



# 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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## Selwyn May Honored by United Methodist Women

On United Methodist Women's Day, March 12, 2006, Selwyn May was honored by Tennille UMW. She was presented with a Special Recognition Pin and a gift was given to missions in her name. UMW President, Patsy Blount made the following tribute to her: "I'm honored to be a part of this service this morning. Our church means so much to me, and being a part of the United Methodist Women is a great part of my life. I believe in United Methodist Women and as a whole world unit we do so much to help the needs of the world. Our Tennille unit, though we are small, does a great deal of supporting with our prayers, time and money in helping with all the issues that the United Methodist Women are involved in. Today, I was asked to present a certificate and pin to one of our own. This is a great honor for me, for she and I go back in friendship for many years, and she is truly one of our own. She has a way and a smile about her that just makes you feel good to be around her. She joined our church as a child on April 29, 1962. Though I'm not mentioning age, she has been a member of this church for almost 44 years. She is very active in our church and is very supportive of any new programs that our church is starting. She keeps an open mind and always wants to study and learn more. She has to have proof for her answers for she has to see almost everything in black and white. She is a very busy person. She has

been an unofficial church secretary for over 20 years by doing the bulletins each Sunday. She has helped look after the nursery for several years. She is the Chairperson for the Nurturing Team, a member of the Board of Trustees, a member of the Media Team and is the Manager and Design person of the Church's web site, and also is a member of the Visioning Team, and with all this, she has a full time job. I can remember when she came to circle meetings with her mother as a child, and she has truly followed her mother's footsteps in becoming very active in our church and the Annie Lou Hodges Circle. Selwyn, I know that Josephine is looking down and is so proud of all the accomplishments that you have made. For the past few years that I have been in the choir, I know that all I have to do is look at you and I get the encouragement that I need. For the past few weeks I look at you and see the happiness and excitement bubbling out of you for Allen being here with you. Selwyn, it is a great honor for me to present you with this certificate and pin. You truly are a great asset to our church family."

## Family Day, May 7, 2006

We are looking forward to a great day on May 7, our annual Family Day Celebration. Our guest speaker this year will be Rev. George Freeman, son of Rev. and Mrs. Ross Freeman and nephew of Rev. Ramus Freeman and Catherine Orr.



Baptism of Christian Shaun Smith

**Christian Shaun Smith** was baptized on March 19, 2006. Shaun is the son of Scott and Holly Smith; the grandson of Ron and Linda Deem of Sandersville and Dave and Patsy Townsend of Maryland.



Shaun in his daddy's arms

**We extend our Christian Sympathy to the families of:**

**Vivian Davis  
Dr. Peter Rowley**

**April 5, 2006, 7:30 pm**  
Annie Lou Hodges Circle  
At the home of Betty Freeman

**April 19, 2006, 10:30 am**  
Erin Holder Smith Circle  
At the home of Doris Patrick

**April 30, 2006, 6:00 pm**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Night Service**  
Victory Central Church  
Rev. Chuck Love, preaching

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## **Exciting Changes ahead for Sunday School**

At a recent meeting of the Sunday School Team under the leadership of the Nurturing Chair, Selwyn May, the consensus was that we are ready for some changes. We have several teachers lined up for the various classes we feel we will need in the near future. The Grand Sweep will finish up with a time of praise and celebration on May 21. On May 28 we are planning a Sunday School Reorganization Breakfast at 10:00am. There will be coffee, juice, doughnuts and pastries for your refreshment. On June 4 we will have more classes available to meet the needs of our church. We are also planning a Vacation Bible School early in June for both adults and children. If you would like to help with this, check with Suzanne Irons. She will be more than glad to use your many and varied talents. She may be reached at 552-7249.

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### **Altar Flowers**

If you haven't signed up to place flowers in the church, please contact Gus Ouzts at 552- 5736. She still has some openings available.

