

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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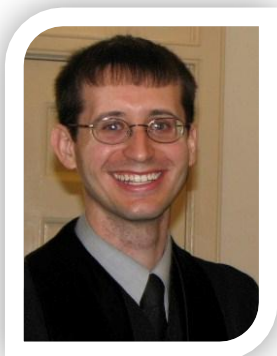
June 26, 2011

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Pastor's Corner



What does God have in store for us as we begin our third year together? I prayerfully have two goals in mind. First, I look forward to continuing to grow in faith and friendship with each of you. This goal is accomplished through three commitments. We must continue to commit to studying God's word together. We must act on God's word by growing in our love for one another. We must commit to show the love of God in our hearts by a willingness to serve others, especially those that we have the hardest time loving.

Second, I have a goal that no one in our church or community will ever feel like they are alone. The theme for our Annual Conference this year is "Never Alone". In Matthew 28:18-20, Jesus tells us to, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

I pray that each person in our congregation knows that Christ is with you always. You are never alone. Our goal as Christians is to make sure that not one member of our church family ever feels alone. We are to show one another Christ-like love every opportunity we get.

I pray that our church knows that Christ is with us always. We are never alone as a congregation. We should be encouraged that no matter what obstacles we face as a church, Christ is with us and desires to use our church to further the kingdom of God in our community.

I also pray that we will grow in our passion to help each person in our community know that Christ is always with them. This is what making disciples is all about. We do not keep the good news of Christ to ourselves, but invite others to join us in worship and ministry so that they can know the hope of Christ who is with them always. I envision God preparing us to be a church for the unchurched. I envision us having such a deep desire for others to know that they are never alone when in relationship with Christ that we do whatever it takes to share this good news. I envision people in our community looking to Tennille UMC as a place they can turn so that they never have to feel alone again. I invite you to join me in praying for God to prepare our hearts so that we may do whatever it takes to fulfill God's purposes for our church. I look forward to our third year together.

In Christ, Jeff

Dr. Dwight Irons has been re-appointed to the Kite UMC charge for another year.

TUMC Men

Tennille United Methodist Men's Organization meets once a month with a meal and program on Third Monday evenings at 7:00 pm. Come enjoy a time of fellowship with men from our church and the community.

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TUMC Trustees Plan

Major Maintenance

Work is listed generally in order of priority but all is needed. Funding is not available in the budget. The Ouzts Trust and generous gifts have been funding sources. \$\$ figures are from proposal by R. Brown 10/7/10.

Parsonage:

Continue to closely monitor crawl space for water and mold.

Adjust french drain if needed.

Clean up where needed.

Sanctuary & old Sunday School:

Clean repair & repaint exterior wood work	\$9,400- <u>DONE</u>
Repair & paint shutters	\$2,750- <u>In Progress</u>
Prepare & paint inside windows of sanctuary, furnace room	\$1,750

WB Smith Building:

Clean, repair & paint exterior woodwork	\$9,500- <u>DONE</u>
Repair & paint shutters	\$ 850- <u>In Progress</u>

The shutters might be a separate longer- term project.

Future major maintenance needs will include the H/AC units in the WB Smith building; 1 of the 4 units is unsafe and offline. Roofs have 8/10 years life remaining, except parsonage with 20+. Painting of brickwork is not in above. (These needs will be approximately \$20,000).

Routine annual servicing/inspection needs. This is a line item in the operating budget. Items below will enhance safety and reduce long-term costs.

- Heating systems safe and functioning- *Andrews to do annual service for \$250.*
- Fire extinguishers in place and working. *Keith Blount has us in schedule*
- Termite contracts. *In place with Arrow for Church & Parsonage*
- Pest control. *In place with Arrow*
- External building inspection. *Russell Brown will do.*
- Parsonage crawl space inspection. *To be arranged.*

*Upon reviewing Russell Brown's estimates, the Trustees determined that we need approximately \$40,000 to do all of the projects required to address major maintenance needs, including all painting (including brickwork) and woodwork, a furnace for the W.B. Smith Building, and other projects as listed on the maintenance plan.

Other needs that have been requested or identified.

Some of these needs are identified in the report to the Charge Conference. Most are unlikely to be met by current funding sources. They need to be prioritized.

