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Tennison Memorial
United Methodist Church

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THE TOWER

Worship for Sunday, September 13, 2009
New Series Begins, Winning at Life:
"Why Winners Win"

John 10: 10; Romans 8: 37

Opportunities for Worship and Service

- Sunday, September 13
15th Sunday after Pentecost
Grandparents Day
- 8:45 am *The Gathering Worship
 - 9:30 am Donut Holes, Coffee, & Orange juice
 - 9:45 am *Sunday School
 - 10:45 am *Worship
 - 10:50 am Renacer Worship-Chapel
 - 12:00 pm Courtyard Fundraiser Lunch, Casserole & Bake Sale (TMAC)
 - 12:30 pm Renacer PPR
 - 2:00 pm Praise Team
 - 5:00 pm Intercessory Prayer Group - Prayer Room
 - 5:00 pm Youth Parent Meeting (GH)
- Monday, September 14, 2009
- 7:00 pm Girl Scouts (FCR)
- Tuesday, September 15
- 9:00 am Staff Meeting (FCR)
 - 1:00 pm Women's Emmaus Reunion Group - Luigi's
 - 6:30 pm Boy Scouts (Renacer Rooms)
- Wednesday, September 16
- 6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
 - 12:00 pm Board of Trustees (FCR)
 - 6:00 pm Illumination
 - 6:00 pm Choir Practice
- Friday, September 17
- 6:00 pm Renacer Prayer Meeting (Renacer Rooms)
 - 6:30 pm Girl Scout Lock-in (TMAC) (until 3 pm Saturday)

- Sunday, September 20
15th Sunday after Pentecost
- 8:45 am *The Gathering Worship
 - 9:30 am Donut Holes, Coffee, & Orange juice
 - 9:45 am *Sunday School
 - 10:45 am *Worship
 - 10:50 am Renacer Worship-Chapel
 - 12:30 pm Renacer General Meeting
 - 2:00 pm Praise Team
 - 5:00 pm Intercessory Prayer Group - Prayer Room
 - 7:00 pm Freedom Youth Pre-Rally @ Trinity

*Nursery Provided: Our nursery offers a parent paging system to better serve families with young children.

Church office hours:
Monday - Thursday 8:30 - 4:30,
closed from 12 - 1 for lunch.
Friday 8:30 - 12:00



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September 9, 2009

From Your Pastor

Grace and PEACE to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ! I pray this letter finds you well and whole and enjoying the many benefits of life in Christ!

One of my favorite chapters in all of Scripture is Philippians 4, where Paul writes from prison, not knowing if he will even be alive tomorrow: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say 'Rejoice.' Let your gentleness be evident to everyone. The Lord is near. So don't worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable - if anything is excellent or praiseworthy - think about these things."

Lots of people are living today in fear and anxiety - their hearts are not at peace. And I've heard, or read, from many of you, my church family and Christians friends, about your fears - the lack of peace in your lives. I call to your attention this passage of Scripture today to remind you that peace is, in essence, your birthright as a follower of Christ! God wants you to have his perfect peace - no matter how bleak or foreboding your circumstances may be. If you are living without peace, you must know that is your choice - not God's will for your life. Paul makes it clear that we are to take our needs, our fears, our circumstances to the Lord in prayer. We are to cast our burdens upon him, and trust him to sustain us! When we really trust him, his peace comes over us and guards our hearts and minds in Christ -

regardless of the raging storm.

And, just in case you have trouble remaining calm and at peace - just in case you are prone to wander into worry again - Paul has further instructions for you. He knows that our minds are constantly at work, that we are always thinking about something. And he knows that each one of us gets to choose what we think about. So, Paul encourages us, instructs us to intentionally choose to think about the good and wonderful blessings in our lives - those things worthy of praising God about - because when your mind is consumed with praise for our all-loving, all-powerful God, then there's just no room for worry or fear!

May you be consumed today with the PEACE of God!

Have a blessed day, following wherever the Spirit of God leads you! And I hope to see you Sunday, if not before!

