

TABERNACLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TOWER CHIMES



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TAB

Tabernacle Presbyterian Church

OUR MISSION

Tabernacle Presbyterian Church is called by God, led by faith in Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit to demonstrate the Kingdom of God through worship, discipleship and outreach. Honoring our heritage at 34th and Central, we will faithfully serve our community, city and world in the present and prepare expectantly for the future.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

- 8 am** Communion Service
Located in McKee Chapel
- 9 am** Christian Education Hour
Programming for all ages
- 10 am** Summer Worship
Located in the Sanctuary

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TAB'S TOWER CHIMES

This monthly newsletter is also available on the church website at: www.tabpres.org

All submissions should be emailed to Kristine Seals at frontdesk@tabpres.org. The submission deadline is the 15th of each month for appearance in the upcoming month's Tower Chimes.

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Pastoral Reflection

The Ministry of Reconciliation

Dear Friends,

*“If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation;
everything old has passed away; see everything has become new!
All this is from God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Christ,
and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.” II Corinthians 5:17-18*

During the past month our nation has witnessed irrational violence and unspeakable grief in the aftermath of shootings in Florida, Louisiana, Minnesota and Texas. People have taken to the streets and to the internet to share and vent their feelings, fears and frustrations. Great debates and discussions have been held and should continue to be held in conferences and over kitchen tables, all seeking a solution to the crisis that confronts us as a nation, a community, and as individuals. I do not propose an answer here because, unfortunately, I do not have one; however, I am convinced of this: as people of God called to peace, justice and reconciliation we must agree that this behavior, borne of hatred and racism and bigotry and prejudice and fear-mongering, must stop. To that end, I believe the Church has a unique and God-given role to play. We are called both to prayer and to action. This passage from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians gives us both the **theory** (theology) and the **praxis** (the practical application) to the problem that confronts us.

Theory/Theology:

Anyone who is in Christ Jesus is a new creation - which means we are called to live among and relate to one another in a new way. *Everything old has passed away; see everything has become new!* The “old way” of relating to others is based on differences in race, ethnicity, socio-economic status, and the like, fueled by hatred, fear and mistrust of “the other.” The “new way” of relating to others is based on love, acceptance and compassion. We are called to be “new way” of living people because *“God has reconciled us to Himself in Jesus Christ.”* If we understand what God has done for us in Jesus Christ (loved us, forgiven us, saved us, redeemed and restored us) then we can no longer live and relate to others in the “old way.”

Praxis/Practical application:

Since God has reconciled us to Himself in Jesus Christ *“we have been given a ministry of reconciliation.”* We are called to replicate in our relationships with others what God has done for us in Jesus Christ, not just in thought but in action. Friends, given the crisis of hatred and violence which is rampant in our nation and our community, we cannot wait for someone else to “do something about it.” We must take action ourselves in very particular ways, person to person, neighbor to neighbor, friend to friend. To us has been given the ministry of reconciliation. If you cannot name a person who you can call “friend” who does not look, act, think or believe as you do, then I suggest you begin this process of reconciliation with a prayer of confession and repentance for the part you/we have played in creating “walls of division.” Then take the first step toward building a bond or bridge of friendship, perhaps starting with a simple conversation, an invitation to coffee or a meal. There are complex and critical issues which confront us as a society, and I am fully aware that even among those who call themselves followers of Jesus Christ there will be great debate and disagreement as to the best way to solve them. “Persons of good character and principle may differ.” However, we surely must be able to agree that there is a better, safer, more just and peaceful way for us to live together, so we must commit our every power of purpose and persuasion to that end. Simply put, if we are not fully engaged in this ministry of reconciliation with others, then perhaps we have not yet understood the work of reconciliation Christ has done for us.

“Let us be doers of the Word and not hearers only.”

See you in worship on Sunday.

