



# 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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## **Carnival for Christ October 29, 2006**

In the spirit of the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday joint worship services, eight congregations and ministries are hoping to have a fall festival on the square in downtown Tennille. We already have permission to close down the street. There are three ways you can help.

**Pray** – continue to pray for the unity of our congregations that Jesus prayed in John 17.

**Volunteer** – each congregation is asked to provide two people to serve on the planning team.

**We still need one more person as a volunteer. If you're interested please let the pastor know.**

**Funding** – each congregation has been asked to donate \$250 to fund what promises to be a wonderful event for our community. **The \$250 has been donated – THANKS.**

## **Laity Sunday November 15, 2006 Mary Moye, speaker**

**Community Thanksgiving Service, November 19, 2006**  
Place and time to be announced

## **Hanging of the Greens and decorating the Chrismon Tree Tuesday, November 28, 2006**

We had a great time last year; we want to do it again. Come help us decorate, then worship, and share a meal together.

## **Christmas Cantata December 3, 2006, 5 pm**

The choir has begun practicing for our special Christmas Music to be presented on Sunday, Dec 3 at 5 pm. If you would like to sing with us for this special event, join us at choir practice at 4 p.m. on Sunday afternoons.

## **UMW Christmas Party Wednesday, December 6, 7 pm**

This is an annual event sponsored by the UMW for the whole church. Bring your favorite covered dish and enjoy a time of fellowship. A special guest will provide music for us to enjoy.

## **Christmas Caroling Wednesday, Dec 13, 2006**

Plan to join us as we visit shut-in and sing for them. If you know of anyone who would enjoy a visit, call Margaret Northington or Pastor Pete.

## **Note from Leona**

Reba reminded me that it was 1 year ago that we started **The Tennille Testimony**. I began reflecting (not trying to take your job, Reba) and pondering (or yours, Pete) as I looked back over our newsletters for the past year. When I reread the reports of the activities and programs, I was in awe of what we have accomplished at Tennille UMC this year. We've had a Gifts Discovery Class, Alpha, the

Grand Sweep of the Bible, Acts 29 (40 days of prayer) study, Children of the Bible study in both UMW Circles, VBS. We've had special services honoring church members – A 'Sheriff Thomas Smith Day' in October and UMW Day in March honoring Selwyn May, as well as a birthday celebration in July honoring Anne Bazemore and Harry Gilbert. We have 7 new church members, 2 new SS classes and an ongoing monthly Bread of Life Ministry feeding needy people. All of this is in addition to our Sunday morning SS and church services and regular special days like Family Day, Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. We have been here at the church as a visible presence representing Christ in the community. We have been worshiping, working, praying, studying, helping, learning and growing spiritually so that we may Glorify God at Tennille UMC.

I want to take this space to say a big THANK YOU to all of you who have supported the Tennille UMC this year with your presence, your prayers your gifts and your service as well as your encouragement to Reba and I as we endeavored to bring you a newsletter each month to keep you informed about what's going on and what has happened at Tennille UMC.

*Leona Rogers*

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### 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

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available for those who do not have computers.

### 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. If you would like to help, contact Mary Moyer at 552-7703. Menu for Oct 11: Beef stew, green beans, peach half, bread, dessert, milk.

### 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.

### 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 Seekers Class (former Adult) is led by Leona Rogers; John Wesley Class by Mary Moyer; the Youth by Joe Thomas; Young Children by Suzanne and Dwight Irons; Babies/Toddlers by Reba Barlow.

