

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*

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## TAB'S TOWER CHIMES

This monthly newsletter is also available on the church website at: [www.tabpres.org](http://www.tabpres.org)

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



# Pastoral Reflection

## "Gift" Ideas

Dear Friends,

Let me encourage you to give a gift to your family members and to us at Tab...your funeral arrangements!

That may sound like a strange gift to give to those who will attend to your affairs after your passing, but I can't tell you what a wonderful gift it is to those who will be left with that responsibility.

Since January 1 of this year, I have presided over nine funeral or memorial services....nine good friends and long-time faithful members of Tab. Each of whom we have loved and will miss.

The first thing I do when we learn of a member's death is to go to their family file; the record we keep of their membership and involvement at Tab, so when I sit with the family to plan the service, we have a very good idea of what they have requested - that is, if they have given us the information.

If they have, it makes planning so much easier, not just for me, but for their family members. What were mom's favorite Bible verses? What hymns did dad always say he wanted us to sing at his service? Which of his friends did he want to speak? What stories did she want us to tell (or not)?

At the time of death, even those who have made immaculate plans still leave many decisions to be made by their family members, so as a gift to those who will be making your arrangements, please give them some advance directives as to your wishes. It is a gift they will greatly appreciate.

The Funeral Arrangement form we use at Tab is linked to your E-Chimes email or available upon request by calling the Front Office. Once completed, please give us a copy and if you would like to discuss your plans, either Oscar or Matt or I would be happy to visit with you.

Let me then add, as you are making those plans, it is also a good time to review your will and estate documents. This too, is a great gift to those who will serve as your executor. Remembering Tab in your estate planning will greatly benefit our ability to continue faithfully serving Christ in this community for generations to come. Gifts to Tab may be made directly to the church or to the Tab Endowment Fund. Again, feel free to contact us if you want more information about how to make such a gift.

Admittedly, this is probably not the first thing you thought of when I was suggesting "gift" ideas, but I assure you, any plans you make now will be greatly appreciated by those who follow you. I know that from first-hand experience with my family and with countless others.

See you in worship on Sunday.

Rev. L. John Gable

# May 2017

## Preaching Schedule

- 7** Rev. Oscar Clavel, preaching
- 14** "Commanded to Love"  
John 15:9-17  
I John 5:1-6  
Rev. L. John Gable, preaching
- 21** "You're Not Home Yet"  
Matthew 13:44-55  
Revelation 21:1-10  
Rev. L. John Gable, preaching
- 28** "Now That You're Home, There's  
Work to Be Done"  
Matthew 13:1-9  
Revelation 22:1-7; 20-21  
Rev. L. John Gable, preaching  
*One service only at 10:00a*

## Weekly Bible Readings

- 7** Acts 2:42-47  
Psalm 23  
1 Peter 2:19-25  
John 10:1-10
- 14** Acts 7:55-60  
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16  
1 Peter 2:2-10  
John 14:1-14
- 21** Acts 17:22-31  
Psalm 66:8-20  
1 Peter 3:13-22  
John 14:15-21
- 28** Acts 1:6-14  
Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35  
1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11  
John 17:1-11

## May Event Schedule

### SPECIAL

- 5** 6:00p Vision Renewal Class
- 6** 10:00a Symposium Choir Rehearsal
- 7** 12:00p All-Church Pitch-In
- 8** 4:30p Endowment Fund Trustees
- 10** 8:00a Sacred Music Symposium  
7:00p Hymn Festival
- 11** 8:00a Sacred Music Symposium
- 12** 8:00a Sacred Music Symposium  
5:00p Children's Ministries Mystery  
Night  
7:30p Symposium Concert
- 13** 9:00a Fresh Stop Meeting
- 17** 6:00p Fresh Stop Dinner
- 22** 12:00p Community Ministry Grant  
Planning  
7:00p Recreation Committee  
Meeting
- 23** 7:00p Nominating Committee
- 28** 10:00a Worship Service
- 29** Church Offices Closed

