



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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Hanging of the Greens

Wed., November 29, 2006

We will meet at the church at 6:00 p.m. to hang Christmas wreaths and to decorate the Chrismon Tree in the sanctuary and the Christmas tree in the W.B. Smith Bldg. We will then have a time of worship followed by a soup and sandwich meal. We hope you will join us. If you would like to join us, but don't drive after dark, someone will be glad to pick you up. Call Leona at 552-7838.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

December 3, 2006, 5:00 pm

A Christmas Cantata; *"The Advent of Hope, The Birth of Peace"*, by Robert Lau and Stephen Andrews, will be presented by the chancel choir on Sunday, Dec 3 at 5 pm. A reception will follow in the W.B. Smith Building.

The choir will be under the direction of Mrs. Margaret Northington with Mrs. Mercedes Youmans, organist.

Sopranos: Mrs. Reba Barlow, Mrs. Patsy Blount, Mrs. Suzanne Irons, Mrs. Leona Rogers, Mrs. Laura Smith, Mrs. Martha Taylor and Mrs. Randy Thomas

Altos: Mrs. Margaret Alexander, Mrs. Georgeanne Cook, Mrs. Mary Moye

Bass: Mr. Ron Deem, Rev. Peter Barlow

Tenors: Rev. Don Youmans, Dr. Dwight Irons

UMW Christmas Party

Wednesday, December 6, 2006

7:00 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. Our special guest, Joann Davis Cook, will provide a program of music for our enjoyment. Joann, who currently lives in Dublin, is the daughter of Virginia Etheridge Davis and the late Edwin Davis.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Thursday, Dec 14, 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.

We extend our Christian Sympathy to the family of Robert Sellers

CARNIVAL FOR CHRIST

A Report by Reba Barlow

Last month I mentioned the Carnival for Christ...but I didn't give any details. Get ready to shout for joy now as we will see what God has done in all of Washington County just through this one endeavor.

This was a great time of fun for all involved. We had inflatable rides (slides, obstacle course and several others), a dunking booth, and several small games which had Bible verse background, Bingo, cake walks,

concessions, many prizes (some being very big like a TV, bikes, etc), music, puppetry, ministry, drama and much more.

1. Approximately 40 churches throughout the county were represented – that is just the ones who took the time to register.

2. At least 20 hands were raised in profession of their new relationship with our Lord. I say 'at least' because not all hands were seen by the ministers, and some gave their lives to the Lord after the Carnival...for instance: One son of one worker told his dad that night how awesome it was to see such unity in so many different churches and so many people come together without incident...then the following Sunday he gave his life to the Lord. Isn't God wonderful!

3. \$950.00 was given to the Christian Life Center. \$800 from concessions, \$150 from the dunking booth...in which no Pastors had to sit in.

4. Approximately 30 left over hotdog plates (consisting of hotdog, chili, chips, dessert & drink) were taken to The Ranch – a home for boys in need.

5. 64 uncooked left over hotdog plates were cooked and given to needy WACO families through the Bread of Life 2 weeks later. Can you tell God blessed us abundantly with donations? (continued on pg 2)

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6. Approximately 100 volunteers from 7 or 8 churches worked together in unity.

7. Approximately 1000 people participated...with no incidents.

8. We have been asked to do it again...but not to wait another year.

9. Several churches have voiced their desire to help next time.

What can we call that but a huge success? GOD is so AWESOME. We didn't do this HE did, but I would like to thank each of you for your participation, prayers and gifts. I do think Keith and Beth Lindsey need a big THANK YOU for their leadership...they did an awesome job. Every one did an awesome job! Thank you everyone! I would also like to personally thank everyone who helped to make the concession booth run so smoothly...despite my training moments. Things will be better next time...more organized anyway. Praise God that He saw fit to bless it despite my leadership. I look forward to serving with you again in the future.

