

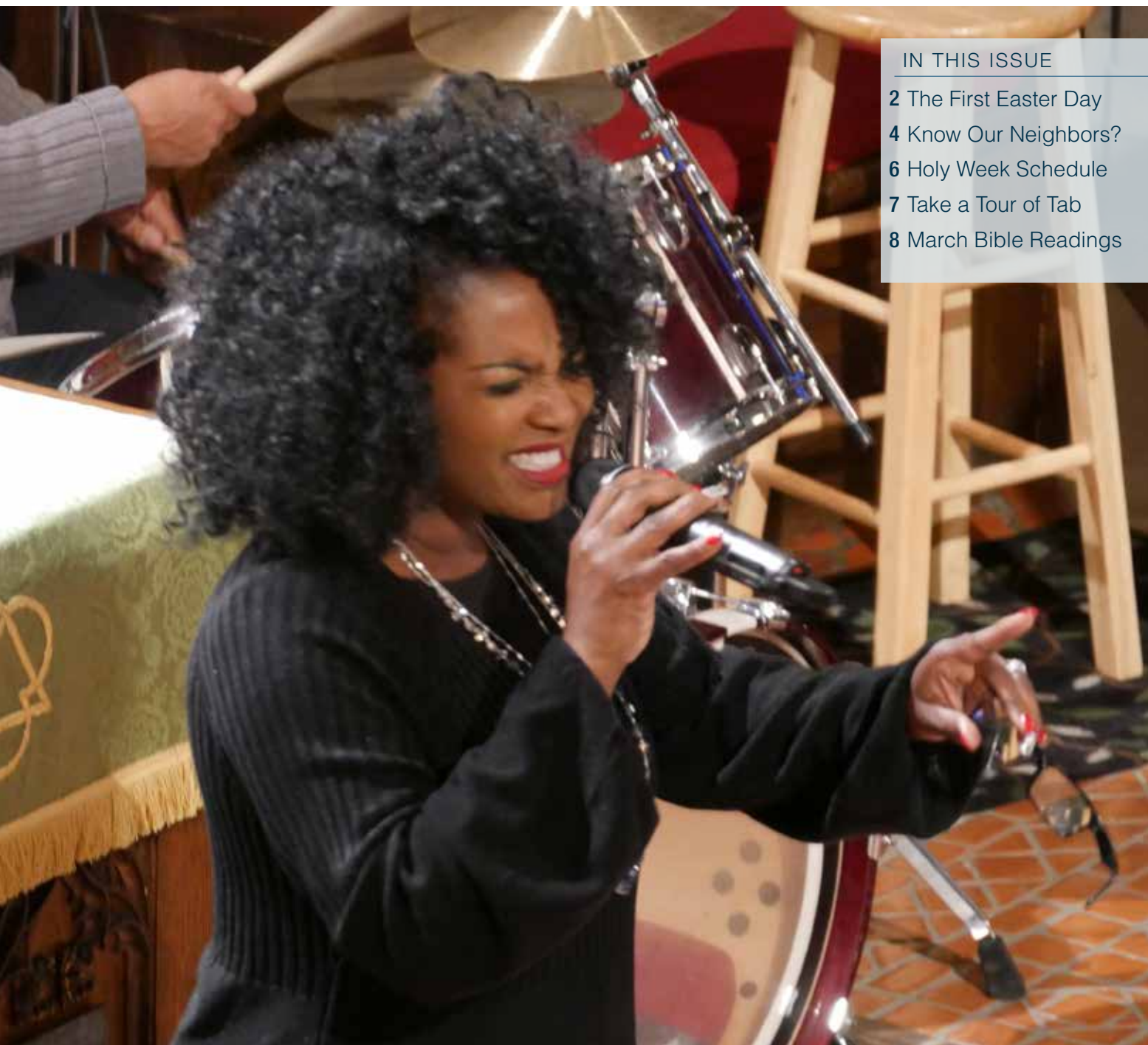
TABERNACLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# 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.