### WEEKLY

- MON** 6:30p Cub Scout Pack  
6:45p Boy Scout Troop 72
- TUE** 10:00a Women Alive  
6:30p Prayer Ministry
- WED** 9:30a Pastors' Bible Study  
5:00p Contemporary Service Reh  
6:00p Purls of Wisdom  
6:00p Wednesdays at Tab
- 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

### MONTHLY

- 1st TUE** 5:30p Missions Cmte  
7:15p Worship, Music & Arts
- 2nd MON** 5:00p Facilities Cmte
- 2nd TUE** 5:00p Budget & Finance  
7:00p Children's Ministries
- 3rd TUE** 7:00p Session Meeting  
7:15p Prayer Team Meeting
- 4th TUE** 5:30p 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](http://tabpres.org) for a complete calendar of events.

# Meet Rod Iberg

Story by Elly Douglass



It's not often that a job applicant's experience and skills meet so perfectly with the requirements of the job. It is truly a blessing, an answer to prayer and the continuing fulfillment of a calling, that brought Tabernacle Presbyterian Church together with its newest employee. Please meet and welcome Tab's new Director of Operations, Rod Iberg.

Born and raised in Indianapolis and a graduate of Indiana University, Rod and his wife of 33 years, Malla, met at a church group for singles which was run by Rod's parents. Rod and Malla have a son, Alec, who lives and works in Columbus, Ohio. As a family they love all things sports and enjoy numerous outdoor activities. Rod also has played drums most of his life with everything from jazz bands to worship bands.

Rod brings many years of experience in the field of not-for-profit finance and operations, both with church and para-church organizations. Whether working as a volunteer, staff member, board member or executive, Rod is at home in a faith-based organization.

His experiences have allowed him to provide financial and management leadership to churches and other faith based organizations of all sizes and degrees of stability and prosperity.

Rod's career path has been guided by his deep faith and relationships to special mentors. After a thirteen year career in the banking industry, he felt a strong calling to use his skills in a faith-based setting. He accepted the CFO/COO position with the Ohio District Council, a not-for-profit corporation in Columbus, Ohio, serving affiliated churches and pastors. A couple of years later, Rod and Malla felt called again and accepted a missionary position at George Washington Academy in Casablanca, Morocco. Rod provided financial and management services for the school and Malla served as a teacher.

Upon returning to Indianapolis Rod's career became more church focused, as he served as Director of Operations/ Executive Pastor at East 91<sup>st</sup> Street Christian Church. He comes to us now from Seattle, Washington, where he had been Executive Pastor of Operations at Northshore Community Church.

As Tab's Director of Operations, Rod brings technical skills and experience that will be a great addition to our staff. He appreciates the leadership at Tab, the team approach by the staff, and the community outreach. Having worked previously in more contemporary facilities, he is excited about the prospect of working in this grand building.

Rod understands the specifics of his responsibilities as Director of Operations and sees his role as one of collaboration with the leadership and other staff members. Malla and Rod will be attending services at Tab and look forward to "plugging in" to all that Tab has to offer.

Welcome home, Ibergs!

# Spotlight

## Rexroth Romania Trip

Story by Dan Rexroth

Over spring break, we traveled to Romania to renew old friendships, pledge support, make new friends and begin plans for a youth trip in 2018.

The trip began in Timisoara which is in the west end of the country and where the revolution against Coucescu began in 1989. Tab was the first western church to provide support to the Missio Link International's (then called Jesus the Hope of Romania) efforts to win people for Christ after the revolution against communism in 1989.

While in Timisoara, we attended church, visited with longtime friends of Tab (Eugene Groza, Emil Toader and Lorena Rusoven) and visited two

locations of the Deborah House which are designed to provide housing, education and Christian upbringing and values to girls who have been abused or trafficked.