We will keep you updated on future events. With Much Love, *Reba Barlow*

Holy and most gracious Father, thank you for allowing us to serve You in such a wonderful way. May the harvest of this continue to grow and more seeds be planted in good soil. Our desire, Father, is to show your love to others, giving them a hunger and thirst after righteousness. As Jesus ask, so do we, May they see that we are

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one in You". Words can not express our thankfulness and love to You. May all we do bring honor and glory to YOUR name alone. In Jesus Name...Amen

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 Dec 13: vegetable soup, corn muffins, fruit cocktail, dessert, milk.

Radio Ministry

We miss you when you are not in church on Sunday morning, but because of our Radio Ministry, you can tune in to radio station WJFL 101.9 at 9:00 am and listen to a service from the previous week. You may also contact Pastor Pete to obtain a recording from any Sunday service.

Sunday School

A new SS quarter begins Dec 3. In the adult classes, our studies will be in the New Testament with the majority of lessons from the Gospel of John. Our topics for this quarter will be December—Christ, the Image of God; January—Christ Sustains and Supports; February—Christ Guides and Protects. Be sure to join us for SS. We have a place for you.

TUMC Website

Changes occur daily

Thanks to Selwyn May, the TUMC has a web site. Visit at www.tennilleumc.org and click on the links to explore the site. I think you will love it. Her newest upgrade to the site makes it possible for you to hear the Pastor's Sunday sermon online by Wednesday. She has some articles about the history of the church and we (Selwyn and Leona) hope to gather more. We recently received some old bulletins and papers from someone's estate which we are scanning to the computer. I found it interesting that in 1947, our church had an operating budget of \$4,166.00—pastor's salary was 2,700. A note in the bulletin stated: "The above budget seems to be quite a large sum, but the people in our church who can pay \$5 and above per month plus our plate collections will meet this budget if they only pay as they have done in the past."

We hope to have more photos to display on the website. If you have photos of previous events or celebrations which took place at our church, call Selwyn or Leona and we will make arrangements to make copies of your photos or scan them into the computer. Copying or scanning will not harm the photos and will allow them to be shared with others.

Pastor Pete's Ponderings

The Spirit of Advent

December 3 is the beginning of the Advent season leading up to Christmas. Advent derives its name from the Latin *adventus*, which means "coming." The season proclaims the comings of Christ—whose birth we prepare to celebrate once again, who comes continually in Word and Spirit, and whose return in final victory we anticipate. Each year Advent calls the Christian community of faith to prepare for these comings.

Therefore Advent is marked by a spirit of expectation, of anticipation, of preparation, of longing. There is a yearning for deliverance from the evils of the world, first expressed by Israelite slaves in Egypt as they cried out from their bitter oppression. It is the cry of those who have experienced the tyranny of injustice in a world under the curse of sin, and yet who have hope of deliverance by a God who has heard the cries of oppressed slaves and brought deliverance!

It is that hope, however faint at times, and that God, however distant He sometimes seems, which brings to the world the anticipation of a King who will rule with truth and justice and righteousness over His people and in His creation. It is that hope that once anticipated, and now anticipates anew, the reign of an Anointed One, a Messiah, who will bring peace and justice and righteousness to the world.

As you and I prepare for the Christmas holidays let us also remember to include Christ in our preparations. Let us remember not only to celebrate His birth but also that He ultimately reigns as Lord of Lords and King of Kings. Let me challenge us all to include Christ in our preparations.

How can you include Christ in your Christmas Preparations?

I'd like to list a few that our family has either done or I have heard about.

- ❖ Have a Christmas or Chrismon Tree blessing at home.
- ❖ Have a family prayer after the tree/house is decorated.
- ❖ Have an Advent Wreath at home; light the candles each Sunday.
- ❖ Have an Advent calendar at home.
- ❖ Include a gift for Jesus in your Christmas budget. Maybe 10% of budget. Give the gift to the Children's home or other worthy ministry.
- ❖ Bake Jesus a birthday cake.
- ❖ Come to Christmas Eve Communion Service or go to a Mass. Or both.
- ❖ Join us for Hanging of the Greens, November 29
- ❖ Join us for our Christmas Cantata, December 3
- ❖ Join us for Caroling on December 14.
- ❖ Read the Christmas Story.
- ❖ Do an Advent Bible Study.
- ❖ Adopt a needy family.
- ❖ Join for Bread of Life.