Cover: Valerie Phelps singing at Black History Service.  
Photo taken by taken by Dave Streit.



# Pastoral Reflection

## The First Easter Day

Dear Friends,

Do you have a favorite joke? Maybe a knock-knock joke that you learned as a child or an old gem that immediately comes to mind when someone says, "What's your favorite joke?"

If you do, save it for Easter Sunday! No, we are not going to tell jokes in worship that morning, but we could because this year Easter falls on April 1, April Fool's Day.

There is an early church tradition that on the Monday after Easter all of the monks in the monastery would gather to tell one another their favorite jokes. Why? Because of the great joke God pulled on Satan by raising Jesus from the dead.

In that same vein, every year on the Tuesday after Easter, the Tab Church staff goes out to breakfast together. I tell them the price of admission is to bring their favorite joke, and then we go around the table laughing and groaning and talking. It is a good way to unwind and celebrate after the busyness of the Lenten and Easter season.

While these traditions are fun, they also carry some good theological meaning.

As we have been reading through Paul's letter to the Romans, we are being reminded of the pervasiveness of our sin and disobedience. "*All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God!*" Paul goes to great lengths reminding us that God has every reason to punish us for our disobedience; a disobedience which resulted in His own Son being betrayed, arrested, flogged and crucified.

On that dark day Satan thought he had won!

But then on the first day of the week (Easter Sunday) God pulled a fast one on Satan by raising Jesus from the dead!

Perhaps you have heard it said, "If you want to hear God laugh, tell Him your plans." I think, "If you want to hear God laugh, read the story about what happened on the first Easter day!"

I hope you will join us as we prepare for and celebrate the Resurrection:

**Palm Sunday, March 25** - All three services of worship

**Maundy Thursday, March 29** - 7:00p Service of communion in the Chapel

**Good Friday, March 30** - 7:00p Service of Tenebrae (darkness) in the Sanctuary.  
The Chancel choir will present special Lenten music beginning at 6:30p.

**Easter Sunday, April 1** - 7:30a Easter Sunrise Service in McKee Chapel

9:00a & 11:00a Worship Service in the Sanctuary

I hope you will join us and "that's no foolin'."

Rev. L. John Gable



# March 2018

## Preaching Schedule

- 4** "Hope Against Hope"  
Romans 4:1-25  
Rev. L. John Gable, preaching
- 11** "A Long Obedience in the Same Direction"  
Luke 9:51  
Romans 5:1-5  
Rev. L. John Gable, preaching
- 18** Romans 5:12-21  
Rev. Oscar Clavel, preaching
- 25** *Palm/Passion Sunday*  
"Proof Positive"  
Isaiah 53:1-12  
Romans 5:6-11  
Rev. L. John Gable, preaching
- 29** *Maundy Thursday Service* - 7:00p
- 30** *"Requiem" by Gabriel Fauré* - 6:30p  
*featuring the Sanctuary Choir and instrumentalists*  
Good Friday Service - 7:00p
- April 1** *Easter Sunday*  
Sunrise Service - 7:30a  
Contemporary Easter Celebration Service - 9:00a  
Traditional Easter Celebration Service - 11:00a

## Weekly Bible Readings

- 4** Exodus 20:1-17  
Psalm 19  
1 Corinthians 1:18-25  
John 2:13-22
- 11** Numbers 21:4-9  
Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22  
Ephesians 2:1-10  
John 3:14-21
- 18** Jeremiah 31:31-34  
Psalm 51:1-12 or Psalm 119:9-16  
Hebrews 5:5-10  
John 12:20-33
- 25** Mark 11:1-11 or John 12:12-16  
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29  
Philippians 2:5-11  
Mark 14:1-15:47 or Mark 15:1-39 (40-47)