Next, we visited Alpinis which is the youth camp where we hope to bring our youth in the summer of 2018. From there we traveled to Campina to visit Marshall and Larisa McKenna and their outreach to young adults (and sometimes their children) who are homeless. While there, we saw one of the buildings that Tab helped build along with a tour of all of the amazing work that is being done in the name of Jesus to help others.

Finally, we traveled to Alexandria to visit with Pastor Octavian, a long-time friend of Tab, and to Zimnicea to visit the church that Tab helped build in the 1990s. While there, Pastor Octavian shared that he has a list of all of the people involved in the building of the church and that he prays for each of them, and Tab in general, each Friday.

Everywhere we went, we were greeted with thankfulness for the faithful support Tab has provided for the past 20 years. We heard stories of what a difference our support has made. Our lives were genuinely touched by these people and the love they showered upon us!



Rexroths at Alpinis (pictured left to right: Dan, Grace, Sadie and Amy)



Building in Campina that Tab helped to build.

A 6-WEEK VIDEO SERIES ON CARING FOR A LOVED ONE

# Help and Hope for Family Caregivers

Wednesdays, May 3 - June 7, 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Tabernacle Presbyterian Church

The role of the unpaid, family caregiver can be isolating and confusing. This 6-part video series offers practical advice from subject matter experts and real-life family caregivers to help you meet the emotional, physical and logistical demands of caregiving.

## TOPICS:

- Video 1: The Journey of Caregiving—Insights for the Road Ahead**
- Video 2: Ducks in a Row—Understanding and Assembling Key Documents**
- Video 3: The Feelings of Caregiving—Dealing with Negative Emotions**
- Video 4: Oxygen Masks—Attend to Your Needs First**
- Video 5: Preventing the Unthinkable—How to Prevent Abuse**
- Video 6: Know Your Resources—Community and Social Supports for the Family Caregiver**

For more information, contact [paula.means@tabpres.org](mailto:paula.means@tabpres.org)



## Cultivating Fellowship, Growing Friendships

Pitch-In May 7 after the 11:00 service.

Sponsored by the Deacons

# Tab News

## Announcements & Events

### VISION REFRESHER

On Sunday, June 4, during both the 9:00a and 10:00a Sunday School hours, we will have our first "Vision Refresher." It will be a wonderful time to gather together at a table with folks you may not know well, and through guided activities and questions, get to know each other a little better. This will be in place of regular Sunday School and is intended to be another step to living out our Vision Renewal. A continental breakfast and childcare will be provided. We look forward to getting to know each other better, building a stronger community and deepening our faith. Please plan on attending!

### FRESH STOP PRODUCE KICK-OFF DINNER

In July of 2015, after serving the under-served for five decades, Double 8 Foods shut down their markets. One of them was located just a block from Tab, leaving our neighbors in desperate need for accessible, quality groceries. A few weeks ago, Pastor John Gable told us how the Unleavened Bread Café is regularly robbed just for food - not money. Our Fresh Stop ministry is growing and is committed to providing healthy food for our neighbors at an affordable price. Last season, we sold 206 shares to those in the lower income bracket at a reduced price. Of those shares, 42 went to those receiving SNAP benefits (welfare) at an even lower price. The 194 shares that were sold at a higher price also helped folks since we all need to include more fresh produce in our diets. Last year we started something new by giving people the opportunity to purchase grass fed beef at two different price levels based on income. We sold about 200 pounds of meat to those of lower income at the reduced price. Also, our food education grew as we partnered with the Indianapolis Urban League which provided chefs and taught cooking classes at each of our Fresh Stops. If you'd like to hear more about what we're doing and how you can be involved, you are invited to our Fresh Stop Kick-Off Dinner on Wednesday, May 17, at 6:00p in the Dining Room. Bring a salad, side dish or dessert to share.

RSVP to Sally John at [sallybjohn@gmail.com](mailto:sallybjohn@gmail.com).

### VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are already registering students for this year's Vacation Bible School, *Rome: Paul and the Underground Church*, and now we need **you!** VBS will take place on June 19-23 from 9:00a until noon and we are looking for group leaders to work with a small group of students each day, leading them from learning center to learning center as well as for market-place shopkeepers to oversee the various crafts, games and

Roman experiences. The shopkeeper position is a two-day commitment and the group leaders can help for one day or all five days. We also need teens to help with the daily "street dramas" and as assistant group leaders - in exchange for a contribution toward your mission trip or Great Escape costs. If you're interested or have questions, please contact Jennifer Wirt at [jennifer.wirt@tabpres.org](mailto:jennifer.wirt@tabpres.org).

### NEW FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY FOR TAB PARENTS

Beginning on June 7, at 6:30, all Tab parents are invited to a pitch-in supper and fellowship time while your children are participating in rehearsals for the Summer Musical. If there's enough interest, this group will meet every Wednesday while musical rehearsals are taking place, and childcare will be offered for children too young to participate in the musical. At the June 7 gathering, the group will discuss what kind of programming you'd like; a video series, book study, traditional Bible study or just a time of fellowship and prayer. If you have questions, please contact Stephanie Lynn or Jennifer Wirt.

### WOMEN'S CONVERSATION AT THE OAKS ACADEMY FALL CREEK

Please join us on Wednesday, May 3, from 10:00a-11:00a, for *Women's Conversation: Preparing Students for a Rapidly Changing World*. As the world changes faster and faster, how do we prepare students to learn, work, serve and lead? What knowledge and skills will they need to prepare for accelerating economic, social and technological change? Further, how does a faith-based school meet its spiritual and educational mission amidst the chaos? Join us at The Oaks Academy as Teresa Lubbers and Trish Cobb share how we ensure students are ready for college, careers and the unknown times ahead. Please RSVP online at [theoaksacademy.org/womensconversation](http://theoaksacademy.org/womensconversation). For questions, please contact Linda at 213-3708.

*There will be only one service of worship on Sunday, May 28, at 10:00a. There will be no education classes that morning.*

*The Church Offices will be closed on Monday, May 29, in observance of Memorial Day.*

# SACRED Music SYMPOSIUM

Free Concerts Open to the Public  
Tabernacle Presbyterian Church  
418 East 34th Street, Indianapolis

## A Festival of Hymns

“Shepherd, Lamb of God, and Lambs of God”

**Wednesday, May 10 - 7:00 p.m.**

Michael Burkhardt, organist  
Narrative poetry by William Blake



## Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

**Friday, May 12 - 7:30 p.m.**

A service featuring choral settings of  
“Te Deum” by Mark Hayes, Charles Villiers  
Stanford and Dan Forrest  
The Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra  
and Festival Choir



## BIRTHS

Congratulations to the Souers Family on the birth of their baby girl, Eleanor Jane, on April 17. Eleanor is the daughter of Sarah and Shaun Souers, and little sister of Mary Margaret. She is the granddaughter of Tom and Becky Lapp.

## OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

The Tab Church family extends our sympathies to Erik Jansen in the passing of his mother, Patsy Jansen, on Saturday, April 1; to Mary Ellen May, and their sons Bernard and Tom, and their daughter Janie Parr, in the passing of Bernie May on Monday April 10; to the family and loved ones of Stella Morrow, who passed away on Wednesday, April 12; and to Valerie and Paul Finnell and their family in the passing of Valerie's father, John Gillespie, on Saturday April 22. Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

### Income:

YTD budgeted income:	\$634,704
YTD actual income:	<u>\$620,975</u>
Income less than budget by:	\$13,729

### Expenses:

YTD budgeted expenses:	\$640,542
YTD actual expenses:	<u>\$591,565</u>
Expenses under budget by:	\$48,977

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

## A CHANGE IN THE METHOD OF GIVING SECURITIES TO TAB

In recent months City Securities has been purchased by Stifel, Nicolaus and Company. If you make securities gifts to Tab please contact Kristine Green, our Director of Finance, for the new transfer instructions.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