Yours in Christ,



HONORING OUR COMMITMENT TO OUR CHURCH

OUR PRAYERS

Soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan & their families, Dwayne Glover, Our Church, Worthie Witherspoon, Cy Roach, Carol Anderson, Tom Hodge, Loyd Smith, Billy Dale, Amanda Johnson, Laura Sharrock, Gary Merka, Carolyn Bills, Ottis Roach, Laverne Castle, John Spearman, Lucille Miller, Jeanette Thompson, Claude Alexander, Amanda Nuchols, Randy Smith, Jerry Davis, Marie Wilhite, Emma Burrows, Brandon Thomas (Paris, TX), Kenneth Berryhill, Bill Alexander, Patty Holt, Laurie Goolsby, Diana Stanford (Rebekah Johnson's sister), Linda Pritchard, Mike Kessler, Juanita Davis, Mike Peacock, Ray Cook (Bill Hill's cousin), Lynne Anne Hughes, unspoken prayer for young married couples, Fall Bible Studies, Albert Neal, Curtis Swearingen, Troy Carter, John Janak (cancer), Vakeshia Williams (waiting for kidney transplant), Brandon Durden, John O'Conner (chest pains), Kathy Huffman, Lisa Naasz (surgery postponed to Sept 14), Nancy Hale (cancer) - friend of Gary Oliver, Felicia Allred (neck surgery) - friend of Beverley Springstead, Michael Young (recovering from motorcycle accident) - Beverley & Ric Springstead's nephew, Joshua Hollman, Chris & Emily Trigger (Lynne Hughes' cousin - their unborn baby is having problems), Mario & Fran Castro (Mario's father has Lou Gehrig's disease) In nursing homes, assisted living or confined to their homes: Mavonee Agan, Louise Hamby, Arlene Hudgens, Betty Lunsford, Lucille McGuire, Lucille Miller, Marguerite "Babe" Thomas, Mildred Thornton, Marguerite Fender, Laverne Castle, Jo Vaughn, Jane Scott and Miriam Bills. Military: Joel Baldwin, Ty Hart, David Sciara, Sgt. Jeff Cody, Aaron Nicholson, Curtis Swearingen, John Cox, John Wegenhoft, John and Lee Ethridge, Frank Durrum, III (Bubba), Adam and Paul Ray, Josh Nunez, Sean Wilson, Sgt. Alex Perez, Marc Spencer, Mike Mauro, Petty Officer Scott Farrer, Petty Officer Nicole Farrer, Kyle Holloway, John Wallace.

OUR GIFTS

Needed Each Month for the Budget: \$45,235
 Needed Each Week for Budget: \$10,439
 Sunday's Offering 9/6 : \$4,747
 Received year to date September: \$8,732
 Expenses year to date September: \$8,530
 Difference: \$202
 Received Year-to-date (9/6/2009): \$368,846
 Expenses Year-to-date (9/6/2009): \$365,539
 Difference: \$3,307
 Apportionments Paid: \$38,285
 Apportionments left to be paid: \$19,326
 Percent Rec'd Pledges thru 2009: 66%
 Capital Fund 9/6/2009: \$463

OUR PRESENCE

Sunday, September 6, 2009
 The Gathering: 69 Sunday School: 93
 Worship: 92 Renacer:



UMCOR SAGER BROWN

UMCOR Sager Brown Mission Trip
 April 11-16, 2010 - 2 places available - \$20 deposit due before September 9 - balance of \$185 due in January - Travel expense will be figured on miles traveled and cost per mile
 Work options include but not limited to: Working in Warehouse Sorting Kits; Working in Sewing Room Cutting, Ironing or Sewing; Working in Community doing Repairs, Carpentry, etc.; Working on Campus Grounds. For more information call Melba Spann at 903-285-4750



MISSING!!! 300 or so soup spoons and large measuring cups with handles!
 If you know where they may be, please call the church office!

EARLY WORSHIP

Hey, early worshipers! Check out these songs this week so you'll be ready to SING next Sunday!--

"You Never Let Go" by Matt Redman
 "Another Hallelujah" by Lincoln Brewster
 "Tell the World That" by Hillsong United

Many of you have asked about some of the music the praise team sings every Sunday and how you can access some of it-- right now most of our music are songs are by Chris Tomlin, Lincoln Brewster, David Crowder Band, Matt Redman, Third Day, Hillsong United, and Charlie Hall just to name a few. Wal-Mart has a nice selection of contemporary Christian music as well as Lifeway in Texarkana. Of course, amazon.com is always a good source, too. You can check out the music ahead of time on youtube.com and google.com and Itunes if you have that capability. Also, KVNE Radio - 89.5 - plays a great variety of all of the music we love so much! Good luck and have fun!

