350.00
Administrative Exp.	839	489.42	Wesley Glen	617.00
State Cooperative Fund	69	40.25	Magnolia Manor	92.00
Christian Higher Education	710	414.17	Carnival for Christ	275.00
SEJ Mission Ministry	106	61.83		
Africa University Fund	39	22.75		
Black College Fund	175	102.08		
General Administration Fund	111	64.75		
General Episcopal Fund	329	191.92		
Interdenominational Coop Fund	34	19.83		
Ministerial Education Fund	440	256.67		
District Parsonage Fund	437	254.92		
District Work Fund	1,748	1,019.67		
Buildings and Grounds				
Church and Parsonage Maintenance	2,400	1,422.52		
Insurance	3,368			
Utilities	9,000	4,570.80		
Yard	2,000	2,100.00		
Termite Control	600	369.00		
Parsonage Committee Improvements	3,300	2,230.25		
Operational Expenses			Month of July	
Janitorial Service	2,000	1,055.13	Contributions	10,364.79
Janitorial Supplies	50	25.00	Disbursements	7,403.52
Office Supplies	700	553.10		
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	1,750.00	Deposits:	
Program and Ministry			Pledges	62,149.10
Prayer Ministry	600	181.97	Basket	2,170.00
Family Ministry	150	123.80	Disbursements	58,345.53
Worship	300		Balance as of 7/31/07	19,238.56
Evangelism	500			
Missions	800	550.00	Golden Savings Balance	9,141.15
Pastor's Continuing Education	500			
Music	500	151.66		
Media Ministry (WEB/Newsletter/Radio)	3,480	1,747.22		
Ministerial Support				
Salary and Expense	44,712	26,082.00		
Ministerial Pension Plan	6,292	3,014.10		
Health Flex (Blue Cross-Blue Shield)	6,000	3,847.06		
Total	105,505	58,345.53		

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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	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

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.