**Nurture Team** will meet on  
April 2, 2006 at 3:00 pm

**Church Council Meeting** is  
scheduled for April 9, 2006

**Barlow Backyard Bayou Boil**  
May 20, 2006

### **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](http://www.tennilleumc.org) and click on the links to explore the site. I think you will love it.

## **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. If you would like to help contact Mary Moye at 552-7703

**Time Change for Radio Ministry**  
Beginning on March 5, 2006, Tennille United Methodist Church Services which are aired on radio station WJFL 101.9 will be heard at 9:00 am on Sunday Mornings. 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).

Together with their parents  
Susan Lanette Rivers

And

John Derek Ingram

Request the honor of your presence

At their marriage

On Saturday, the fifteenth of April

Two thousand and six

At two o'clock in the afternoon

Tennille United Methodist Church

210 Smith Street

Tennille, Georgia

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### *Reba's Reflections*

Wow, look what the Lord is doing!

1. God has sent 3 families to us: the Irons, the Smiths, & the Ingrams.
2. Shaun Smith was baptized.
3. We have a prayer chain started, that enables us to come together in unity to pray for the needs of the church.
4. We have children's Sunday school... isn't that exciting!

Coming up:

1. The Nurture Committee met (at which we never heard we can't) and we **will** have VBS **this** year.
2. Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup> some of us are going door to door to give out the booklets 'God's Sacrifice for You' that Keith Lindsey of Acts 13 donated to us.
3. Some of us are talking about buying some Bibles to give out in the community.
4. Our nursery is cleaned out and getting stocked by donated items.
5. We are looking at different studies to start soon.

Would you like to join in on what God is doing at Tennille UMC? Here is how you can help:

1. If you know of any unchurched people that you would be willing to give a booklet or Bible or both to, let us know, and we will get you the material.
2. Join us Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the giving out of the booklets.
3. Join us in buying and passing out Bibles to the community.
4. Pray with enthusiasm for lost souls to come into the Kingdom of God through these efforts, none of this for numbers in our church or any other but for the glory of God alone. For souls be added daily to the Kingdom of God.
5. Pray the attached Acts 29 for 50 days with us.
6. Let us know what God is saying to you about how we can minister to this community.
  - a. How can we show the unity of the Father, Jesus and us to others?
  - b. How can we best show His love?
  - c. How can we make disciples?

A very sweet person that is doing something for the parsonage family told Pete, 'go for it, I will make it work'. I feel like God is saying that to us. He will bless our efforts if we will take the effort. Are you ready for God to fill the church to overflowing with hurting people that need His love? That is what we are praying for, and taking steps toward... please help us.

Pete preached on the gift Holy Spirit and how it is for all us. The Holy Spirit enables us to do what God has called us to do. Well, the Holy Spirit is also for the community of hurting people, and we need to share Him with them.

Can you tell I am excited? Forgive my boldness but I love this church and this community and I desire so much for God to do such a mighty work here in Tennille. Not for the glory of any of us, but for Him alone. I do however want to be a part of it. I want to be used by my Lord. As I know all of you do. That is what excites me the most, is my knowing that all of you want God's will to be done right here in Tennille and right here at TUMC.

At the Spiritual Growth retreat we had to write the definition of a resurrection woman and her character traits. Marjorie Wright came up with this for the definition: A resurrection woman (let's add the men to this) rekindles the flame in spite of difficulties. Some of the character traits our table came up with are: faithful, wise, loving, compassionate, joyful, patient, sacrificial, disciplined, dedicated, giving, & fruitful. Other tables came up with: thirsty for God's Word, humble, enablers. And one lady said it all with this acronym:

**J**esus 1<sup>st</sup>

**O**thers next

**Y**ourself last

Unless we put **Jesus first**...nothing can or will happen. At TUMC I know resurrection saints that God is getting ready to use for His glory. That is what makes me so excited. Thank you, TUMC, for loving God with all your heart, soul, and mind. And being willing to do what it takes to further the Kingdom of God.