1. Paint organ blower cover. **DONE**
2. Additional handrails for steps to the social hall. \$425- **DONE**
3. New appraisal for insurance purposes.
4. Fire & safety audit
5. Security system with fire & CO monitoring
6. Handicap accessible restroom- \$4,200-\$4,500 for ADA standards for one unisex bathroom in WBS building- **DONE**
7. Lightning protection
8. Playground equipment.

Trustees (continued)

Thank You

Each of you deserves a huge thank you for the hard work, time, effort, and donations put into renovating our church and doing various projects as requested by our Trustees in the last few years. In the last 3-5 years, the church has spent almost \$143,000 dollars on renovations and special projects. This figure represents funds given above and beyond the yearly operating budget. Without you, faithful members and friends of this congregation, we would not have the wonderful facilities we have today that are essential to carrying out the ministry of TUMC. Below is a list of improvements that your contributions have allowed us to make. Again, thank you for your faithful giving that has made these improvements possible.

- Draperies for the annex
- Refinished floors in the annex
- Refinished the nursery
- Flooring for the nursery
- Heat and cooling for the nursery
- Paving of the parking lot
- Replaced the roof/ paint and repair of the parsonage exterior
- Mitigation of the water problem at the parsonage
- Renovation of the sanctuary annex with new heating and air unit
- Handicapped accessible restroom in the W.B. Smith Building
- Repaired the roof and columns at the portico of the W.B. Smith Building
- New chairs for the social hall
- New desk and chair for the pastor's study
- Sound system, media equipment, and flat screen monitor
- Pain and repair all woodwork of the sanctuary and the W.B. Smith Building
- New Communion cloths

Calendar

Sun. June 26 at 3:00 p.m. - TUMC is planning to start a second worship service in August! This service will have contemporary music, a casual setting, and will be designed to meet the needs of the unchurched. Please plan to attend an informational meeting on this date to find out how you can help with this service.

Tues. June 28 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. – Jeff and Sandra will attend the District Set-Up Meeting at Pine Forest UMC in Dublin.

July

Friday, July 8 at 7:00 p.m. – TUMC Church Picnic in the W.B. Smith Building

Sun., July 10 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. - A welcome reception will be held for our new district superintendent Denise Walton

Monday, July 11 at 12:30 p.m. - We will serve lunch to the youth participating in Oconee Outreach Opportunity in Washington County. Please sign up to bring chips, sandwiches, and cookies in the narthex. You may also give a donation (designate Oconee Outreach) as we will purchase chicken fingers as well. Thank you.

Wed., July 13 at 3:30 p.m. – Bread of Life in the W.B. Smith Building

Sun. July 17 – Thurs. July 21- The Dublin District Campmeeting will be held each night with Rev. Rick Lanford preaching.

Mon., July 18 at 7:00 p.m. – The TUMC Men's Fellowship will meet in the W.B. Smith Building

Thurs., July 21 at 10:00 a.m. – Jeff will attend his conference required R.I.M. class in Warner Robins.

Thurs., July 21 at 6:00 p.m. – The WACO Cancer Support Group will meet in W.B. Smith Building.

Sun. July 31 at 6:00 p.m. – Tennille UMC will host a Fifth Sunday Night Service of special music. Time and musician TBA. A special offering will be collected to support Sandersville Christian Church. A reception will follow the service.

Happy Birthday

June

Charles Orr – 1
Suzanne Irons – 13

(Special Wish from Dwight to Suzanne: 😊 Happy Birthday Suzanne on your 61st Birthday!)

Ike Bevill – 4
Faye West – 14

Hugh McMaster – 10
Leona Rogers – 16

Robert Patrick – 17
Bud Alexander – 27

Dana Rountree – 18
Catherine Orr – 30

Billy McMaster – 19
Carrie Ingram Burger – 30

July

Harry Gilbert – 3 (95 this month)
Jerry Knight – 9
Marjorie Wright – 25
E. Allen Smith – 30

Beryl Spry – 5
Linda Deem – 17
Clint Smith – 28
Will Smith – 31

Margaret Alexander – 6
Jerry Chapman – 20
Hill Thomas – 39

August

R. W. Wommack, III – 1
Mary “Frances” Marshall – 7
E. K. May – 12
Faye McMaster – 20
Debby May – 22
Jason Smith – 30

Gloria Ingram – 2
Irene Summerlin – 9
Daniel May – 16
J. W. Rhodes – 21
Dan Moye – 29

