

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

- 8:00a** Communion Service
Located in McKee Chapel
- 9:00a** Contemporary Service
*Connect with God and with one another
in authentic, relational worship in the Sanctuary*
- 10:00a** Christian Education Hour
Programming for all ages
- 11:00a** Traditional Worship
*Located in the Sanctuary featuring organ and
choir music*

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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

Thanks and Giving!

Dear Friends,

I believe Thanksgiving may be my favorite holiday!

Perhaps that sounds strange for a pastor to say; rather you might expect me to say “Christmas” or “Easter.” Of course I love those seasons, but they also bring a lot of “extras” with them. Not so, Thanksgiving.

Ever since I was a child I loved Thanksgiving because in my hometown growing up, it meant a community worship service in the morning, then the oldest high school rivalry west of the Mississippi in the afternoon, followed by the entire family gathering over turkey and all the trimmings. I loved Thanksgiving growing up!

Thanksgiving now has taken on new meaning for us including serving at the Mozel Sanders feast at Tab in the morning before sharing our table with family and friends in the afternoon, then football and a nap. What’s not to love about Thanksgiving?

I even love the word “thanksgiving.” Break it apart - “thanks” and “giving.” A time for “giving thanks.”

I know Thanksgiving is a national holiday and not uniquely Christian, but it could be. “Giving thanks” to God for all His many blessings is generic to the Christian faith. It is part of who we are and what we do. Knowing to Whom to give thanks is one of the great blessings we have been given.

In many ways, every Sunday is “thanksgiving” as we gather in worship to lift our songs of prayer and praise and offer our tithes and gifts and offerings to the work of the Lord. Thank you for your faithful and generous support of this ministry.

Likewise, it is appropriate that the “thanksgiving” season is also the “stewardship” season. In this season of “giving thanks” we can look back to measure God’s blessings and look forward in grateful response for all God has given us.

By now, you have received 2017 stewardship materials, “A Year of Jubilee.” If you have any questions about where Tab is going or how we use the financial resources you give us, please do not hesitate to ask. We request that you return your financial commitment cards on or before Sunday, November 20 - the same day we will share in the “Thank Offering Dinner” at church.

We have so much to be thankful (“full of thanks”). Please join us in “giving thanks” at Tab.

I look forward to seeing you in worship this Sunday.

Rev. L. John Gable

November 2016

Preaching Schedule

- 6** Rev. Oscar Clavel, preaching
- 13** Rev. Oscar Clavel, preaching
One service only at 10:00a
- 20** "What Are You Doing Here?"
Psalm 132
John 18:33-38
Rev. L. John Gable, preaching
- 27** "Now Thank We All Our God"
Psalm 40
Rev. L. John Gable, preaching

Weekly Bible Readings

- 6** Haggai 1:15b–2:9
Psalm 145:1–5, 17–21 or Psalm 98
2 Thessalonians 2:1–5, 13–17
Luke 20:27–38
- 13** Isaiah 65:17–25
Isaiah 12
2 Thessalonians 3:6–13
Luke 21:5–19
- 20** Jeremiah 23:1–6
Luke 1:68–79
Colossians 1:11–20
Luke 23:33–43
- 27** Isaiah 2:1–5
Psalm 122
Romans 13:11–14
Matthew 24:36–44

November Event Schedule

SPECIAL

- 1** 12:00p Gracious Gifts Meeting
4:30p Youth-Million Meal Marathon
5:00p Contemporary Worship Reh
- 2** 6:00p Vision Series Class
- 3** 6:00p Mission Increase Meeting
- 5** 7:00a Monumental Marathon
- 7** 6:30p Youth Committee
- 9** 5:00p Contemporary Service Music Rehearsal
6:00p Vision Series Class
- 10** 6:00p Vision Renewal Class Mtg
- 11** TabFest at Spring Mill
- 13** 9:00a Education Hour
10:00a Worship Service
- 14** 4:30p Endowment Fund Trustees
- 18** 7:00p C. S. Lewis Meeting
- 19** 8:30a Inquirers' Class
9:00a Thank-Offering Set-Up
9:00a Fresh Stop Produce
- 20** 10:00a Special Session Meeting
12:00p Thank-Offering Dinner
- 22** 6:30p Preteen Pie Baking
- 24** Mozell Sanders Thanksgiving Dinner
- 24 & 25** Church Offices Closed

