

# 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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**Dr. George Freeman**

## **Family Day, May 7, 2006**

Family Day was truly a 'family day' for Dr. George Freeman, our guest speaker for the Day. His parents, Rev. and Mrs. Ross Freeman, and all of his Freeman uncles and aunts and a few cousins came to TUMC to hear him preach. He reminisced about the wonderful times he had when he came to visit Tennille every summer during his growing up years. His message focused on the advantages of growing up in a Christian Family, always feeling secure in their love and spiritual guidance. We thank Dr. Freeman and his family for making the day so special for us at TUMC. We look forward to his visiting us again in the future.

## **CORRECTIONS**

We listed Harry & Kathleen Gilbert as celebrating an anniversary on April 15—should have been May 15.

**Our June calendar was printed too soon, please note these items:**

No Annie Lou Hodges meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup>; on the 14<sup>th</sup> Hamburgers for *Bread of Life* menu—not Tuna.

## **New Members at TUMC**

We welcome two new couples to our membership at Tennille UMC. Sue and William Burgamy joined on April 30, 2006 by transfer of letter from Sparta Baptist Church. They continue to work in Sparta, but recently moved to Tennille when a home they fell in love with became available for sale. They reside at 301 4<sup>th</sup> Street in the former Kathleen Young Home.



**Sue and William Burgamy**

Susan and Derek Ingram joined us May 23, 2006. Susan comes by transfer of letter from Faith Baptist Church, Monroe, GA; Derek comes by letter of transfer from Patilla UMC, Avondale, GA. Susan and Derek were married in our church on April 15, 2006. Susan wishes to thank everyone for the wonderful picnic/shower in their honor, and express how much the LOVE their new church family. They reside at 164 Transylvania Court, Sandersville.



**Susan and Derek Ingram**

## **Gifts to the Church**

Several gifts have been made to the church recently in addition to funds for the restoration of the Organ. These gifts include the following:

Catherine Orr and Betty and Ramus Freeman have given the church a beautiful silk flower arrangement as a memorial to Ollie and Lester Freeman. The flowers are to be used at the discretion of the Worship Committee.

Dr. and Mrs. Dwight Irons have given beautiful liturgical pulpit paraments for the W.B. Smith Fellowship Hall in memory of Mrs. Doris Purser. They have also given two silk trees and a pre-Civil War clock to be used in the W.B. Smith Fellowship Hall.

Susan and Derek Ingram have given some baby items to be used in the church nursery.

Mary Margaret Northington Yeilding has given some serving dishes and other items to be used in the church kitchen.

Hazel and Dennard Miller have given some beautiful furniture to be used in the parsonage.

We are also thankful for the many gifts of volunteer service to the Lord by our members.

## **UMW Family Picnic Friday, June 2, 2006**

The Tennille UMW annual family picnic/cookout will be at the home of Rhonie and Leona Rogers on Franklin Street in Tennille. Bring something to go with hamburgers and hot dogs which we will be cooking on our grill. Come anytime after 6:00 p.m.—we will plan to eat at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome—adults and children.

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**Trading Places – VBS**  
“Pack your duffel bags and bring your cameras! Make sure you have your passports and visas!” Those are the instructions you will hear from the TRADING PLACES Tour Director as you begin an exciting world tour. Everyone will be divided into Tour Teams and will visit exotic places where they will encounter kids from all over the world. The Tour Teams will begin their trip each day at 6:00 P.M. and end at 9:00 P.M., July 31 – August 4, 2006. Their itinerary will take them through the **TRADING PLACES Travel Center** where they will then tap their feet to a traveling beat in **Passport Praises.** They’ll travel to **Transformation Station** to hear some awesome stories about Bible heroes who really did trade one place in life for another, taste the local cuisine in the **International Food Court**, and get tickets to **First-Class Crafts.** As they travel Tour Team members will pick up some valuable travel tips. BE LOYAL, BE REAL, BE BRAVE, BE READY, BE CHANGED!

To extend the impact of VBS, kids will receive daily V.I.S.A.s (very important service assignments) – practical ways to put what they’ve learned into action. Our chameleon mascot, Cammi, will join in on the journey. Since Cammi is adaptable in every situation, Cammi will be a perfect tagalong friend as Tour Teams travel the globe. Cammi challenges kids not just to blend in but to stand out for Jesus. So pack your gear, the trip starts at Tennille United Methodist

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Church. You won’t want to miss a minute of the fun. Sign up for this exciting adventure at the **World Tour PREREGISTRATION EVENT** on Saturday, July 29, 10:00 A.M. Grab your backpacks and let’s hit the road. It will be the trip of a lifetime! **ALL AGES ARE INVITED.** We could use some Tour Guides. Your job will be to travel with your Tour Team (a small group of kids divided by age level). You’ll start out in the Travel Center area and guide your Team to various sites as listed by schedule. If you would like to help, contact Suzanne Irons at 552-7249.