THANK YOU!

A special thanks to Robert Farr for the video of Jewel Cody's funeral service. We appreciate all of your time and effort and a donation has been made to the church sound system on your behalf.
 Also, a special thanks to all church members and the UMW who prepared and served the delicious lunch to our family prior to our Granny's service. The Cody Family

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YOUTH on WEDNESDAYS
 Eat @ TMAC Grill beginning at 6pm
 Gathering Hall
 6:30 pm Hang Out
 7:00 Large Group
 7:15 Small Group
 8:00 pm Dismiss
 In-depth study on the book of James

Wednesday illumination

Starting September 9

- 6:00 pm Meal @ TMAC Grill
- 6:00 pm Chancel Choir
- 7:00 pm Youth & Children
- 7:00 pm Adult studies

SERMON SERIES

NEW SERIES - Winning at Life - based on the idea that Jesus came so that we could live abundantly, and that we are more than conquerors through Christ

September 13
 Winning at Life - Part One: "Why Winners Win"
 Scripture: John 10:10; Rom. 8:37

September 20
 Winning at Life - Part Two: "Winning Attitudes"
 Scripture: Acts 16; Proverbs 23:7; Luke 6:27-28

September 27
 Winning at Life - Part Three: "Winning Attitudes" (continued)
 Scripture: Philippians 4:4-8, 11b-13

Youth Parent Meeting
 Sun, September 13
 5pm, Gathering Hall
 Find out about upcoming events, programs and study topics. Meet and greet our new volunteers! Learn about fundraising plans and summer mission trips. More importantly, bring your ideas to share! Together, we can provide the best programs and discipleship opportunities for growing our students into mature Christians!



Freedom Youth Rally
7:00 pm each night

Sunday, Sept 20
Pre-Rally @ Trinity

Mon-Tues-Wed
Sept 21-23
@ Civic Center

Wed Sept 23
"See You at the Pole"



GROW
with Tennison
Courtyard Landscaping Fundraiser
LUNCHEON - CAKE AUCTION -
CASSEROLE SALE

Sunday, September 13, 2009
After Church in the TMAC

Lunch and take-out will be available
at 10:45 a.m. to accommodate both
worship services

Menu: Chicken Tetrazzini
Salad & Bread
Dessert & Drink

**Weaving Faith into God's Children
TMUMC Kids Korner**

*Coming this Sunday
In Sunday School
&
Children's Church*

*God Sends Quail and Manna
Exodus 16:1-26*

Our Bible Points

- ◆ *God provides all we need and more.*
- ◆ *God gives good gifts*
- ◆ *Lets discover what God gives us.*

*As the Egyptians grow hungry and thirsty
God used his power to provide for them.
Join us this Sunday to learn what was going
through their minds as God continually took
care of them on their journey through
the desert.*

Wednesday nights are here!!

This Wednesday Join us to:
Review how the Egyptians crossed the Red Sea
and learn how and why we can trust God when
we're afraid.

Pre-K through 5th Grade
Classes start at 7pm in
the Children's Wing.

We are looking for volunteers to help with
Children's Church.

If you are interested please email
Kerri Nichols at kan11@sbcglobal.net.
All our volunteers love to lead the children in
learning about our mighty God with all the fun
our KidsOwn curriculum provides.
It is fun, easy, and captivating to everyone
involved! Join our team of volunteers
and bless our children while you
are blessed as well.



TLC students would like to give a heart-warming thank you to the TMUM Church family that donated all the great supplies! The students are writing in the journals, coloring, gluing, and learning so much with your help. Thank you for all your support!

Did you know...
TLC has a website!
www.tennisonlearningcenter.com
TLC has reached an enrollment of 48. Praise God! Please continue to pray for this ministry and its families!

- TLC Staff:
- Julie Campbell- Director
 - Susan Vaughn- pre K ,
 - Julie Wolfe- 3yr old Teacher,
 - Nikki Jones- 2yr old Teacher
 - Aimee Walker- Tiny Tots Teacher,
 - Wendy Harbour – Computer Teacher
 - Ashley Lewis – Assistant
 - Kimberly Ortega- Assistant
 - Brooke Wilson- PT Assistant
 - Channing Horton- PT Assistant

Back to School Bash!!