Rev. L. John Gable

August 2016

Preaching Schedule

- 7** Rev. Oscar Clavel, preaching
- 14** Rev. Oscar Clavel, preaching
- 21** John 5:1-11
"If You Take Up Your Mat, What Are You Leaving Behind?"
Revs. Eric and Anne Lange, preaching
- 28** *Tab Recreation Sunday*
I John 3:18-24
"What's Right With This Church?"
Rev. L. John Gable, preaching

Weekly Bible Readings

- 7** Isaiah 1:1, 10–20
Psalm 50:1–8, 22–23
Hebrews 11:1–3, 8–16
Luke 12:32–40
- 14** Isaiah 5:1–7
Psalm 80:1–2, 8–19
Hebrews 11:29–12:2
Luke 12:49–56
- 21** Jeremiah 1:4–10
Psalm 71:1–6
Hebrews 12:18–29
Luke 13:10–17
- 28** Jeremiah 2:4–13
Psalm 81:1, 10–16
Hebrews 13:1–8, 15–16
Luke 14:1, 7–14

August Event Schedule

SPECIAL

- 1** 8:30a School 48 Welcome
6:30p Youth Committee
- 2** 11:30a Sacred Music Symposium Meeting
- 3** 6:30p Children's Musical Rehearsal
- 6** 9:00a Fresh Stop Produce
10:00a Children's Ministries Workday
- 7** 9:00a Parlatos Outreach Class
- 8** 4:30p Endowment Fund Trustees
- 10** 6:30p Children's Musical Rehearsal
- 13** 10:00a Purls of Wisdom
- 14** 11:00a Teen Helpers Training
- 16** 10:00a Women Alive
- 17** 6:30p Children's Musical Rehearsal
- 20** 8:30a Session Retreat
- 21** 11:00a Children's Musical Pitch-In
12:20p Children's Musical
- 25** 6:00p Tab Tutoring Kick-Off Dinner
- 27** 8:00a Community Rummage Sale
8:30a Inquirers' Class
9:00a Fresh Stop Produce
10:00a Purls of Wisdom
- 28** 6:00p Family Movie Night
11:00a Kindergarten Parents/New Families Orientation

WEEKLY

- TUE** 6:30p Prayer Ministry
- WED** 9:30a Pastors' Bible Study
6:00p Purls of Wisdom
5:00p Contemporary Worship Reh
6:30p Children's Musical Reh
- FRI** 7:00p Circle of Hope
- SAT** 8:00a Men's Bible Study
- MWF** 11:00a Tab's Open Door

MONTHLY

- 1st **MON** 5:00p HR Cmte
- 1st **TUE** 5:30p Outreach Cmte
7:00p Adult Ministries Cmte
- 2nd **MON** 5:00p Facilities Cmte
- 4th **MON** 6:00p Mom's Club
- 2nd **TUE** 5:00p Budget & Finance Cmte
7:00p Children's Ministries Cmte
7:15p Worship, Music & Arts Cmte
- 3rd **TUE** 7:15p Prayer Team Meeting
- 3rd **WED** 7:00p Recreation Cmte
7:00p Session Meeting
7:15p Prayer Team Meeting
- 4th **TUE** 11:00a Mom's Club
5:00p Evangelism Committee
6:00p Mom's Club
7:00p Deacons' Meeting
7:15p Media Cmte

Please visit tabpres.org for a complete calendar of events.

Youth Colombia Trip 2016

By: Paula Means, Missions Director



I knew something was up when Pastor Oscar and Brodie Sears (former Youth Director) came to my office in late 2015 with big smiles on their faces. The first question they asked was “How would you like to go to Colombia?” And that friendly visit began a trip of inspiration, illness, amazement, exhaustion, laughter, and new friendships.

After a few unexpected “hiccups,” eleven youth and four adults representing Tab arrived in Medellin, Colombia the evening of June 18. Since Colombia is on Central Time, there was not much jet lag, but there was just plain exhaustion from beginning our journey in Indianapolis at 4:30a and finally seeing our temporary home in Medellin about 9:00p. Our second (Sunday) evening ended with devotionals focused on the example of Jesus Christ from Philippians 2:3-11 with the following statement and question: “Jesus went to the extreme to save us. Part of the mission trip experience is getting out of our comfort zone. What is one thing on the mission trip that will push you out of your comfort zone?” Our responses ranged from food, language, cultural differences, hills that were steeper than San Francisco, heat, and a high altitude. So, we all had adjustments we had to make remembering what Christ had endured for each of us made those adjustments much easier.