#### **Words of Praise and Thanks from the Thomas Family**

On Sunday Morning, Randy shared some additional news of her family. Johnny has been accepted to return to the Academy for the Blind in Macon in September. On Awards Day, Johnny received an award for the best swimmer. She also expressed her thanks to the church for their prayers and support on behalf of Johnny and Sabrina.

#### **Sunday School**

Be sure to join us for SS each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. We have reorganized our SS and we now have classes for every age group. The Adult class will be led by Leona Rogers; John Wesley Class by Mary Moye; Joe Thomas will lead the youth; Suzanne and Dwight Irons will lead the young children’s class. Reba Barlow will have a class for babies and toddlers. We are also planning for a new assembly/gathering time which will lend some excitement to SS.

**Camp Meeting**  
Don’t forget to put Camp Meeting at Adrian Camp Grounds on your schedule for June 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>. The preacher this year will be Rev. Mike Ricker, a United Methodist Missionary to India. This year the Annie Lou Hodges Circle is sending two of our young people to the Children and Youth Camp—Haleigh Orr and Desiree Ingram. We hope they will enjoy their week at camp.

#### **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. Hamburgers for June 14.

#### **Radio Ministry**

When you cannot make it to church on Sunday morning, you can tune in to radio station WJFL 101.9 at 9:00 am and listen to a service from the previous week at TUMC. You may also contact Pastor Pete to obtain a recording from any Sunday service.

#### **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. She continues to update the web site on a regular basis. She has recently added articles about the history of the church. She would like your help with the history by contributing what you remember or have been told by your parents concerning the history of TUMC. When additional items are contributed about history, our plans are to print them in a book to be available for those who do not have computers.

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#### Note from the Editor

As part of our commitment to keep you informed about what is going on at Tennille UMC, this month we will begin including a treasurer's report as part of the Newsletter. If you have questions about the budget, Jean Bevill, our treasurer will be glad to talk with you. (552-9130) She will be presenting a report on our spending at each of our quarterly

Church Council meetings. All members of our church are invited to attend these meetings which will generally be held on a Sunday afternoon. Our bulletin will have announcements of these meetings. We would also like to take this time to remind you that you can receive this Newsletter as either a printed copy through the mail or as an e-mail. If you would like to receive it as e-mail, send your e-

mail to either Leona Rogers [rhonie@washemc.net](mailto:rhonie@washemc.net) or to Reba Barlow [pereb@bellsouth.net](mailto:pereb@bellsouth.net) and we will add you to our e-mail list. Please send us news of interest that you would like us to share with the church family. Thanks again for your support and encouragement. *Leona Rogers*

### Finance and Stewardship

Last month we wrote about our short-term financial needs. In summary, we have budgeted for real needs that are 15% higher than typical levels of giving. The first quarter was difficult for our treasurer with a significant draw down of our savings. We asked you to help if you possibly could by increasing your giving.

We are encouraged by those who have already committed to help and by Jean's feeling that there is already a positive trend in giving. Thank you! Thank you!

Knowing that with your help we will eventually weather our current problems your Finance and Stewardship Committee has also started to think longer term and about how to meet those needs. We will be working hard and know we will have to change how we do things. We also know that what is important are the missions of the Church and money is only a tool to do what we need to do.

We will continue to keep you informed and welcome your input and questions.

Derek Spry (552-9102) and Lucy Nell Smith (552-7533)

PS Gifts may be mailed to P. O. Box 265, Tennille, GA31089 or please use the offertory envelopes.

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Tennille United Methodist Church Financial Report April 2006