Get Your Decal Today!!
\$10

We still have a few left!! Come and
get one for your car soon!
All proceeds will benefit the Children's
Ministry by providing Curriculum for our
programs.

Tennison Memorial United Methodist Church
Changing the World
for Jesus Christ
Come Join Our Family For Worship
313 N. Church Street Mt. Pleasant, TX 76457-2834

UMW WORKDAY

UMW Workday
Assemble UMCOR School Bags
Finalize Plans for Luncheon
September 15th @ 10:00am JMR
Everyone invited to help.

WANT TO PAINT?

Hey fellow painters!!! How would you like to help spruce up the choir room? It is in desperate need of a coat of paint and a good cleaning too. If you'd like to help, call Kathy Huffman at 903.563.6329--Carolyn and her helpers have already started cleaning out and reorganizing, but we'll need some help to get it finished up. Thanks!



UMW FUNDRAISER

UMW Annual Fundraiser Luncheon & Bake Sale

Tuesday, October 6th in TMAC
Lunch: 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Bake Sale: Begins at 9:00 a.m.

Tickets Available in the Church Office
or from any UMW Member
Help Support Mission and Church Projects

There will be a drawing for an original painting by Donna Hodge at 1:00 p.m. - you do NOT need to be present to win! Tickets are available for a \$1 donation.

"GOING GREEN" RECYCLING RESOURCES

What: Steel cans
Aluminum cans
Newspaper
Magazines
Paperback books (no hardbacks)
Motor oil

Where: Washington Ave. (between City Cleaners and old fire station) (City of Mt Pleasant)

What: Plastic Bottles (only ones marked with #1 in a triangle)
Where: Brookshire's (recycle container by entrance)

What: Aluminum cans
Where: North Madison (across from 1st Baptist Church benefits mission trip)

What: Aluminum cans
Where: Northeast Texas Community College (recycle bins around campus) (benefits Titus County Cares)

For Compensation

What: Aluminum cans
Scrap metals

Where: Allen Scrap Metal 1411 Industrial Blvd.
Mt. Pleasant Recycling and Scrap Inc. 1000 Industrial Blvd.

Song of Solomon

A Youth Study on Love, Marriage, Sex and Romance

Sundays, 4pm
Sept 27, Oct 4, Oct 11
Oct 25, Nov 1, Nov 8

The Art of Attraction
Looking for the Right Kind of Person

The Art of Dating
How to Spend Time Correctly

The Art of Courtship
Moving Beyond Dating

The Art of Courtship
Moving Toward Marriage

The Art of Intimacy
God's Blessing on Sex

The Importance of Purity
God's Reasons for Purity

The study offers Biblical perspective on what to look for in a guy or girl before you date and insight on setting clear standards. Find out the difference between a date and dating, as well as God's truths for intimacy, romance, marriage, and sex — written specifically for students.

Coming Soon!!!
October 17th
Health Fair & Blood
Drive at St. Andrew
UMC

I AM THANKFUL FOR....

For the husband who complains when his dinner is not on time... Because he is home with me, not with someone else.

For the teenager who is complaining about doing dishes... Because that means she is at home & not on the streets.

For the taxes that I pay... Because it means that I am employed.

For the mess to clean after a party... Because it means that I have been surrounded by friends.

For the clothes that fit a little too snug... Because it means I have enough to eat.

For my shadow that watches me work... Because it means I am out in the sunshine.

For a lawn that needs mowing, windows that need cleaning, and gutters that need fixing... Because it means I have a home.

For all the complaining I hear about the government... Because it means that we have freedom of speech.

For the parking spot I find at the far end of the parking lot... Because it means I am capable of walking and that I have been blessed with transportation.

For my huge heating bill... Because it means I am warm.

For the lady behind me in church that sings off key... Because it means that I can hear.

For the pile of laundry and ironing... Because it means I have clothes to wear.

For weariness and aching muscles at the end of the day... Because it means I have been capable of working hard.

For the alarm that goes off in the early morning hours... Because it means that I am alive.