Much Love.....*Reba Barlow*

## *Pastor Pete's Ponderings*

“You Ole Salt!” “You Salty Dog!” Do you remember those statements? I used them in the sermon on February 12, 2006. In that message we were reminded that Jesus said we are the “Salt of the Earth.” What’s that mean? We could sum it up to mean this: We are to influence our community as we live out the Christian life. On that Sunday I also challenged us to pray and ask God to reveal to each of us an unchurched person which we could give the booklet: “God’s Sacrifice for You” and also invite that person to our Easter Sunday Service. Well, have you given yours away? You might be like me and waiting to get a little closer to Easter. I know who the person is, and plan on giving him the booklet the first week in April. Do you have a name? Have you asked God? Ask God, I know he will give you a possible a name of someone who has been waiting to be asked to church. And then give them the book and invite them to our Easter Service. Easter is one those times of the year that the unchurched are more receptive to the invitation. Let’s invite them! Let’s be intentional about inviting them. Don’t assume that they go somewhere else. Ask them again even if you’ve asked them before. Offer to pick them up. Offer to meet them on the steps or in the parking lot. (Make sure they know which parking lot) Sit with them so they know when to sit and stand. (That’s stressful even for seasoned church goers) We know we are a very loving and hospitable group, however they do not. Don’t assume they know what time we start or where we are located. Let them know we have a nursery. Let them know there is no dress code. Let them know they are welcome. Jesus said “You are the Salt.” He didn’t say you will be, or are becoming—He said YOU ARE! This is one way you can be salt, simply by inviting. They’ll experience more salt when they get here by hearing the gospel preached and grace and love of our Lord through the loving congregation of the Tennille United Methodist Church. This may be some helpful information as well to give them. I’ll begin a six part sermon series on Easter. Here are the titles:

April 16	Part 1, Embracing the Vision, The Purpose Driven Life
April 23	Part 2, Why You Need a Church
April 30,	Part 3, What God Wants Us to Remember
May 7,	Family Day, Rev. George Freeman preaching
May 14,	Part 4, Extending the Vision, Purpose Driven Mission
May 21,	Part 5, Enabling the Vision, Purpose Driven Giving
May 28,	Part 6, How to be Ready to be Used by God

The person you ask may just respond like the writer of Psalm 122: *When they said, "Let's go to the house of God," my heart leaped for joy.* There are some folk out there just waiting for you to invite them—let it be us. Of course before Easter, we do have our Holy Week Services.

Holy Wednesday, April 12, 7:00 PM

Rev. Dr. Dwight Irons preaching

Maundy Thursday, April 13, 7:00 PM

Rev. Jimbo Dominey preaching

Good Friday, April 14, noon

Rev. Peter Barlow preaching

Luncheon to follow

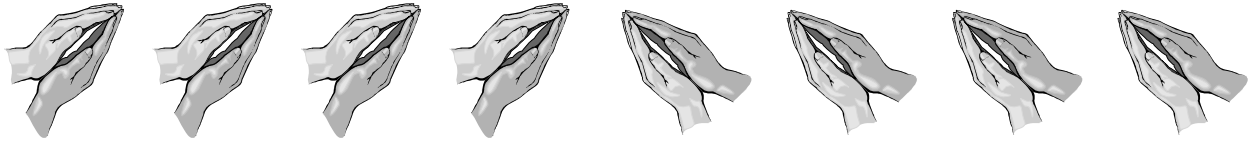
Easter Sunrise Service, April 16, 7:00 AM

Tennille Baptist Church

Rev. Peter Barlow preaching

*Pastor Pete*

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**Our Prayer Concerns and Praise Reports**