### Projected Preaching Series

9/17	Intro to Creeds
9/24	(1) I Believe in God the Father Almighty
10/1	Sacraments ( <i>World Communion Sunday</i> )
10/8	(2) Maker of Heaven and earth
10/15	Laity Sunday, Mary Moyer Preaching
10/22	(3) Jesus Christ, His Only Son Our Lord
10/29	(4) Conceived By the Holy Spirit, Born of the Virgin Mary
11/5	(11) The Communion of Saints ( <i>All saints Sunday</i> )
11/12	(5) Suffered Under Pontius Pilate
11/19	Thanksgiving Service
11/26	Dwight Irons Preaching (Pastor Pete out of town)
12/3	Advent 1
12/10	Advent 2
12/17	Advent 3
12/24	Advent 4
12/31	Epiphany
1/7	Remember our Baptism
1/14	Wesley Covenant Service
1/21	(6) He Descended Into Hell
1/28	(7) The Third Day He Rose from the Dead
2/4	(8) From Thence He Shall Come To Judge the Quick and the Dead
2/11	(9) I Believe in the Holy Spirit
2/18	(10) The Holy Catholic Church
2/25	(11) The Forgiveness of Sins
3/4	(12) The Resurrection of the Body and the Life Everlasting

3/11  
3/18 I will be gone one Sunday in February or March, as well as another Sunday for the organ rededication. As soon as we know I'll insert them and we can expect to finish on 3/18. 2 week prior to Passion Sunday.

## *Pastor Pete's Ponderings*

"When the Saints Go Marching In." At the writing of this on Wednesday, September 27, I've been singing this old spiritual for two days now. I've sent it as an attachment with the picture of my New Orleans Saints ball cap as an email and/or picture message to just about everyone I can think. Being from New Orleans and a Saints fan for forty years (with the last 17 living among Falcon fans), the victory over the Falcons on Monday night in the Superdome was something very special for me. Many have reported it was so much more than just a game. It was so much more than just a distraction from the misery and suffering, which for many, is still ongoing. The game itself was significant in that it was the first home game after 23 away games. The fact that the game was played in the Superdome, the very place where the world saw and associated with the devastation of Katrina also was noteworthy in that it represented hope.

"It's a chance to reclaim our future — to show that while New Orleans is still hurting, it's moving forward," said historian Douglas Brinkley, author of *The Great Deluge: Hurricane Katrina, New Orleans, and the Mississippi Gulf Coast*, the first definitive account of the storm. "Our city politics are still divided. People aren't happy with the way things are going. But everybody is pulling for the Saints."

Everybody wasn't just pulling for the Saints, but it was as if everyone was pulling for the whole gulf coast and the saints some how exemplified the resolve of the whole region. There was a whole lot more going on than a football game.

That brings me back to the song, When the Saints Go Marching In, the theme song of the City of New Orleans and the Saints. It has been the theme song for the Saints since it was announced to New Orleans on All Saints Day, 1966 that they had been awarded an NFL Franchise.

The song is actually apocalyptic in nature and speaks of the saints marching into heaven during the Day of Judgment. The original idea was that of Christians in a triumphal march into heaven and was often sung on All Saints Day. In New Orleans it is often sung as a funeral march but is just as likely to be played by a jazz band. It's normally sung in very festive occasions and in times of joy.

I would like to suggest we saw the Saints go marching into New Orleans and the Gulf Coast following Katrina. We saw the Body of Christ, Christians, the Saints charging into the devastated area providing hope and healing to many. The saints are still marching into the area.

The chorus goes like this: *Oh, when the saints go marching in, Oh, when the saints go marching in, Lord how I want to be in that number, When the saints go marching in.* Let's us all continue to sing this great song. Not just because the Saints defeated the Falcons, but to remind us to stay in the march. As Christians continue to march into New Orleans and the Gulf Coast let us sing: *Lord how I want to be in that number.* How can we continue to be in ministry of hope and healing, not just in New Orleans, but also right here in Washington County?