WEEKLY

- MON** 6:30p Cub Scout Pack
6:30p Women's Bible Study
6:45p Boy Scout Troop 72
- TUE** 10:00a Women Alive
6:30p Prayer Ministry
- WED** 9:30a Pastors' Bible Study
6:00p Purls of Wisdom
- THU** 3:45p Tab Tutoring
6:00p Handbell Choir Rehearsal
7:15p Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- FRI** 7:00p Circle of Hope
- SAT** 8:00a Men's Bible Study
- SUN** 4:00p Middle & High School Youth
- MWF** 11:00a Tab's Open Door

SPECIAL (CONT'D)

- 28** 5:30p New Elder Training
6:30p Youth Committee
- 29** 7:00p "Messiah" Rehearsal
- 30** 6:30p Mini Advent Workshop

MONTHLY

- 1st **TUE** 5:30p Outreach Cmte
7:00p Adult Ministries Cmte
- 2nd **MON** 5:00p Facilities Cmte
- 2nd **TUE** 5:00p Budget & Finance Cmte
7:00p Children's Ministries Cmte
7:15p Worship, Music & Arts
- 3rd **TUE** 7:00p Session Meeting
7:15p Prayer Team Meeting
- 4th **TUE** 5:00p Congregational Life
7:00p Deacons' Meeting
7:15p Media Cmte
- 2nd **WED** 10:30a Ladies Quilting Group
- 4th **WED** 10:00a Ladies Quilting Group
- 2nd **SAT** 10:00a Purls of Wisdom
- 4th **SAT** 10:00a Purls of Wisdom

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

What's Great About Mapleton-Fall Creek?

An Interview with Leigh Riley Evans, Executive Director of Mapleton Fall Creek Development Corporation, by Rev. Oscar Clavel / Photo taken by Dave Streit

As the sun warmed us from the morning crispness, Leigh Evans spoke with enthusiasm about the gift of neighbors and location which make the Mapleton-Fall Creek Neighborhood (MFC) a great place to live. It was a striking difference from the day before when a tornado moved through the neighborhood disrupting the flow and grind of daily life. If nature can be a commentary on life; one minute chaotic and confusing, and the next serene and hopeful, we may have captured the essence of what is taking place in MFC today.

"The neighborhood has been through it's up and downs," Leigh told me, "but more people are aware of it and experiencing the excitement." That excitement has been the unearthing of a resilient neighborhood that sits at the crossroads of Indianapolis with its location within minutes of major arts and cultural institutions, employers and sporting events.