<b>Conference and District Askings</b>	<b>2006 Budget</b>	<b>Paid to Date</b>		
World Service Fund	1,218	406.00	<b>Other</b>	<b>Paid to Date</b>
Conference Benevolence	1,560	520.00	Magnolia Manor (UMW)	250.00
Clergy Support	1,534	511.33	Advocate	270.00
Pre-1982 Pension & MPP	1,298	432.67	Katrina (Marathon)	1,216.90
Comprehensive Protection Plan	841	280.33		
Health Flex (retired clergy)	1,133	377.67		
Health Flex (disabled clergy)	99	33.00		
Administrative Exp.	723	241.00	<b>Month of April</b>	
State Cooperative Fund	66	22.00	Contributions	8,293.25
Christian Higher Education	677	225.67	Disbursements	8,085.56
SEJ Mission Ministry	105	35.00		
Africa University Fund	39	13.00		
Black College Fund	176	58.67		
General Administration Fund	107	35.67	<b>Check Book</b>	
General Episcopal Fund	310	103.33	<b>Balance as of 12/31/05</b>	<b>6,197.15</b>
Interdenominational Coop Fund	34	11.33	Deposits:	
Ministerial Education Fund	444	146.67	Pledges	26,204.06
District Work Fund	1,714	571.33	Basket	1,804.01
<b>Buildings and Grounds</b>			3/31 Golden Savings	2,000.00
Church and Parsonage Maintenance	2,400	356.32	4/28 Golden Savings	500.00
Organ	71,683		Disbursements	32,334.65
Insurance	3,368		<b>Balance as of 4/30/06</b>	<b>4,190.57</b>
Utilities	7,000	3,590.85		
Yard	2,000	585.00	<b>Golden Savings Balance</b>	<b>4,521.58</b>
Termite Control	600	120.00		
Parsonage Committee Improvements	1,500	1,865.18		
<b>Operational Expenses</b>				
Janitorial Service	2,000	681.08		
Janitorial Supplies	50			
Office Supplies	600	253.45		
Social Hall Supplies	150	17.68		
Annual Conference Expense	400			
Musical Instrument Maintenance	500	280.00		
Miscellaneous	1,000	317.63		
Contingency Reserve	3,000	250.00		
<b>Program and Ministry</b>				
Prayer Ministry	600			
Family Ministry	150	119.10		
Worship	300	100.00		
Evangelism	500			
Missions	800	200.00		
Pastor's Continuing Education	500			
Music	500	99.00		
Feed My Sheep	2,400			
Media Ministry (WEB/Newsletter/Radio)	3,480	1,176.65		
<b>Ministerial Support</b>				
Salary and Expense	43,707	14,569.00		
Ministerial Pension Plan	6,017	2,005.36		
Health Flex (Blue Cross-Blue Shield)	4,932	1,723.68		
<b>Total</b>	<b>172,215</b>	<b>32,334.65</b>		

## *Pastor Pete's Ponderings*

Well, it took me seven weeks to finish the six part sermon series we started on Easter. Actually that's not bad, it took me 18 years to earn a 2 year college degree. In hind site, 18 years isn't really that long in the big scheme of things. Decisions we make and things we do right now will have an effect 18 years (and longer) from now. If you've followed along through this series you've heard me ask "What are we going to do for the next 122 years?" We are great benefactors of those who have gone before us in the first 122 years. How are those who come behind us going to benefit from what we do? What kind of spiritual legacy are we leaving? Through these past weeks I've preached on everything from Moderately nice people, ministry, God's purposes, why we need a church, play-doh, Easter egg hunts to money. All leading up to the service of commitment in which we asked everyone to radically devote to extending the vision. (*If you weren't at worship on May 28, the form is included in this news letter, please fill it out and return it to the church.*) The first thing on the list to check is the 26 week prayer study. Why is it first? Because prayer is the most important thing we can do! Individual prayer and Corporate prayer. In the two years Reba and I have been here, we have had four different groups do the 50 days of Acts 29 prayer. Some of our folk have read "Fresh Wind-Fresh Fire." Others participated in a prayer meeting on Thursday nights for about two months. I know many of you have a faithful personal prayer life; however as a congregation we have only *flirted* with corporate prayer. I am presently reading the book "And the Place was Shaken" about how to lead a powerful prayer meeting. I have come under conviction as I read "If you are a leader of the people of God, you must make your ministry of mobilizing the people of God to pray together an equal priority with preaching and teaching the Word of God." **I have had to repent.** Preaching and Teaching the Word of God have been an equal priority for me; however leading us to *pray together* has not had equal priority. That is changing as of right now. I intend to make it a priority. I have made it an equal priority. I will be leading us in a corporate prayer meeting starting towards the end of July. Now some of you may say that's not much of a priority if you wait till then. The reason for the delay in starting is I have some personal study and preparation to do first in order, I believe, for it to be dynamic. Therefore let me ask you to do two things. I know everyone will not be able to come depending on which night we have it, or for other legitimate reasons. But I also know that many could come; regardless of what night we have it. The first thing is **PLAN ON COMING!** The second thing, please pray for our congregation by using the scriptures below. Pray it everyday! Perhaps there are others you could pray with. Well, alright there're three things: pray for me as I study and prepare not only for preaching and teaching the Word of God, but also to lead us in corporate prayer.