What does your family do to prepare for and include Jesus? How about sharing them with the rest of off? Send them to me and we'll put them in the bulletin and on the WEB site.

Reba and I want to thank you all for the many ways you continue bless us. It will be a Merry Christmas for us because we'll spend it in Tennille. We want to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year.

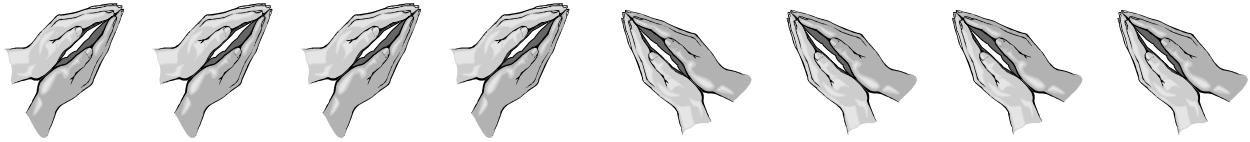
Pastor Pete

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Tennille United Methodist Church Financial Report October 2006

Conference and District Apportionments	2006 Budget	Paid to Date		
World Service Fund	1,218	1,015.50	Other	Paid to Date
Conference Benevolence	1,560	1,300.00	Magnolia Manor (UMW)	250.00
Clergy Support	1,534	1,278.33	Advocate	270.00
Pre-1982 Pension & MPP	1,298	1,081.67	Magnolia Manor	45.00
Comprehensive Protection Plan	841	700.83	Bee Hive (Metter)	190.00
Health Flex (retired clergy)	1,133	944.17	Annual Conf. Offering	52.00
Health Flex (disabled clergy)	99	82.50	Wesley Glen	225.00
Administrative Exp.	723	602.50	Katrina (marathon)	1,216.90
State Cooperative Fund	66	55.00	Carnival for Christ	250.00
Christian Higher Education	677	564.17	Methodist Children's Home	205.00
SEJ Mission Ministry	105	87.50		
Africa University Fund	39	32.50		
Black College Fund	176	146.67		
General Administration Fund	107	89.17		
General Episcopal Fund	310	258.33	Month of October	
Interdenominational Coop Fund	34	28.33	Contributions	14,360.48
Ministerial Education Fund	444	366.67	Disbursements	11,685.71
District Work Fund	1,714	1,428.33		
Buildings and Grounds				
Church and Parsonage Maintenance	2,400	1,036.55		
Insurance	3,368	3,491.00		
Utilities	7,000	7,057.41	Check Book	
Yard	2,000	1,185.00	Balance as of 12/31/05	6,197.15
Termite Control	600	547.00	Deposits:	
Parsonage Committee Improvements	1,500	1,865.18	Pledges	78,988.77
Operational Expenses			Basket	4,651.76
Janitorial Service	2,000	1,561.78	3/31 Golden Savings	2,000.00
Janitorial Supplies	50	63.08	4/28 Golden Savings	500.00
Office Supplies	600	632.36	Disbursements	81,903.56
Social Hall Supplies	150	68.82	Balance as of 10/31/06	10,434.12
Annual Conference Expense	400	325.00		
Musical Instrument Maintenance	500	455.00	Golden Savings Balance	6,550.31
Miscellaneous	1,000	1,256.93		
Contingency Reserve	3,000	2,250.00		
Program and Ministry				
Prayer Ministry	600			
Family Ministry	150	238.20		
Worship	300	250.00		
Evangelism	500			
Missions	800	608.00		
Pastor's Continuing Education	500	500.00		
Music	500	99.00		
Media Ministry (WEB/Newsletter/Radio)	3,480	2,806.48		
Ministerial Support				
Salary and Expense	43,707	36,422.50		
Ministerial Pension Plan	6,017	5,013.40		
Health Flex (Blue Cross-Blue Shield)	4,932	4,109.20		
Total	98,132.00	81,903.56		