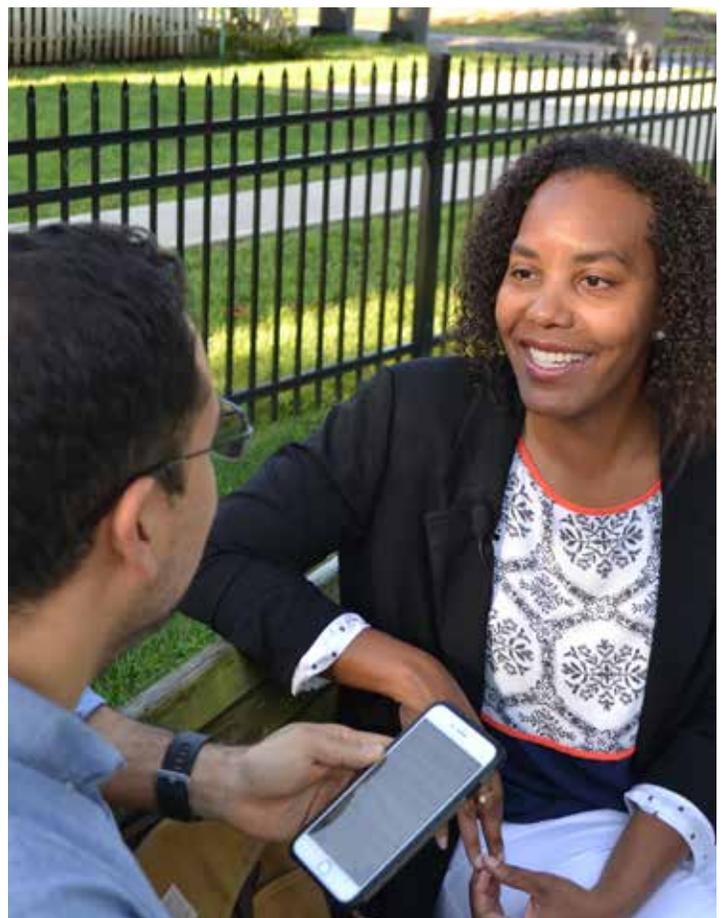
The excitement is not only emotional but visible with significant investment to the overall aesthetics with pocket parks, newly planted trees, renovated homes, and soon a mural project that will greet visitors driving north from downtown. However, the lasting appeal for new residents, and there has been a steady increase, is the urban environment. "Urban" for some folks hearkens back to images of failing neighborhoods and infrastructure, but for MFC, urban means that "regardless of faith, income level, and race, residents come together, to live together."

In the end, a neighborhood is great because of the people who call it home. Sometimes greatness is not found in what is new and shiny but in consistency, like an anchor in the stream of time, that provides history and perspective. The older residents are those anchors who remind Leigh that the neighborhood has lived through glory days, fallen into rough times, and now changing into something new. What that change will look like is anyone's guess but all projections are pointing towards something significant, a topic we'll explore in a future Chimes.

Regardless of the change, one story in particular captured the essence of what it means to be a neighbor in Mapleton-Fall Creek, an element I hope never goes away. Leigh

recalled that the night of the storm, "after such a hectic day, everyone just wanted to be around each other and celebrate one another." As she looked at her neighbors she knew that part of what makes this neighborhood great is how "we were still able to recognize each other and the assets they are...we are resilient because we have had to live together and celebrate our differences." Leigh summed it up best when she told me, "Wanting to get a stronger community is how we change this neighborhood."

To the residents of MFC and Leigh Evans, thank you for making the neighborhood a welcoming place for us to worship, work, and enjoy together!



Who's in the Worship Band?

Becky Buchanan-Schwanke

Story by Elly Douglass / Photo taken by Dave Streit



A life-long member of Tab, 25 year old Becky Buchanan-Schwanke had the unique opportunity one season to be the only girl to make it on a Tab Recreation football team. Sadly, a pre-season broken wrist sidelined her and effectively ended her football career. Perhaps it was a blessing in disguise, thus enabling this charming young woman the opportunity to focus on her musical talents. And there are many!

A vocalist with the Tab Worship Band for five years, Becky has been sharing her love of music with the Tab congregation even longer. During high school she sang with the choir as well as played handbells. She also works with the children on the summer musical and the Christmas Eve service. "I love the kids," she said with a big smile.

Becky attended Key Learning Community, an IPS magnet school, which she credits for an amazing exposure to all things music. While there she learned to play violin, piano, ukulele, cello, bass, trumpet, sax and many more instruments. She was also in her high school choir, orchestra, and band. Performing at Carnegie Hall was a definite highlight. She loved participating in school musicals and remains active in several community theaters, recently being nominated for an Encore Award for Best Sound Board Operator.

With the Worship Band, Becky does harmonies and sings lead on some songs. A recent Tab service found the song, "Beautiful Things" by Gungor deeply moving to both singer and congregation. A big fan of many genres of music, Becky says of Christian music, "some songs just make me feel the Lord." If you heard "Beautiful Things" several weeks ago, you'll know what she means.