Name	Name
Pete and Reba Barlow	Chad Field (soldier has been shot in head)
Bob Northington	Don Sheppard
Jim Kitchings	Lucyle Ballentine
Jerry Gill	Will Garland (5yr old child)
Stan Carter	Stewart Turner
Tom Mingledorff	Billie Sweat
Marie Hagood	Mary Marshall
Estelle Webb	Traci Mizelle
Diane Haywood	Tiahna Hoff
Elsie Marchman	Australia Cochran
Dr. William Taylor	Audrey Cook
Hazel & Dennard Miller	Grace Irons
Rubye Brantley	Mark & Pat Zeitlin
Lamar & Nicole Belew	Phillipa Denny
Bess Freeman	Helen Chapman
Roger Deem	Sol Thomas (Praise God for healing)
Maggie Farmer	Reuben Moskowitz
George Logue	Otis Davis
Elmer Moss	Monty Rose
Louise Cook	Deidra Dalrymple
All Disaster Victims	Billy Bowers
Soldiers & their families	Henrietta Lewis
Ruth Ann Johnson	Steve & Jennie Johnson
Billie Jean Wofford	Daniel May
Frankie Frost	Betty Ward
Lee Cook	Family of Vivian Davis (Jean Bevill's Sister)
Mercedes Youmans	Family of Dr. Peter Rowley (George's brother)
Betty Barlow	Margaret Northington
Anne Bazemore	

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](mailto:pereb@bellsouth.net) or call 478-552-7883 or hand me their written name please.

# Reba's Agenda

## Pray Acts 29

4/16/06 – 6/04/06

15 Minutes per day

- Meeting Called by:** Prayer Coordinator, Reba Barlow
- Type of Meeting:** Searching for God's Will for TUMC
- Please Use:** ACTS 29 Prayer Guide as a starting place  
See schedule below
- Please bring** An open heart and mind along with a journal to take notes as God speaks to you.

### Agenda topics

**Not limited to 15**

**Minutes per day** Prayer – That the Holy Spirit would fill all of Washington county churches with his presence and draw the hurting of WACO to our churches that we might minister to them as Jesus would.

**Special notes:** For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them...Matthew 18:20  
If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land... 2 Chronicles 7:14

**Acts 29**

**50 Days of Prayer**

**Easter to Pentecost**

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Day 8	Day 9	Day 10
April 16	April 17	April 18	April 19	April 20	April 21	April 22	April 23	Apr 24	April 25
April 26	Apr 27	April 28	April 29	April 30	May 1	May 2	May 3	May 4	May 5
May 6	May 7	May 8	May 9	May 10	May 11	May 12	May 13	May 14	May 15
May 16	May 17	May 18	May 19	May 20	May 21	May 22	May 23	May 24	May 25
May 26	May 27	May 28	May 29	May 30	May 31	June 1	June 2	June 3	June 4

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# ACTS 29

## Prayer Guide

*“Pray at all times in the Spirit.”* Ephesians 6:18

### DAY ONE - Acts 1:1-14

*“And with that He breathed on them and said, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit.’”* John 20:22

<b>BESEECH</b>	Jesus to reveal the Kingdom of God to your church. Mk. 1:14-15; Acts 1:3
<b>ASK</b>	Jesus to fill these ministries with the Holy Spirit. Lk.11:9-13; Acts 1:8
<b>ENTREAT</b>	the Father to loosen a spirit of corporate prayer in your church. Matt. 21:13; Acts 1:14; 1 Thess. 5:17

### DAY TWO - Acts 2

*“And in the last days, God says, ‘I will pour out my Spirit on all people.’”* Acts 2:17

<b>SUPPLICATE</b>	the Holy Spirit to extol the wonders of God in your community. Lk.10:21-22; Acts 2:11
<b>PETITION</b>	that Jesus be lifted up in your church's proclamation. Jn.12:32; Acts 2:36; Col. 1:28
<b>CLAIM</b>	apostolic results of repentance and water baptisms. Mk.16:15-20; Acts 2:37-38, 4:30
<b>ENVISION</b>	the multiplying of small groups in your church for fellowshiping, Bible study, and prayer. Acts 2:42; Heb. 10:25
<b>INVITE</b>	the Lord to add to your number daily those who are being saved. Acts 2:47, 4:4, 5:14, 6:7, 8:12, 9:31, 11:21, 12:24