*Pastor Pete*

*“Praying for our Church”*

1Pet 5:6.....Heavenly Father, we humble ourselves under Your mighty hand.  
1Jn 1:9.....Forgive us for our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.  
Heb 10:22.....Let us draw near to You with a true heart in full assurance of faith,  
Heb 10:22.....having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience,  
Heb 10:22.....and our bodies washed with pure water.  
Col 3:16.....Let Your Word dwell in us richly.  
Col 1:9.....Fill us with the knowledge of Your will,  
Col 1:9.....in all wisdom and spiritual understanding,  
Col 1:10.....that we may live and conduct ourselves in a manner worthy of You,  
Col 1:10.....fully pleasing You, and being fruitful in every good work.  
Eph 4:23.....And, by being renewed in the spirit of our minds,  
Col 3:12.....that we put on tender mercies, kindness, humility,  
Col 3:12.....meekness, longsuffering: bearing with and forgiving one another.  
Eph 4:13.....That we dwell together in the unity of the faith,  
1Thes 5:12.....recognizing those who labor among us,  
1Thes 5:13.....esteeming them highly in love for their work's sake.  
1Cor 1:10.....I pray we all speak the same thing, with no divisions among us,  
Phil 1:27.....standing fast in one spirit, striving together for the faith.  
Heb 13:9.....That we're not carried about with various and strange doctrines,  
2Tim 2:15.....But we study, rightly dividing the word of truth.  
Jude 1:16.....That we're not murmurers, complainers, walking after our own lusts,  
1Tim 6:18.....but are rich in good works, ready to give and willing to share.  
Eph 4:16.....I pray that the whole body be knit and joined together,  
Eph 4:16.....and that every part does its share causing growth to the body.  
1Pet 4:10.....As each one has received a gift, let him minister it,  
Phil 2:4.....looking out for the interests of others.  
1Pet 1:22.....Let us all fervently love one another with a pure heart,  
2Jn 1:8.....so that we do not lose the things we have worked for.  
1Pet 4:7.....Let us become serious and watchful in our prayers,  
Eph 5:16.....redeeming the time, for the days are evil.  
Heb 12:1.....Running with endurance the race that is set before us,  
Col 3:2.....setting our minds on things above and not on things on the earth.  
Phil 3:14.....But pressing toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God.  
Eph 6:11.....Putting on the whole armor of God that we may stand against the devil.  
Acts 4:29.....That we will speak forth Your Word with great boldness  
Acts 4:30.....and that You will stretch forth Your hand to heal,  
Acts 4:30.....that signs and wonders may be done in the name of Your Son Jesus.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ I am radically devoted to extending the vision, therefore: (check all that apply)

\_\_\_ I will attend the 26 week study of Dynamic Prayer

***The best time for me is:*** \_\_\_ Thurs, 7:00 PM \_\_\_ Sun., 6:00 PM

\_\_\_ I will attend Sunday School regularly

\_\_\_ I will invite people to Sunday School

\_\_\_ I will attend worship regularly

\_\_\_ I will invite people to worship

\_\_\_ I would like to attend **ALPHA**

\_\_\_ I would like to do the Spiritual Gifts Survey

\_\_\_ I will help with Vacation Bible School

\_\_\_ I will help in the nursery

\_\_\_ I will help with the Bread of Life Ministry

\_\_\_ I will help with the Bible Distribution Ministry

\_\_\_ I will be on the Prayer Team

\_\_\_ I will attend the study: 'Managing Our Finances God's Way'

*(Wednesdays: July 12 – August 30)*

\_\_\_ I will mow the grass; trim the bushes, etc...

\_\_\_ I will deliver tapes to our shut ins

\_\_\_ I will help with the Altar flowers redistribution ministry

\_\_\_ I will keep the Altar Candles filled with oil

\_\_\_ I will serve as an Acolyte *(light the Altar Candles)*

\_\_\_ I will help with pew upkeep ministry *(pens/offering envelopes/visitor's cards)*

\_\_\_ I will sing in the choir

\_\_\_ I will lead a Sunday School Class

\_\_\_ I will be open minded about new ministry possibilities

\_\_\_ I will participate in our United Methodist Women

\_\_\_ I will help start our Men's Ministry

\_\_\_ I will help our valet parking ministry

\_\_\_ I will read Scripture during worship

\_\_\_ I will help with the mid week children/youth ministry

\_\_\_ I will help with greeting/ushering

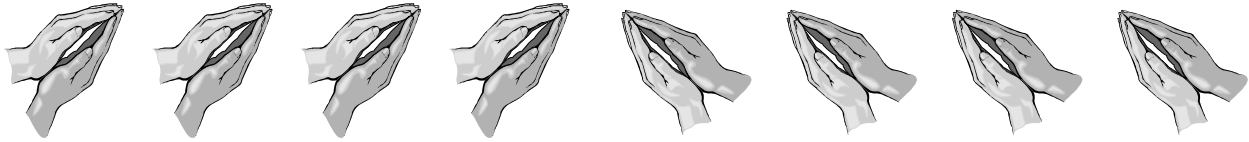
\_\_\_ I will help with setting up Holy Communion

\_\_\_ You haven't listed it but this is what I am already doing or what I really want to do:

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\_\_\_ I haven't checked anything yet, however I will pray about how I can demonstrate my radical Devotion

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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	Anne Bazemore
Frankie Frost	Betty Ward
Lee Cook	Margaret Northington
Mercedes Youmans	Betty Barlow
Vonnie Ward	

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.