May

- 1 Robert Brown  
Bart Ost  
Christy Whaley  
Eric Kropp
- 3 Christine Gall  
Mark Midkiff  
Bill Heeter  
Daniel Rexroth  
Hannah Mylin  
Betsy Thompson  
Logan Cramer
- 4 Sherry Beasley
- 5 Connor Whaley
- 6 Penelope Costlow
- 7 David Brunsting  
Heather Mylin  
Caroline Gable  
Logan McDaniel
- 8 Sondra Heeter  
Mark Wilkerson





## HAPPY BIRTHDAY! (CONT'D)

May

- |    |                                                                            |    |                                                                               |
|----|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 9  | Tom Huston<br>Mary Phillips<br>Doug Horth                                  | 19 | Mary Mills<br>Nile J Mylin<br>Paul Kauffman<br>Nathanael Smith<br>Hazel Moudy |
| 10 | Jane McClelland                                                            | 20 | Cheri Daniels<br>Hudson Fowler<br>Suzie Booker<br>Peter Marshall              |
| 11 | Vicki Townsend<br>Stephanie Lynn                                           | 22 | Jennifer Russell                                                              |
| 12 | Ann McKenzie<br>Molly Booker<br>David Burris                               | 23 | Jere Krueger<br>Janie Hanley<br>Henry Hanley                                  |
| 13 | Cindy Verbarg<br>Jeff Sumpter<br>Margie White                              | 24 | Nancy Fike                                                                    |
| 14 | Henry Date<br>Ed Burns<br>Karen Scamihorn<br>Abigail Warren<br>Betsy Morse | 25 | Billy Reel<br>Kathy Ladavac                                                   |
| 15 | Sarah Lammers                                                              | 26 | Ethan Fedor<br>Valerie Finnell                                                |
| 16 | Jeff Crane<br>Kristine Crouch                                              | 27 | Ryan Fowler                                                                   |
| 17 | L. John Gable<br>Scott Waddell<br>Carl Evans                               | 28 | Jack Booker                                                                   |
| 18 | Carol Hartman                                                              | 29 | Marilyn Kendrick<br>Jacqueline Wimsatt                                        |
| 19 | Donna Bonifield                                                            | 30 | Eric Shaw                                                                     |
|    |                                                                            | 31 | Ruth Anne Wright                                                              |

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

May

- 1 Joel & Meagan Niese (14 years)
- 4 Derrick & Abbie Smith (4 years)
- 5 Mark & Debbie Midkiff (38 years)
- 10 Eric & Cheryl Herzog (30 years)
- 11 Mick & Paula Daum (15 years)
- 12 Dennis & Brookings Johnson (27 years)
- 14 Robert & Carol Lukemeyer (18 years)
- 16 Dave & Katie Perry (36 years)
- 17 Ray & Stephanie Link (14 years)
- 18 Philo & Allison Lange (12 years)  
David & Charlotte Cahill (32 years)
- 19 Ryan & Sarah Noel (16 years)
- 20 Mitch & Cheri Daniels (39 years)
- 22 Adam & Caryn Packer (13 years)
- 23 Harold & Marion Hoopingarner (37 years)
- 25 Tom & Jennifer Wirt (32 years)
- 26 Jay & Anne Steger (33 years)  
Jim & Robin Pfeiffer (44 years)
- 28 Phil & Caitlin Teague (6 years)
- 29 Andy & Linda Costlow (35 years)  
Glenn & Eve Hanley (18 years)
- 31 Roderic & Judi Trabue (42 years)

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## *VBS 2017: Paul in Rome*

June 19 - 23, 2017

9:00 am to Noon

Register at [tabpres.org/children](http://tabpres.org/children)



All elementary students entering grades 1 through 7 are invited to the ancient city of Rome! You'll travel back into Bible times to meet the Apostle Paul, learn about the early Church, and see what life was like 2000 years ago! We'll have games, crafts, snacks, songs, sports, and many other activities. Register at [tabpres.org/children](http://tabpres.org/children).