On our first day of work, we were given our projects, moving rocks and stones for a sidewalk, digging out a trench where pavers would be placed, and pulling, by hand, weeds like none I’ve ever seen. Our eyes were big with wonderment at what we were being asked to do, but each of us went to work. By the end of the week, we were all proud of our accomplishments and what we had learned. Our workdays were interrupted with trips to soccer fields in one of the 22 sectors of the city that are operated by the Christian Union Sports Club (CUSC) that our missionary, Mark Wittig, manages.

With each visit to the various soccer fields, we were astonished and happy to meet youth ranging in age from 4-20. Their lives centered around Jesus and soccer, in that order. They prayed with us and then were very proud to show off their soccer skills. Personally, I was relieved that the eleven youth on the trip were such avid soccer athletes; it saved me from embarrassing myself. (I was a permanent audience member.)

We visited two churches, whose ministers are coaches with the CUSC, which demonstrated for us the wide reach Mark has in Medellin. Services were longer than Tab’s, but the one thing we could say without exception was that those in attendance were true believers in Jesus Christ, which made us feel right at home.

As we talked on our way back to the US, the comments from each participant reflected our collective inspiration at the commitment and accomplishments of our Tab supported mission; illness and minor injuries by several of us that we all survived; amazement at what we could accomplish working together as a team; exhaustion from doing manual labor in an unforgiving heat; laughter at ourselves and each other as we experienced new joys in life; and finally, new friendships within our group and with people we met in Medellin.

We just want to say, “thank you, Tab,” for supporting our mission trip and, “thank you, God,” for watching over us during our journey and throughout our lives.

Spotlight

By: Rev. Oscar Clavel, Associate Pastor

Vigil for Peace



Our city will respond to these tragedies in our nation, but before we respond, my faith tells me that prayer works, and we need to ground our work ahead in prayer,” said Dr. David Hampton, pastor of Light of the World Christian Church and Deputy Mayor, as he opened the Mayor’s Prayer Vigil for Peace on July 9. The prayer vigil was held, “after a week of outrage and sadness at the shootings of Alton Sterling and Philando Castile, who were fatally shot by a police officer near St. Paul, Minnesota, on Wednesday, as well as five Dallas police officers who were killed Thursday by a sniper, residents of Indianapolis came together to pray, console each other, and seek solutions to the violence” (IndyStar).

I was one of seven clergy from different Christian denominations and faith traditions to pray at the vigil which denounced hatred and violence in our nation. While many people wondered what impact, if any, prayer would have; we were reassured that prayer is what transforms our hearts to be a part of the solution rather than passive participants. I have reflected on that prayer vigil since because a truth of the gospel was imparted into my heart, “many times we are the answer to our own prayers, we are the ones whom God has to work on to open our hearts toward action.” I can’t offer any solutions to the discord and lack of civility we are experiencing in our nation, but I am convinced that if the only voice we hear is political than we need to keep our ears open to the Gospel imperatives of forgiveness, reconciliation, and repentance.

After all, Jesus believed that it was not by straw-man argumentation or finding fault in the other that solved conflicts, but rather restoring relationships through the arduous work of reconciliation and loving your enemies as the vehicle for healing.

If there is one message of hope for this day it is that we believe a lack of relationship is what divides us. If the church can be a witness in these times, it is that it values relationship over slogans and that it values transformative justice that changes the heart and soul.

“..we need to keep our ears open to the Gospel imperatives of forgiveness, reconciliation, and repentance.”

Photos courtesy of Light of the World Christian Church

Welcome New Youth Directors



We welcome Dan and Amy Rexroth as Tab's new Youth Directors. The Rexroths will officially join the Tab staff in August. They are the parents of Sadie, 8, and Grace, 12. They will celebrate their 15th wedding anniversary this October. Dan is a Wheaton graduate and Amy graduated from Indiana University. They earned their doctorates in psychology from the University of Indianapolis in 1992.