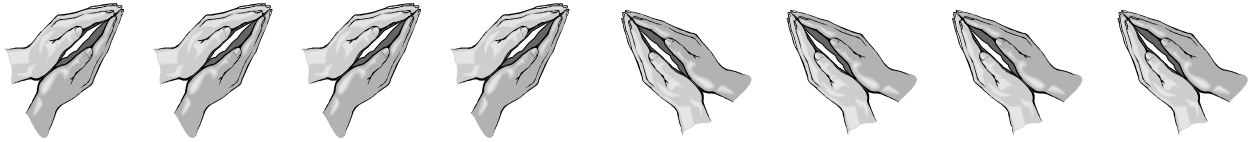
Let me challenge us to consider how we might be involved—How to be involved prayerfully, financially and physically. *Lord how I want to be in that number!*

*Pastor Pete*

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**Tennille United Methodist Church Financial Report August 2006**

<b>Conference and District Apportionments</b>	<b>2006 Budget</b>	<b>Paid to Date</b>		
World Service Fund	1,218	812.00	<b>Other</b>	<b>Paid to Date</b>
Conference Benevolence	1,560	1,040.00	Magnolia Manor (UMW)	250.00
Clergy Support	1,534	1,022.67	Advocate	270.00
Pre-1982 Pension & MPP	1,298	865.33	Magnolia Manor	45.00
Comprehensive Protection Plan	841	560.67	Bee Hive (Metter)	190.00
Health Flex (retired clergy)	1,133	755.33	Annual Conf. Offering	52.00
Health Flex (disabled clergy)	99	66.00	Wesley Glen	225.00
Administrative Exp.	723	482.00	Katrina (marathon)	1,216.90
State Cooperative Fund	66	44.00		
Christian Higher Education	677	451.33		
SEJ Mission Ministry	105	70.00		
Africa University Fund	39	26.00	<b>Month of August</b>	
Black College Fund	176	117.33	Contributions	10,360.53
General Administration Fund	107	71.33	Disbursements	8,148.26
General Episcopal Fund	310	206.67		
Interdenominational Coop Fund	34	22.67		
Ministerial Education Fund	444	293.33		
District Work Fund	1,714	1,142.67	<b>Check Book</b>	
<b>Buildings and Grounds</b>			<b>Balance as of 12/31/05</b>	<b>6,197.15</b>
Church and Parsonage Maintenance	2,400	404.32	Deposits:	
Organ	71,683		Pledges	58,627.18
Insurance	3,368		Basket	3,262.26
Utilities	7,000	5,944.94	3/31 Golden Savings	2,000.00
Yard	2,000	1,115.00	4/28 Golden Savings	500.00
Termite Control	600	425.00	Disbursements	62,884.98
Parsonage Committee Improvements	1,500	1,865.18	<b>Balance as of 8/31/06</b>	<b>7,701.61</b>
<b>Operational Expenses</b>				
Janitorial Service	2,000	1,291.78	<b>Golden Savings Balance</b>	<b>5,534.72</b>
Janitorial Supplies	50	17.52		
Office Supplies	600	370.45		
Social Hall Supplies	150	68.82		
Annual Conference Expense	400	325.00		
Musical Instrument Maintenance	500	280.00		
Miscellaneous	1,000	1,099.43		
Contingency Reserve	3,000	1,250.00		
<b>Program and Ministry</b>				
Prayer Ministry	600			
Family Ministry	150	158.80		
Worship	300	250.00		
Evangelism	500			
Missions	800	508.00		
Pastor's Continuing Education	500	500.00		
Music	500	99.00		
Feed My Sheep	2,400			
Media Ministry (WEB/Newsletter/Radio)	3,480	2,266.33		
<b>Ministerial Support</b>				
Salary and Expense	43,707	29,138.00		
Ministerial Pension Plan	6,017	4,010.72		
Health Flex (Blue Cross-Blue Shield)	4,932	3,447.36		
<b>Total</b>	<b>172,215</b>	<b>62,884.98</b>		

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### Our Prayer Concerns and Praise Reports

Name	Name
Pete and Reba Barlow	Elizabeth Burgess Lemon
Bob and Margaret Northington	Don Sheppard
Rubye Brantley	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	Monty Rose
Dr. William Taylor	Audrey Cook
Elsie Marchman	Grace Irons
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
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	Amelia McAfee
Lee Cook	Susan Redwell
Mercedes Youmans	Betty Barlow
Amos Tanner	Adam Mitchel family

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.