Lee Cook – 5
Helen Chapman – 12
Ann Bazemore – 18
Charles Nicholson – 22
Chris Alexander – 29



Happy Anniversary

June

William and Sue Burgamy – 5
Brad and Joey Boardwell – 12
Joe and Randy Thomas – 21
Rev. Ramus and Betty Freeman – 26

Dwight and Suzanne Irons – 7 (Congratulations! 15 yrs!)
Rev. Jeff and Sandra Cook – 12
Rusty and Marcia Harris – 25
Dean and Patsy Blount – 28

July

Scott and Holly Smith – 6

Danny and Carole Garner- 27

August

Dr. Kenneth and Harriette Towe – 3
Jerry and Mary Knight – 10

Chris and Margaret Alexander- 8, 1970
Charles and Shirley Nicholson – 17

Sunday School – 10 AM every Sunday: *Children’s classes and two Adult classes. This quarter our Adult class lessons are from the Old Testament focusing on God’s Instructions for the People of God. You will be blessed by your participation.*



Remembrance of Rhonie Rogers

On January 2, 2011, beloved member Rhonie Rogers went home to be with the Lord. While Rhonie was a man of few words, he made a great impact on his family, friends, and church with his actions. He had a servant's heart and a great desire to see his church prosper. His expertise as an electrician and his knack for being able to do anything with his hands served him well as he sought to glorify God through his work in the church. Whether serving on the Trustees, helping the parsonage family with repairs, or putting his

skills to use in various church ministries, Rhonie served his Lord well. We will miss Rhonie for what he contributed to the church. We will miss him, for when he did speak, everyone knew to listen as his words made a difference. We will miss how God used Rhonie to warm our hearts and to bring a smile to our faces. We thank God that he was a part of our Tennille United Methodist church family as he blessed each of our lives in a special way.



Martha, Jimmy, Elizabeth, Eric, and Lisa

News from the Bevill's

Eric graduated in May from Cumberland School of Law at Samford University, Birmingham, AL, Juris Doctor and is currently studying for the bar.

Martha graduated in May from the University of Georgia with major in Communication Science Disorders. She will be pursuing a master's degree in communication disorders at Armstrong Atlantic State University in Savannah this Fall.

Elizabeth is participating in a student exchange program to France organized through Stratford Academy. She visited Paris and Les Herbiers, France where the American students stayed in the homes of the French students. The French students were guest of the Stratford students in March of this year. She will be joining 22 team members from her church ranging in age from 14 – 68 on a mission trip to Ciudad Quesada, Costa Rica June 19-26. They will be staying at the Rural Methodist Center (www.costaricamethodist.org). ~~~Jimmy and Lisa will be going on the mission trip to Costa Rica with Elizabeth as well.



Family Day – 2011
Ann Moye Warren - Speaker



Gideon Sunday – 2011-
John Terwillinger, Speaker

Health, Welfare and Community Service News

Wesley Walkers, our church walking group, continues to meet each Thursday at 4:00pm at the New Birth Church walking track on Zeta Street in Tennille. Everyone is encouraged to join us for an hour of mild exercise and camaraderie with friends.



Washington County Relay for Life

was held on Friday June 3rd and Saturday June 4th this year. TUMC's contribution to this worthy cause was \$2380.49.

The Washington County Cancer Support Group meets the third Thursday of each month in the W.B. Smith Building at 6:00pm. This group is for all persons involved with cancer—patients, family members, caregivers, friends.

Please join with us for any or all of these events. If you cannot come in person, we welcome your input and ideas on how the Health, Welfare and Community Service committee may better serve Tennille United Methodist Church family.

TUMC History



If you have any old pictures or church documents or memories that should be documented about our church and church family through the years, and would like to get scanned into electronic format and included in the church historical documents, please bring them to Selwyn. She is collecting these types of documents and will work toward putting them together to share with everyone. Here is a 'sneak peek' from one collection Leona located. *Do you remember???*



Prayer

Scripture tells us, “The effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.” Have you prayed for your Church today! We are told that it is never too late to pray. Neither is it ever too soon. So, why not now?