## March Event Schedule

### SPECIAL

- 4** 12:00p Home Communion
- 8** 11:30a SMS Meeting
- 11** 10:00a Moms' Group
- 12** 4:30p Playground Committee
- 16** 7:00p C. S. Lewis Meeting
- 18** 12:00p Tab Tour
- 21** 6:30p Just for Moms Craft Night
- 26** 7:00p Recreation Committee
- 28** 6:30p Mapleton/Fall Creek  
Children's Arts Program Meeting
- 29** 7:00p Maundy Thursday Service
- 30** 6:30p Good Friday Musical Presentation  
7:00p Good Friday Service
- 31** 9:00a Easter Egg Hunt

### WEEKLY

- SUN** 2:00p Tab Pickleball  
5:00p IMPACT Youth Group
- MON** 6:30p Cub Scout Pack  
6:00p 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  
12:30p Arts Academy Lessons  
6:00p Purls of Wisdom  
6:00p Wednesdays@Tab Dinner  
6:30p Contemporary Worship Reh  
6:30p Wednesdays@Tab - Lenten Series
- 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
- MWF** 11:00a Tab's Open Door

### MONTHLY

- 1st TUE** 7:00p Adult Ministries
- 2nd MON** 5:00p HR Committee  
5:30p Facilities Committee
- 2nd TUE** 5:00p Budget & Finance  
5:30p Missions Committee  
7:00p Children's Ministries  
7:15p Worship, Music & Arts
- 3rd TUE** 7:00p Session Meeting  
7:15p Prayer Team Meeting
- 4th TUE** 5:30p Congregational Life  
7:00p Deacons' Meeting  
7:00p Media Committee
- 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.

# GIP February 2018 Progress Report

## Increasing Need for Student Aid: Kenyans Respond Generously



Each year Global Interfaith Partnership has supported 100 students through a year of high school, 25 per grade level. The average cost of tuition and fees for a year of public high school in Kenya is \$350.

As Umoja Project children in Kenya receive school lunch, encouragement and other support in their younger years, the number of students qualifying for high school has increased. This year we had 60 students qualify for tuition assistance based on their test scores. With the aid of the Kenyan community, we will send 35 this year, and so our number will rise to 110.

We are blessed with increasing financial support in Kenya, as local businesses and individuals have pledged to pay tuition for seven secondary students. Many of these donors live on the edge of poverty, working as teachers, preachers and smallholder farmers with modest incomes.

**We want to reward the hard work of our Kenyan students with the opportunity to continue their education past the eighth grade. Join us in closing the gap and keeping more students in school.**

Learn more at [GlobalInterfaithPartnership.org](http://GlobalInterfaithPartnership.org).



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## Do You Know Our Neighbors?

For the last 10+ years, Tab's staff grew by over 200 for one day only in December, and it only cost us a meal and a little time. However, what these temporary staff members give to us is invaluable to our congregation's understanding of those persons who live around the church, some of whom we serve through our various programs. Our "temporary staff" come to us from CRU and represents CRU chapters at Midwest universities and colleges. Each year the CRU members give away holiday boxes to our neighbors which contain non-perishable food items and usually over 200+ boxes are distributed. While talking with a neighbor as the holiday box is dropped off, the young adults pose several questions which are part of a standard neighborhood survey. The consistency of the responses for the last three years should provide us as a congregation with insight into the general environment of Mapleton-Fall Creek and the people who call it home.

Here are just a few of the comments that have been repeated for the last three years:

**What do you like about your community?** "Quietness; diversity; calm; clean streets; friendly; everyone knows everyone else; great sense of community; tight-knit community, close to downtown, nice people; peaceful; togetherness; unspoken taking care of one another; family oriented; and kind neighbors."

**What are the concerns/needs of the community?** "Need better schools; reliable transportation; people need to slow down when driving; need after school programs; need a park for the kids; need a community center; need a grocery store; improve street lights; and remove abandoned houses."

**If you had a million dollars to spend to provide something for this community, what would it be?** "Help for the homeless; better homes, parks, and home repairs; community center; multipurpose center; a healthy grocery store; tear down abandoned houses; support for the elderly; and job placement services."

**What is your religious background?** Protestant, Seventh Day Adventist, Lutheran, Catholic, Church of God in Christ, Apostolic, Baptist, Pentecostal, Non-Denominational, Islam, and Jehovah Witness.