Amy enjoys photography, cooking and gardening while Dan pursues tennis and running. He has completed many marathons and continues to enjoy the sport. Amy served as a Girl Scout leader for eight years. "We felt God's call to return to youth ministry as we discussed our own experiences and our desire for fellowship and relationship for our girls," Dan said. "You can only imagine our surprise driving home from vacation to see the email announcement of the youth ministries search while we were driving," Amy said. "We spent time talking about it as a family and praying. We are glad for this opportunity to serve," she added. "Knowing Christ and developing a deeper relationship are goals we have," he said. "The sense of community as part of the relationship is key." Being at church, Amy said she wants it to "have the sense of love, comfort, security and home...in a spiritual way." She added that application to Biblical information and history is a goal that's critical to her, "Knowing Scripture is important, but finding applicable ways to put these truths into our lives will make a big difference for our kids."

Children's Musical 2016

"Storyline"

Each summer since 2002, Tab Children's Ministries has spent three months rehearsing and performing a Christian-themed musical for the Tab family.

We encourage *all* of our students in grades K-6, along with a few teen alumni, to participate in singing, acting, dancing, and behind-the-scenes work with props, costumes, sets, and publicity on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings throughout June, July and August, and we've discovered many star performers along the way!

This year's musical, "Storyline," uses many famous characters from children's literature to tell about the Fruit of the Spirit found in Galatians 5.

Come listen as...

The Cat in the Hat raps about **Love**.

Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn talk about **Joy**.

Gandalf and Frodo converse about **Peace**.

Learn about the remaining Fruit of the Spirit with Anne of Green Gables, Pippi Longstocking, Alice in Wonderland, Ron Weasley, Raggedy Ann, and many other familiar characters. As a bonus, you'll find out once and for all where Waldo really is! Tab has more than its share of talented children, and we invite you to come and watch them "strut their stuff" on Sunday, August 21, following a pitch-in lunch. Admission is free, and you're sure to be entertained!



Children's Musical 2009

Tab News

Announcements & Events

SEMINARY INTERN: ERIC KROPP

We are blessed to welcome Eric Kropp as our new seminary intern. Eric and his wife, Lucy, have been members of Tab since May, 2015. Eric is a second career seminary student at Christian Theological Seminary and has recently come under care of the Presbytery as an Inquirer as he prepares for ministry. Eric will serve with us as a seminary intern during the academic year, August to May. Please welcome him to this ministry.

CONGRATULATIONS TO RYAN O'BANYEL!

Congratulations to Ryan O'Banyel on his graduation from the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Georgia! He begins his career with the U.S. Department of Defense as a federal police officer on the U.S. Naval Support Activity Base in Cutler, Maine. In addition to congratulations for Ryan, the O'Banyel family and his family in Christ covet and appreciate your prayers for him and his new service.

TEEN HELPER TRAINING

All Tab students in grades 6 through 12 are encouraged to join us in Lower Level B immediately following worship on Sunday, August 14, for Teen Helper Training. At this meeting we'll review what's involved in being a Teen Helper and set up the schedule for the next year. We'll have refreshments and draw for several door prizes, so don't miss it!

KINDERGARTEN PARENTS MEETING

On Sunday, August 28, immediately following worship, there will be an informational session about Tab's elementary program. This session is mainly intended for parents of incoming kindergarteners and students new to Tab, but all are welcome to join us in LLB.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED

Children's Ministries is looking for adult leaders for our BLAST Workshops this fall! BLAST takes place during the 10:00a Education Hour, and leading a BLAST workshop is a three-Sunday commitment. The units this fall are Esther (September), The Psalms (October) and Jonah (November). All lesson plans and materials will be provided. If you're willing to partner with Children's Ministries in helping to teach Tab's children, please contact Jennifer Wirt at 923-5458 ext. 140 or jennifer.wirt@tabpres.org.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES WORKDAY

On Saturday, August 6, from 10:00a until about 1:00p, Children's Ministries will be working on transforming

the former 3's room in Lower Level B into a new 2's nursery. We'll be painting, decorating, sorting toys and materials, and assembling a new playhouse, so additional assistance would be very welcome! If you have a spare hour or two, we'd love to have you join us!