And finally... for too much e-mail... Because it means I have friends who are thinking of me.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 1:00 pm Ladies Emmaus Reunion Group - Luigi's 5:30 pm TLC Board Meeting (TLC)	2 6:45 am Men's Breakfast (TMAC) 6:00 pm Choir Practice ← Landscape Committee Cook day for Casseroles (TMAC) →	3	4 Renacer Movie Night 6:00 pm Renacer Prayer Meeting (Renacer Rooms)	5
6 8:45 am The Gathering 9:30 am Donut Holes & Juice 9:45 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship 10:50 am Renacer Worship 12:00 pm Renacer Finance 4:00 pm Praise Team 5:00 pm Youth 5:00 pm Prayer Group	7 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 7:00 am Men's Emmaus Reunion Group - Herschel's LABOR DAY	8 1:00 pm Ladies Emmaus Reunion Group - Luigi's 6:30 pm Boy Scouts (RR)	9 6:45 am Men's Breakfast (TMAC) 8-11:30 am CBS (Ed Bldg) 6:00 pm Illumination 6:00 pm NO Choir Practice	10	11 Landscape Committee - Cook & Decorate (TMAC) 6:00 pm Renacer Prayer Meeting (Renacer Rooms)	12
13 Grandparents Day 8:45 am The Gathering 9:30 am Donut Holes & Juice 9:45 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship 10:50 am Renacer Worship 12:00 pm Lunch, Casserole & Bake Sale (TMAC) 4:00 pm Praise Team 5:00 pm Youth/Parent Mtg (GH) 5:00 pm Prayer Group	14 7:00 am Men's Emmaus Reunion Group - Herschel's 7:00 pm Girl Scouts (FCR)	15 9:00 am Staff Meeting (FCR) 1:00 pm Ladies Emmaus Reunion Group - Luigi's	16 6:45 am Men's Breakfast (TMAC) 8-11:30 am CBS (Ed Bldg) 12:00 pm Trustees (FCR) 6:00 pm Illumination 6:00 pm Choir Practice	17	18 ← 6:30 pm Girl Scout Lock-in 3:00 pm → 6:00 pm Renacer Prayer Meeting (Renacer Rooms)	19
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27 8:45 am The Gathering 9:30 am Donut Holes & Juice 9:45 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship 10:50 am Renacer Worship 12:00 pm Renacer Finance Dedication & Open House for the Guzman's new home 4:00 pm Praise Team 5:00 pm Youth 5:00 pm Prayer Group	28 7:00 am Men's Emmaus Reunion Group - Herschel's 5:15 am Finance Committee (FCR) 6:00 pm Admin Board (JMR)	29 1:00 pm Ladies Emmaus Reunion Group - Luigi's	30 6:45 am Men's Breakfast (TMAC) 8-11:30 am CBS (Ed Bldg) 6:00 pm Illumination 6:00 pm Choir Practice	OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE		

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS
6 Beverley Springstead
13 Linda Langford
20 Deanne Oler
27 Jack and Jan Greenlee

LUNCHBUNCH & GREETERS
6 Donna Mauro, Tim & Jane Larson, Don & Cathy Lutes*
13 Gary & Linda Langford, Luke & Tasa Anderson, Nancy & Pete Hairston
20 Marc & Lisa McDaniel, Chad & Melody Henry, Rose Holder
27 John & Deloris O'Connor, Ken & Meredith Klassen, Jerry & Susy Boatner

USHER CAPTAIN
Jerry Beason

PEW DUTY
Rose Holder

Happy Birthday!!



4 Carolyn Dungan, Rose Holder, Caden Kump, Sarah Shelton
5 Tracy McCarver, Chad McNeely, Elizabeth Swafford
7 Jaclyn Anderson, Irene Ellerman
8 Lynne Hughes
10 Billie Richardson, Hillary Scharlach
11 Kirk Lee, Jonathan Rodriguez
14 Brooke Spann

15 Cy Roach, Chris Schumacher
16 Billy Dale, Beverley Springstead, Leigh Taylor
17 Marc McDaniel
18 Michelle Clower, Anna Price, Marvin Roesler, Reva Sue Smith
19 Brittney Mauro, Seth Turner
21 Ray Ellerman, Jack Greenlee
22 Cole Evetts, Tom Nuchols

23 Jessica Stanley
25 Rebecca Farr, Nate Leslie, Gloria Holt
26 Laura Mellody
27 Pat Redfearn
28 Trey Johnson, Michael Mellody, Margie Summerlin
30 Bill Means