A life-changing experience was Becky's first Tab Mission Trip to Cozumel her freshman year. "It really opened my eyes to see the Lord work." Other trips with her school to Jamaica and the Dominican Republic further expanded her interest in serving others.

Becky expects to ultimately receive an ASL degree (American Sign Language) from Ivy Tech. Currently working with Autistic children at Damar as an Applied Behavior Analyst, her face lights up when she talks about the love, both given and received, with her special clients. A desire for the future is to adopt special needs children. "I'm a family person," she states. From "hanging" with family and close friends to cheer on the Colts and Indiana Fever; to considering the worship team "like a family," to spending time with "my little guy," three year old nephew, Manny; it's clear family is number one. Let's hope Becky will be sharing life with her Tab family for many years to come.

Mendelssohn's *Elijah*

A Two-part Television Broadcast featuring the
Tabernacle Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, November 10 & 17
at 7:30 p.m.

Presented by Tab Media Ministry
and Tab Music and Arts.



Mozel Sanders Thanksgiving Day Dinner

*Thursday, November 24
7:00a-3:00p*

The Mozel Sanders Thanksgiving Day Dinner needs your help again this year. Possible opportunities include serving meals, delivering dinners, setup and cleanup, and most importantly, spending time in prayer with our guests. Please sign up on Sundays through November 20, in McKee Hallway. We also need pies, and these can be brought to the church on the day before Thanksgiving. Contact: Mike O'Banyel at 459-0560 or mike.obanyel@tabpres.org.



Tab News

Announcements & Events

In accordance with the By-laws, a Meeting of the Congregation is hereby called for Sunday, November 6, 2016 at 10:00a in the Sanctuary for the purposes of reviewing the proposed 2017 Operating Budget, electing church officers, and any other business that may be properly discussed. All members are encouraged to attend.

Rev. Oscar Clavel, Moderator
Sharon Marshall, Clerk of Session

FALL BACK

Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday, November 6. Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour before retiring on Saturday night.

TABFEST WEEKEND SCHEDULE

On Sunday, November 13, our Sunday morning schedule will be revised. The Education Hour will be held at 9:00a and there will be only *one worship service* at 10:00a. Please make sure and mark your calendars for this change in schedule.

A SERVICE CELEBRATING ALL SAINTS' DAY

Join us on Sunday afternoon, October 30, at 3:00p as we celebrate All Saints' Day with a service of celebration featuring "Requiem" by Gabriel Fauré. This beautiful work will be presented by Tab's Sanctuary Choir and guest instrumentalists and will be woven into a service celebrating the lives of the saints that have gone before us. Plan to join us for this celebration and invite your friends and family members for this special service of remembrance.

TAB CHOIR AND ELIJAH ON WFYI (PBS)

Watch *Mendelssohn's Elijah*, a two-part special produced by Tab Media and Music Ministries, Thursdays, November 10 and 17, at 7:30p on WFYI-TV 20 (local PBS). The programs, featuring Tab's Sanctuary Choir, present the inspiring message of God's faithfulness to His people, set to one of the world's greatest musical compositions. Tell your friends.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Thank you to all of you who took the red and green Operation Christmas Child boxes home to fill. If you have questions about how to fill the boxes, the Samaritan's Purse website (<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/pack-a-shoe-box/>) has some helpful tips. If you want to track your box to see where it goes, you can

register your box online at that same website. **Boxes must be returned to Tab no later than November 9**, so we can take them to the central collection location in Indianapolis for processing prior to be shipped overseas.

"JUST FOR MOMS" MINI-ADVENT WORKSHOP

All Tab moms are invited to attend a special night of crafts and fellowship on Wednesday, November 30, from 6:30p to 9:00p in Lower Level B. We will have several crafts from the larger Advent Workshop available to do in a child-free environment, as well as dessert and holiday music. Childcare will be available upon request in one of our nurseries for children ages four and younger.

PRETEEN PIE-BAKING

All Tab fifth and sixth graders are encouraged to come to Tab on Tuesday, November 22, from 6:30p to 8:00p to help make pies for the Mozel Sanders Dinner. We will be making pumpkin and apple pies. (If you've ever wanted to learn how to make a lattice-top pie, now's your chance!) Friends are welcome, and dessert will be served.