TAB TUTORING KICK-OFF DINNER

The Tab Tutoring Kick-Off Dinner will be held on Thursday, August 25, at 6:00p in the Parlor. Please join us if you are a returning volunteer or if you have any interest in joining the program. We are always looking for new volunteers to tutor and to fill a variety of other roles. Come and join the team! Tutoring begins on Thursday, September 8, from 3:45p- 5:15p and meets every Thursday following the IPS calendar. Please RSVP for the dinner to Carolee Berry at 989-9064 or snugasa@gmail.com or contact her if you have any questions.

SING YOUR PRAISE TO GOD!

The Sanctuary Choir will start its new season with rehearsals beginning on Thursday, August 25, at 7:15p in the Choir Rehearsal Room. We are always looking for new voices in every section and invite you to join us for a great season of lifting our song to God. No audition is required, but a love of singing and minimal knowledge of music is helpful! If you have any questions, please call Matt Kauffman at x102, and consider joining us for a great year of song!

SCHEDULE YOUR MEETINGS FOR 2016-2017

September begins our "new year" of calendaring events for Tab. If you have a standing meeting, or are planning a special event, please forward the dates, times and requested room to Matt Kauffman at matt.kauffman@tabpres.org. Our building is extremely busy and every effort will be made to accommodate your requests. Thanks so much for your cooperation in helping to make our building useful for all!

TAB'S COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICE

Mark your calendars now and plan on joining us on Sunday, September 4, at 10:30a for our annual Community Worship Service sponsored by Tab and Phillips Temple C.M.E. Church. This year's service will be held in the Tab Sanctuary followed by a fellowship meal. Plan to be there for this special annual service!

Community Rummage Sale

The Courtyard on 34th Street



Saturday, August 27 @ 8:00a- 4:00p

Clean out the closets, the garage, and the attic and bring those items that have shrunk, are out of date and gifts you never wanted to Tab beginning Sunday, August 14. We will store, price, and sell everything at our Community Rummage Sale on Saturday, August 27, in the Tab Courtyard on 34th Street! Added to this year's garage sale is a partnership with Goodwill Collect & Connect. Goodwill will have a truck on-site during the Rummage Sale for those items we decide should not go in the sale and will also take items you want to donate. But the best part of our partnership with Goodwill is that all of the clothes leftover and placed in 10 gallon plastic bags will result in Outreach Ministries receiving a \$5 coupon for each bag of clothes. The coupons can be used to purchase clothing items at any Goodwill Store. What does that mean? It means we will be able to help those who come to the Open Door, the Mid-North Food Pantry, or who request benevolence assistance with clothing needs. This is a "win-win" for everyone and a true blessing for Tab. You can help our community by bringing those items you are no longer using to Tab beginning August 14. We will collect items until August 25th. (On the 25th and 26th we will price all items and set up). Please start now identifying the items you want to donate. If this whole project sounds like fun, call Paula Means at 923-5458 x130 and there will be a place reserved just for you to help make this Community Rummage Sale a success.

Tab Recreation Sunday

Mark Your Calendar for the 2nd Annual Tab Recreation Sunday!