Shirley Nicholson and Betty Freeman, Prayer Coordinators

Media Matters—*Ephesians 3:20: Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, 21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen*

Mission of the Church: Why does the church exist? According to Matthew’s Gospel, the risen Christ made it clear: “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you” (28:19-20).

Based on this “Great Commission,” our United Methodist Church has stated its purpose: “The mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Local churches provide the most significant arena through which disciple-making occurs” (From The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church—2008, p. 87. Copyright © 2008 by The United Methodist Publishing House. Used by permission).

Thanks to the Purser donation and other recent donations in support of the church’s mission - we

- Can expand our sanctuary’s worship services to our nursery and the social hall.
- Expand our worship service to the community via live broadcast of our 11:00 am Worship Services on WJFL.
- Broadcast on WSNT two Sunday’s a month thanks to special donations. With the Rhonie Rogers’ memorials we will be able to do that for about two more years.
- Provide video copies of any worship service upon request.
- Distribute audio copies of all worship services to several families and individuals.
- Accommodate community meetings and training sessions with our computer and large screen display in the W. B. Smith Building as well as enhancing our own studies and services and movie nights.
- Our sound system enhances all our broadcasts.
- The wireless microphone enables audio from any location in the sanctuary.
- A recent donation provided two hearing disability enhancement systems.
- Another special funding provides for our Website (www.tennilleumc.org) and our own email hosting.
- Newsletter published bimonthly and sent to approximately 150 families (from media budget)

We have expanded much in this area, but to even further expand the spreading of the word of Jesus Christ, we could do more. Areas we could expand into

- Television broadcasting
- Webcasting our services
- Church Brochures
- Mailouts
- Newspaper articles
- Advocate articles
- Media events such as Musicals, Special Services
- Anything we can imagine to help spread the Word

To continue our expansion of our Media Ministry we have the following wish list

- Volunteers to work with Graphics Design for our Website Design and brochure and other publications
 - Wireless microphone(s) for W. B. Smith Building
 - Volunteer Musicians and Computer Software for the new Contemporary Service Music Program
 - Portable Overhead Projector and screen for portable presentations
 - Donations for printing supplies (printer toner, paper, cd labels) and direct mailings (flyers, brochures, etc)
 - New computer for Pastor’s Office (Donation provided for that)
 - Computer for media room (to record services directly to computer)
 - DVD/CD Duplicator (to speed up cd copying which now takes hours)
 - Donations for TV Broadcasting (can have recorded sermons on TV for \$200 / month)
 - Anything we can imagine to help spread the Word
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How to Join Tennille United Methodist Church

Each week during the last hymn "the doors of the church" are open.

If you want to join the friendly, loving Christians of Tennille UMC, complete the card in the pew and join the pastor at the front of the sanctuary at the end of a worship service. You may also call or email the pastor when you decide to become a member.

You may join TUMC in one of three ways:

Profession of Faith – if you have never publicly professed faith in Christ or joined a church before. You may also make a profession of faith if you were baptized as an infant and have not yet publically confirmed your faith as an adolescent, teenager, or adult.

Transfer of Membership – TUMC recognizes "one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism". The church recognizes your baptism and accepts your transfer of membership from another United Methodist Church or another Christian denomination or tradition.

Reaffirmation of Faith – if you have been away from church for a while, either this congregation or another.

Email or call our Pastor if you have any questions about joining our church.

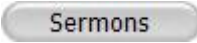
Finance Committee


As finance chairman, I would like to thank all our members for their continued support of TUMC. Our church's generosity and energy never ceases to amaze me. Thank you. *Margaret Alexander*

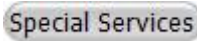
New Worship Service

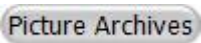
Tennille UMC is excited to announce a new worship service to begin in August. The goal of this service is to reach out to the unchurched in our community. The music will be contemporary praise and worship, dress will be casual, and the message will be relevant to the needs of everyday life. We are looking for musicians for this service. If you are interested or know someone who might be, talk with Pastor Jeff. For more information on how you can help with this service, talk with Pastor Jeff and plan to attend a meeting on Sunday, June 26 at 3:00 p.m.

Missed a Service? Want to hear a sermon again? Looking for a picture?