MISSIONS UNIT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We have arrived at that time of year again when we're signing up volunteers for our upcoming Missions Unit. We need a total of 84 adult and teen volunteers to help Tab's children take a "trip around the world" to learn about the people, culture, traditions, geography, foods, games, and Christian missions of El Salvador, England, South Africa, Antarctica, Lebanon, Thailand and The Netherlands. We hope that *you* will be part of the fun! Sign-up sheets will be available in Lower Level B Hallway beginning on November 20 and in McKee Hallway on December 11 and 18. Please contact Jennifer Wirt at 923-5458, ext. 140 or jennifer.wirt@tabpres.org if you have any questions.

Church offices will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday on Thursday and Friday, November 24 and 25.

TabYouth 2016 Fall Retreat



Sixteen youth attended the TabYouth Fall Retreat at Twin Lakes Conference Center. While there, we went for a late-night hike to look at the stars and discuss God's vast creation.

We also rode a zip line as well as a giant rope swing that took riders out over a 60-foot cliff.

Our Bible studies centered around how to have a quiet time with God as well as the story of Hosea and Gomer. Free time was spent canoeing, swimming in the lake and playing carpet ball.

Everyone had a blast and we are looking forward to our winter retreat in late January!



Handel's

MESSIAH

Tabernacle Sanctuary Choir
Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra

December 11 at 3:00 pm

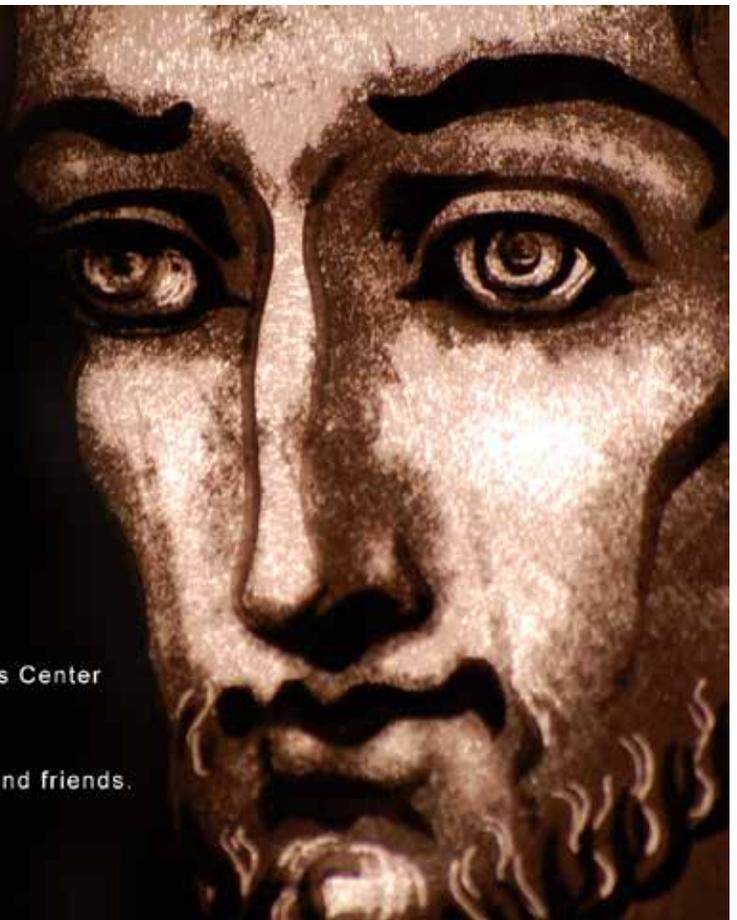
Full Presentation of "Messiah" at Tab

December 12 at 7:30 pm

"Messiah" Sing-a-Long at the Indiana Landmarks Center

Discount tickets are available to Tab members and friends.

Please see Matt Kauffman for more information.