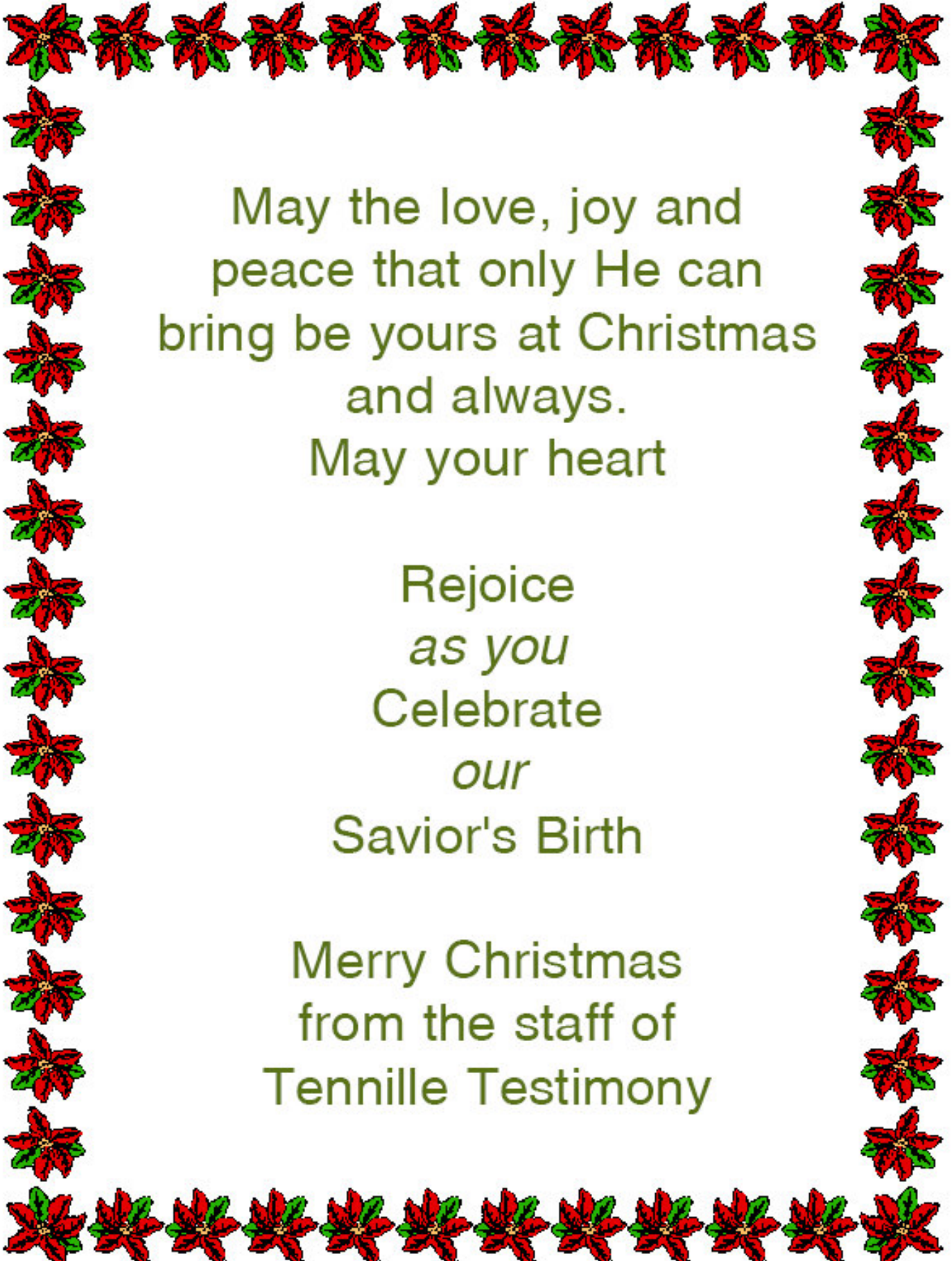
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Our Prayer Concerns and Praise Reports

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
Wilbur Archer	Verne Borders
Georgia Hughes	Sheila Godfrey

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 or call 478-552-7883 or hand me their written name please.



May the love, joy and
peace that only He can
bring be yours at Christmas
and always.

May your heart

Rejoice
as you
Celebrate
our
Savior's Birth

Merry Christmas
from the staff of
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