Sunday Services and most all special services from 2005 forward are available at www.tennilleumc.org – click on  button.

Musical Programs – many of our musical programs are available for listening at www.tennilleumc.org – click on  button.

Special Services – many of our special services are recorded and available at www.tennilleumc.org – click on  button.

Pictures – many of our church pictures are available at www.tennilleumc.org – click on  button.

Tennille United Methodist Church Financial Report May 31, 2011

Conference and District Apportionments	2011 Budget	Paid to Date		
World Service Fund	1,450.00	604.17	Other	Paid to Date
Conference Benevolences	1,218.00	507.50	Magnolia Manor	156.00
Congregational Development	1,122.00	467.50	S.Ga.Conf.Adv.#3021317	25.00
Clergy Support	2,437.00	1,015.42		
Pre-1982 Pension & MPP	1,629.00	678.75		
Comprehensive Protection Plan	776.00	323.33		
Health Flex (retired clergy)	1,060.00	441.67		
Health Flex (disabled clergy)	214.00	89.17		
Administrative Expenses	1,178.00	490.83		
State Cooperative Fund	44.00	18.33		
Christian Higher Education	877.00	365.42		
SEJ Mission and Ministry	123.00	51.25		
Africa University Fund	44.00	18.33		
Black College Fund	195.00	81.25		
General Administration Fund	158.00	65.83		
General Church Episcopal Fund	407.00	169.58		
Inter-denominational Co-op Fund	38.00	15.83		
Ministerial Education Fund	509.00	212.08		
Dublin District Parsonage Fund	415.00	172.92		
Dublin Dist. Operational & Program Fund	722.00	300.83		
SEJ Dam Restoration Fund	34.00	14.17		
Buildings and Grounds				
Church and Parsonage Maintenance	2,800.00	365.19		
Insurance	3,368.00			
Utilities	8,000.00	4,125.27		
Yard	4,000.00	600.00		
Service Agreements	1,300.00	683.00		
Parsonage Improvements	1,000.00			
Operational Expenses			Month of May	
Janitorial Service	2,500.00	995.00	Contributions	11,415.00
Janitorial Supplies	75.00	13.28	Disbursements	9,721.57
Office Supplies	1,200.00	627.44		
Social Hall Supplies	200.00	101.03		
Annual Conference Expense	350.00			
Musical Instrument Maintenance	700.00	325.00	Check Book	
Miscellaneous	1,200.00	673.89	Balance as of 12/31/10	9,628.45
Contingency/Reserve	1,500.00	625.00	Deposits:	
Program and Ministry			Pledges	48,746.00
Prayer Ministry	150.00		Basket	629.25
Family Ministry (Includes SS Expenditures)	1,650.00	797.40	Disbursements	46,811.91
Nursery	2,100.00	960.00		
Worship	200.00		Balance as of 5/31/11	12,191.79
Music	3,000.00	1,234.00		
Missions	1,000.00	300.00	Golden Savings Balance	7,384.35
Hospitality (Evangelism)	500.00	100.00		
Media Ministry (Internet/Newsletter/Radio)	5,000.00	1,996.84		
Ministerial Support				
Salary	42,700.00	17,791.65		
Ministerial Pension Plan	7,162.00	2,984.30		
HealthFlex (Blue Cross/Blue Shield)	9,252.00	3,855.00		
Pastor's Exp. Acct.(incl. CEU & Annual Conf.)	3,000.00	1,554.46		
Total	118,557.00	46,811.91		

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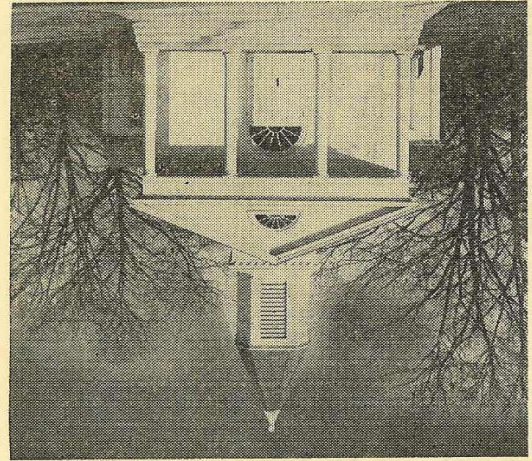
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