WEDDINGS

October 8 - Bethany Wirt & Patrick Chatelain

WELCOME LITTLE ONES

Congratulations to the Boits Family on the birth of their twin boys, Jacob and Lucas Boits, on Friday, September 23. They are the sons of Richard and Emily Boits; to the King Family on the birth of their baby girl, Kiley Mary King on Thursday, September 29. Kiley is the daughter of Brian and Anna King, and granddaughter of David and Maryann King; to the Barnett Family on the birth of their baby girl, Morgan Rose Barnett on Monday, October 3. She is the daughter of Kyle and Brittany Barnett; and to the Dougherty Family on the birth of their baby girl, Katherine Elise Dougherty, on October 6. She is the daughter of Kyle and Brittany Dougherty, and granddaughter of Jon and Mary Dougherty.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

The Tab Church family extends our sympathies to Noelle and Carol Wilson in the passing of their son and grandson, Loki; to Tim Blakley, and Kaye and Bill Diener in the passing of brother and brother-in-law, Mike Blakley; to Betsy Brunette and her family in the passing of her mother, Maxine Dreyer, on Monday, October 3; and to Sue Gleason and her family in the passing of her husband, Chuck Gleason, on October 10. Please keep these families in your prayers.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Income:

YTD budgeted income:	\$1,407,457
YTD actual income:	<u>\$1,479,788</u>
Actual exceeds budgeted by:	\$72,331

Expenses:

YTD budgeted expenses:	\$1,511,298
YTD actual expenses:	<u>\$1,392,074</u>
Expenses under budget by:	\$119,224

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

November

- 1 Bill Batt
Judi Trabue
- 2 Sheila Grigdesby
- 3 Joe Kukolla II
- 5 Jim Dzubay
Peggy York
Jason DeArman
Dirk Douglas
- 7 Mike Cracraft
Jerry Van Auken
Marian Marlowe
- 8 Nancy Russell
- 9 Don Fledderjohn

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! (CONT'D)

November

	Chris Moore		
	Rachel Braly		
10	Kaye Diener	21	Clyde Townsend
	Betsy Brunette		Harry Peyton
	Jacob Crouch		Pete Morse
	Ernesto Carrasco	22	Kennedy Cates
11	Angelise Sutherland		Ray Albrektson
	Shelley Chamberlain	23	Gayla Pitts
12	Stephanie Sherrard		Joseph Keller
13	Pete Peterson III		Peg Padgett
	Derrick Smith		Erin Sears
	Brittany Barnett	24	Rocio Carrasco
14	Sadie Rexroth		Serenity Dzubay
	Dan Hursh		Jim McClelland
	Caroline Whaley		Nikita McKenna
15	Jon Dougherty	25	Liam Barnett
	Stella Morrow		Katy Howe
	Katy Cummings		George Davis
16	Michelle Browning	26	Kyle Miller
	Kathy Donaldson		Paul Coomes
	Jim Smith		Bobbie Pollom
	Liz Strodman	27	Mary Souers
	William Dieterich		Rosalie Lange
17	Eleanor Lange		Meghan Krueger
	Ian Flanagan		Katie Fowler
18	Finley Brewer	28	Emily Boits
20	Sally Reel	29	Nancy Morris
	Sally Hansen		Marilyn Pecsok
	Ezekiel John		Lizzie Phillips
	Sandra Reid		Val Smith
	Cosette Wade	30	Sara McFarlen
			Joseph Scales
			Richard Boits

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

November

- 1 Steve & Becky Kegg (21 years)
Dick & Dove West (64 years)
Ted Planje & Lee Lange (8 years)
Nolan Smith & Erica Fledgerjohn (13 years)
- 3 Jeremiah & Hannah Kiger (15 years)
- 16 Fred & Alice Croner (59 years)
- 24 Paul & Shannon Woller (9 years)
- 25 Todd & Amy McLean (16 years)
- 26 Eric & Miriam Guidero (39 years)
Jeremy & Lindsay Williams (11 years)
- 27 Paul & Adina Coomes (12 years)

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