### DAY THREE - Acts 3:1-21

*“Oh Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!”* Psalm 8:1

<b>PRAY</b>	in Jesus' name for the following sick people to be healed... Lk.10:9; Acts 3:6
<b>PRAISE</b>	His name for signs and wonders in the following school systems... Jn.14:12
<b>LISTEN</b>	for a manner to pray over your city government. 1 Tim. 2:1-4

### DAY FOUR - Acts 4

*“But the Lord is faithful, and He will strengthen and protect you from the evil one.”*  
1 Thessalonians 3:3

<b>BIND</b>	in Jesus' name the powers of darkness resisting the gospel. Matt. 18:18-19
<b>REQUEST</b>	boldness for your pastor and church leaders so as not to compromise their message. Acts 4:31
<b>THANK</b>	God for His power in giving our testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. Acts 4:33; Col. 1:29

### DAY FIVE - Acts 8

*“So there was much joy in that city.”* Acts 8:8

<b>INTERCEDE</b>	that the gospel will be preached where it has not been heard. Acts 8:4; Matt. 28: 19
<b>BLESS</b>	the Lord for raising up the following “Phillips” to evangelize your city... Matt. 9:37-38; Acts 8:5-7
<b>SEEK</b>	God for leaders to be saved as with the Ethiopian leader. Acts 8:35; 2 Tim. 2:1-6
<b>EXPECT</b>	breakthroughs in low income housing projects and apartment units. Acts 19:20; 2 Tim. 4:5

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### DAY SIX – Acts 9:1-31

“..you must be born again.” John 3:3

**BELIEVE** God for the following to have a ‘Damascus Road’ experience...Acts 1:1-6; Jn. 16:7-11  
**RAISE** up, Lord, disciples like Ananias and Barnabas for new converts. Acts 9:15, 27, 9:31

### DAY SEVEN - Acts 10

*“Because our gospel came to you not simply with words, but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and with deep conviction...”* 1 Thessalonians 1:5

**BOLDLY** pray for an alignment between those ready to hear like Cornelius, with those ready to tell like Peter. Acts 10:2, 23  
**DILIGENTLY** ask the Holy Spirit to draw new households to come to church. Matt. 2:21; Acts 10:44; Heb.11:6

### DAY EIGHT - Acts 12:1-17

**EARNESTLY** pray for the following ministry casualties to be restored to the church... Acts 12:5, 7; James 5:19-20  
**REBUKE** in Jesus’ name the oppression and persecution of suffering Christians in other nations. Col. 2:2-3; Phil. 1:12

### DAY NINE - Acts 16:16-34

*“Worship the Lord in the splendor of His holiness.”* 1 Chronicles 16:29

**AGREE** in prayer for excitement and renewal of worship and praise in your church. Ps. 85:6; Matt. 18:18  
**ANOINT** the worship leaders, musicians, and choir to sing under the blessing of the Holy Spirit. Lk.4:18-19  
**LOOSEN** a spirit of conviction of sin and a desire for conversion in your worship services. Acts 16:30; Rom. 1:16

### DAY TEN - Acts 28:1-10

*“Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you.”* 1 Corinthians 15:58

**COVET** in prayer a spirit of steadfastness to complete this ministry to the end. 1 Cor.15:58; 1 Tim. 6:12  
**RESIST** in Jesus’ name attacks on your pastor and church leadership. Acts 20:28-31; 2 Tim. 4:17-18  
**BUILD** a hedge of protection around your church finances. Job 1:10; Ps. 91:11; Eph. 6:10.20  
**ALLOW** the Holy Spirit to turn satanic attacks to the glory of God. Acts 28:7-10; Phil. 1:12

***“And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit” Acts 13:52***

**EXPECT** all that you have prayed. Eph. 3:20  
**CONFESS** the work of the Holy Spirit to glorify Jesus. In. 15:26  
**ENCOURAGE** others to pray with you that “Acts 29” will be written in your city. Acts 1:14

***“The Lord’s hand was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord.” Acts 11:21***