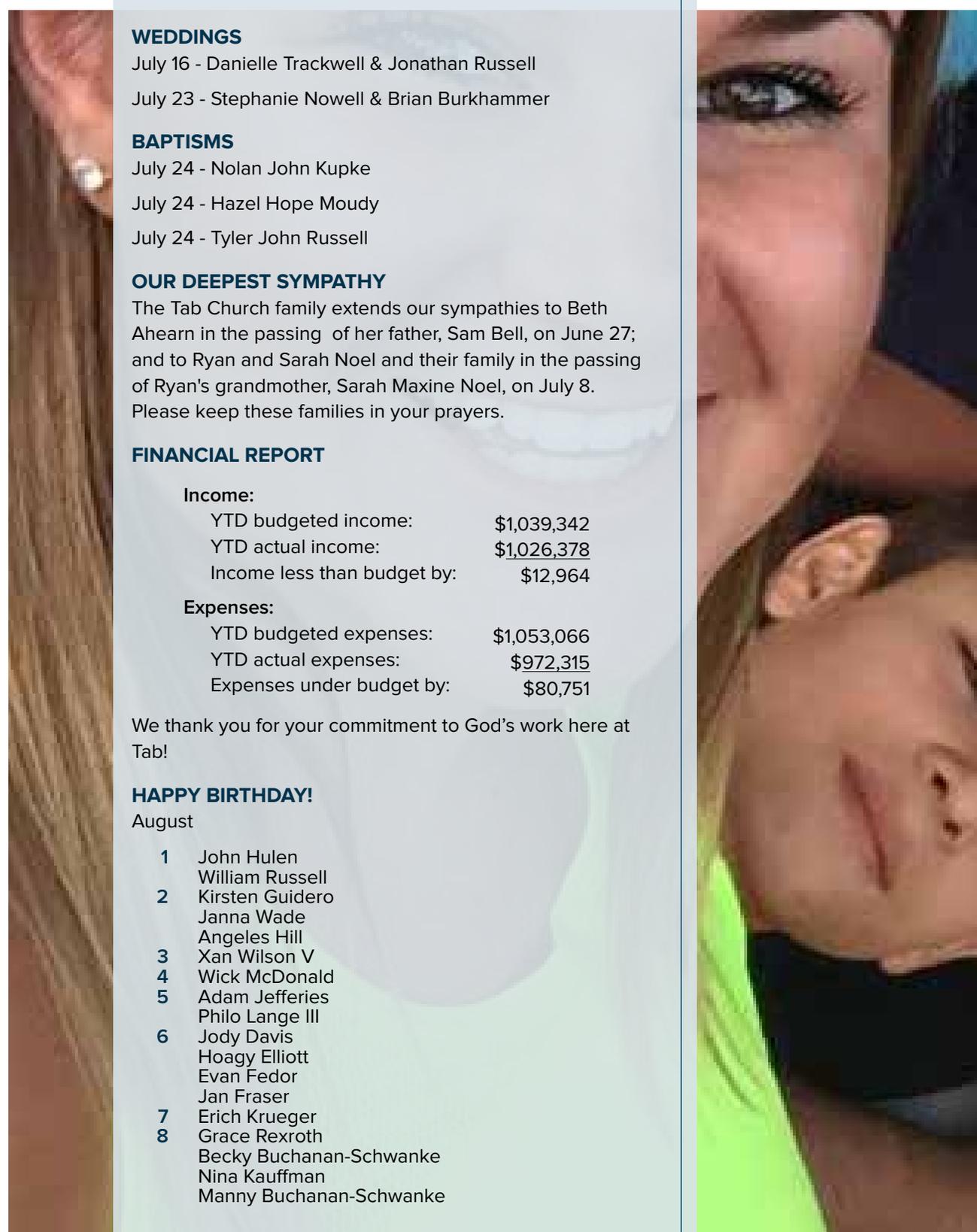


Where: Tabernacle Presbyterian Church

When: August 28, 2016

Time: 10:00a Worship Service

The service will include the presentation of the 2016 Dawson Award (Tab Recreation's highest volunteer award). The event will be followed by a Reception in the Gymnasium; including light snacks and beverages.