**Do you currently attend services?** Yes - 47% No - 46.5% No Response - 6%

As a trusted community leader, Tab has the unique opportunity to address many of the concerns expressed by our neighbors and we can invite many of the neighbors to join us in worship as we live in **Greater Faith, Deeper Relationships and Stronger Community.**





## 2018 Tab Colombia Mission Trip

June 17-24, 2018

Join other Tab members when we visit the Christian Union Sports Club in Medellin, Colombia as we work, learn and fellowship with one of Tab's supported missionaries. The trip will expand your view of how to integrate Christian teaching and sports fun. Our work will support the soccer complex and the 22 soccer fields around the city. Don't hesitate, sign up today!

**YOU ARE NEEDED NOW TO JOIN  
THE COLOMBIA MISSION TEAM!**

Contact Paula Means  
[paula.means@tabpres.org](mailto:paula.means@tabpres.org)  
 (317) 923-5458, ext. 130

**When:** June 17-24, 2018

**Airline:** American Airlines, from and to Indianapolis

**Housing:** Christian Union Sports Club

**Costs:** \$1,000 (inc. airfare, lodging, food & transportation)

**Before:** Two orientation sessions prior to departure

**During:** Devotionals daily and when visiting soccer fields

**After:** Report to Missions Committee about your experience







# Holy Week Schedule

## Passion/Palm Sunday | March 25

8:00a Communion Service

9:00a Contemporary Service

11:00a Traditional Service

## Maundy Thursday | March 29

7:00p Communion Service

## Good Friday | March 30

6:30p "Requiem" by Gabriel Faure

7:00p Tenebrae Service

## Easter Sunday | April 1

7:30a Easter Sunrise Service

8:30a Youth Easter Breakfast

9:00a Contemporary Easter Service

11:00a Traditional Easter Service



# Easter Egg Hunt

**Saturday, March 31 @ 10:00a**

*Bring your friends, family & neighbors!  
All children through 12 years old are welcome,  
along with their parents. Rain or shine!  
No fee or registration required.*

**Come to Lower Level B at 10am for Crafts, Games,  
Snacks & The Resurrection Story before the Egg Hunt**

# Tab News

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## Announcements & Events

### IT'S TIME TO SPRING FORWARD!

Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, March 11. Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead one hour.

### TAKE A TOUR OF TAB!

Are you interested in the history of our beautiful church? Now is your chance to learn more about this historic building. At noon on Sunday, March 18, Matt Kauffman will be giving a guided tour of the church. Please remain in the Sanctuary following the 11:00a worship service if you'd like to participate. We offer this tour twice a year. The next tour is scheduled in September.

### TWO ACTIVITIES FOR TAB MOMS

Children's Ministries is hosting two activities for moms in March. The first activity is a new Moms' Group for mothers of children younger than five, which will meet for the first time at 10:00a on Sunday, March 11, in Lower Level A. The second activity is a Mom's Craft Night on Wednesday, March 21, beginning at 6:30p in Lower Level B. At the craft night, we'll have three Spring or Easter related crafts as well as a nice dessert and good fellowship. Childcare will be provided for children younger than five.

### KIDSGAMES 2018

This year's Vacation Bible School will be the sports-related KidsGames, which will take place June 18-22, from 9:00a until 2:30p. KidsGames is open to all children who have finished grades K through six. We take incoming kindergartners on a case-by-case basis. We will have sports in the morning followed by lunch and then Bible lessons, crafts and songs in the afternoon. There is no fee for KidsGames, but preregistration is requested and will be available by April 1, through the Tab website. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Wirt at 317-923-5458, ext. 140 or [jennifer.wirt@tabpres.org](mailto:jennifer.wirt@tabpres.org) or Ben Hughes at 317-926-9426 or [ben.hughes@tabpres.org](mailto:ben.hughes@tabpres.org).