WEDDINGS

July 16 - Danielle Trackwell & Jonathan Russell

July 23 - Stephanie Nowell & Brian Burkhammer

BAPTISMS

July 24 - Nolan John Kupke

July 24 - Hazel Hope Moudy

July 24 - Tyler John Russell

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

The Tab Church family extends our sympathies to Beth Ahearn in the passing of her father, Sam Bell, on June 27; and to Ryan and Sarah Noel and their family in the passing of Ryan's grandmother, Sarah Maxine Noel, on July 8. Please keep these families in your prayers.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Income:

YTD budgeted income:	\$1,039,342
YTD actual income:	<u>\$1,026,378</u>
Income less than budget by:	\$12,964

Expenses:

YTD budgeted expenses:	\$1,053,066
YTD actual expenses:	<u>\$972,315</u>
Expenses under budget by:	\$80,751

We thank you for your commitment to God's work here at Tab!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

August

- 1 John Hulen
William Russell
- 2 Kirsten Guidero
Janna Wade
Angeles Hill
- 3 Xan Wilson V
- 4 Wick McDonald
- 5 Adam Jefferies
Philo Lange III
- 6 Jody Davis
Hoagy Elliott
Evan Fedor
Jan Fraser
- 7 Erich Krueger
- 8 Grace Rexroth
Becky Buchanan-Schwanke
Nina Kauffman
Manny Buchanan-Schwanke



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! (CONT'D)

August

9	Emily Summers Pam Smith Caroline Hart		
10	Sue Eynon Matt Kauffman Scott Brannon Ellis Cates		
11	Maggie Moore Hugo Smith		
12	Taylor Browning		
13	Bob Mayes Lois Horth		
14	Susie Crichlow Bill Beard		
15	Suzanne Shaw		
16	Lee Shafer		
17	Amy McLean Abraham Kupke		
18	Neil Perry Wendy Wilkerson		
19	Damon Davis		
20	Frank Schubert John Thomas Justin Padgett		
21	Judy Daymon Kara DeArman Doug Braly		
22	Joshua Brunsting		
23	Marcia Belt Lynne Neel		
25	Jane King Susan Springer Amos Lange		
26	Bill Fraps Ali Meils		
27	Walker West		
29	Mackenzie Scott Becca Childs		
31	Maryann King Linda McCabe Alice Croner Miles Fowles		

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

August

2	Tom & Rebecca Lapp (42 years)
3	Dan & Alex Gable (9 years) Anthony & Sarah Malito (3 years)
4	Duane & Susan Anderson (43 years) Joe & Julie Kukolla (32 years)
9	Rick & Debbie Harker (36 years)
10	Pete & Betsy Morse (25 years) Tyler & Madison Hromadka (3 years)
11	Bill & Donna Bonifield (59 years)
12	Mark & Sally John (38 years)
13	John & Nancy Person (39 years)
14	Dan & Jenny Sturgis (7 years)
15	Don & Linda Fledgerjohn (52 years)
16	Matt & Debbie Kauffman (41 years)
17	David & Beth Brunsting (20 years) John & Judy Fraps (48 years) Kevin & Lou Anne O'Banyel (15 years)
18	John & Marilyn Kendrick (60 years) Jeff & Melody Hotchkiss (32 years)
19	John & Debbi Strack (16 years)
21	Robert & Katie Orr (12 years) William & Katie Fowler (12 years)
25	Mike & Betsy Terry (38 years) Michael & Janet McCaslin (15 years)
26	Rob & Susan Springer (35 years) Scott & Jackie Brannon (9 years)
27	Bruce & Kennita McGeath (61 years) Dan & Brenda Sweeney (33 years)
28	Dave & Maryann King (34 years) Kyle & Annie Costlow (6 years)
30	Dan & Honi-Jean Schroeder (36 years)
31	Al & Becky Mayo (20 years) Justin & Janna Wade (2 years)

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THERE'S A LOT
HAPPENING AT TAB!

Welcome Back to School | August 1
School 48 (Tab Men)

National Night Out | August 2

Tab Youth Sunday | August 14

Children's Summer Musical | August 21

Rummage Sale | August 27

Inquirers' Class | August 27

Tab Recreation Sunday | August 28

Worship Service with Phillips Temple |
September 4, Combined (at Tab)

Presbytery Day of Caring | September 17

Anniversary Sunday Celebration |
September 18

Watch for more details in the
Sunday bulletin!