### PRETEEN RETREAT

All Tab fifth and sixth graders are encouraged to join us for this year's Preteen Retreat, which will take place April 27-29 at Brown County State Park. We will be staying in the family cabins and will have a busy and **fun** weekend full of activities, including swimming, crafts, games, horseback riding, music, hiking, Bible study and cooking. The theme for this year's retreat is "Hope and a Future," based on Jeremiah 29:11. There is a \$40 per student fee, but confidential scholarships are available. Registration is required no later than April 19. Please contact Jennifer Wirt at 317-923-5458, ext. 140 or [jennifer.wirt@tabpres.org](mailto:jennifer.wirt@tabpres.org) if you have any questions or would like to register your child.

### SHOW TAB'S FAMILIES WITH NEW BABIES LOVE

Children's Ministries coordinates meals for families with new babies through an online website called Meal Baby. If you would be willing to bring a meal to a family to ease their transition into life with a new baby, please contact Jennifer Wirt at 317-923-5458, ext. 140 or [jennifer.wirt@tabpres.org](mailto:jennifer.wirt@tabpres.org). You will then be added to the list to receive an invitation from Meal Baby, where you will be provided with food allergies, dates when meals would be helpful, likes and dislikes, family size, and other useful information for each new mom and her family.

### "REQUIEM" BY GABRIEL FAURÉ

On Good Friday, March 30, at 6:30p the Sanctuary Choir and string ensemble of Tabernacle Presbyterian Church will be presenting "Requiem" by Gabriel Fauré prior to the beginning of the Good Friday Service which begins at 7:00p.

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## Message from Pastor John Gable

Tab is a very Generous congregation!

The members of Tab are very generous in their giving of time, talents and treasures. Our annual operating budget compares to churches 2-3 times larger than we are. But have you ever noticed that sometimes the offering plates on Sunday morning look a little empty? Or that people you might otherwise expect to be generous givers often hold up their hands to signal, "Not today?" when the plate is passed their way?

I encourage you to check your assumptions (if you are making any). There are many ways people give to Tab. Some give annually, some even prepay their pledge at the end of one year for the coming year. Many people also use Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT), so whether they are in church on a particular Sunday or not, they still support Tab with their gifts. A growing number of people are using their credit cards to pay online through the "donate" button on the Tab website ([www.tabpres.org](http://www.tabpres.org)). While many put money in the plate, many others send in their pledge through the mail.

I was visiting with a Tab member recently who told me he felt awkward passing the plate without putting something in it, even though he knew they had already given by one of the means I've mentioned above. He wondered if he felt awkward doing it; perhaps others felt the same watching him. If that is the case, it is a good reminder to all of us that Tab is a very generous congregation **and** there are many ways to give.



# March 2018

## Read Through the Bible

1	Matthew 8:14-34	Leviticus 1-2	Proverbs 19
2	Matthew 9:1-17	Leviticus 3-4	Proverbs 20
3	Matthew 9:18-38	Leviticus 5-6	Proverbs 21
4	Matthew 10:1-25	Leviticus 7-8	Proverbs 22
5	Matthew 10:26-42	Leviticus 9-10	Proverbs 23
6	Matthew 11:1-19	Leviticus 11-12	Proverbs 24
7	Matthew 11:20-30	Leviticus 13	Proverbs 25
8	Matthew 12:1-21	Leviticus 14	Proverbs 26
9	Matthew 12:22-50	Leviticus 15-16	Proverbs 27
10	Matthew 13:1-23	Leviticus 17-18	Proverbs 28
11	Matthew 13:24-58	Leviticus 19	Proverbs 29
12	Matthew 14:1-21	Leviticus 20-21	Proverbs 30
13	Matthew 14:22-36	Leviticus 22-23	Proverbs 31
14	Matthew 15:1-20	Leviticus 24-25	Ecclesiastes 1:1-11
15	Matthew 15:21-39	Leviticus 26-27	Ecclesiastes 1:12-2:26
16	Matthew 16	Numbers 1-2	Ecclesiastes 3:1-15
17	Matthew 17	Numbers 3-4	Ecclesiastes 3:16-4:16
18	Matthew 18:1-20	Numbers 5-6	Ecclesiastes 5
19	Matthew 18:21-35	Numbers 7-8	Ecclesiastes 6
20	Matthew 19:1-15	Numbers 9-10	Ecclesiastes 7
21	Matthew 19:16-30	Numbers 11-12	Ecclesiastes 8
22	Matthew 20:1-16	Numbers 13-14	Ecclesiastes 9:1-12
23	Matthew 20:17-34	Numbers 15-16	Ecclesiastes 9:13-10:20
24	Matthew 21:1-27	Numbers 17-18	Ecclesiastes 11:1-8
25	Matthew 21:28-46	Numbers 19-20	Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:14
26	Matthew 22:1-22	Numbers 21	Song of Solomon 1:1-2:7
27	Matthew 22:23-46	Numbers 22:1-40	Song of Solomon 2:8-3:5
28	Matthew 23:1-12	Numbers 22:41-23:26	Song of Solomon 3:6-5:1
29	Matthew 23:13-39	Numbers 23:27-24:25	Song of Solomon 5:2-6:3
30	Matthew 24:1-31	Numbers 25-27	Song of Solomon 6:4-8:4
31	Matthew 24:32-51	Numbers 28-29	Song of Solomon 8:5-14

## WEDDINGS

February 16 - Elizabeth Streit & Steven Bruder

## WELCOME LITTLE ONES

Congratulations to Phil and Mary Luzader on the birth of their baby boy, Grayson Thomas Luzader, on February 10. He is the grandson of Kevin and Paula Luzader, and Thomas and Jennifer Wirt; to David Moudy and Amanda Foster-Moudy on the birth of their baby boy, David "Dash" Immanuel Moudy, on February 10. He is the grandson of Jeff and Julie Foster; and Chris and Katie Moore on the birth of their baby boy, Ryan Christopher Moore, on February 14. He is the grandson of Tim and Cindy Moore.

## OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

The Tab Church family extends our sympathy to Tom and Liz Strodman in the passing of Tom's brother, Joe, on February 16; and to John and Barb Crozier, and Byron Jr. and Gretchen Crozier, in the passing of their mother, Beth Crozier, on February 23. Please keep these families in your prayers.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

### Income:

YTD budgeted income:	\$321,085
YTD actual income:	<u>\$322,512</u>
Income exceeds budget by:	\$ 1,427

### Expenses:

YTD budgeted expenses:	\$268,448
YTD actual expenses:	<u>\$243,610</u>
Expenses under budget by:	\$ 24,838

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

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

March

- 1 Craig Hammond
- 2 Stephanie Buchanan-Schwanke  
Julia Buchanan-Schwanke  
Julie Foster  
Aria Grove
- 3 Sandy Simonel  
Tracey Krueger
- 5 Jean Strouse
- 7 Adina Coomes  
Jean Hursh  
Bill Marshall
- 8 Doug Conrads  
Bill Decker  
William Scales
- 9 Isaac Niese  
Xavier Niese  
Rob Weller
- 10 Anna King  
Chris Erotas  
Margie Craft







## HAPPY BIRTHDAY! (CONT'D)

### March

- |    |  |    |  |
|----|--|----|--|
| 11 | Megan Pike<br>Patrick Brunette<br>Matthew Braly<br>Peter Harding                                   |    | Priscilla Elliott<br>Sara Heitman  |
| 12 | Christine Scales<br>Beverly Okumu  | 22 | Margaret Hansen-Kahn<br>Juliet Noel<br>Christopher Wirt                  |
| 13 | Jennifer Matthews  | 23 | Hannah Kiger   |
| 14 | Nancy Hitchcock<br>Peter John  | 24 | Nancy Koehring<br>Jeremy John  |
| 15 | Nate Fowler<br>Lewis Bernlohr<br>Molly Moore<br>Jennifer Lingeman                                  | 25 | Joyce Tovsky<br>Nolan Kupke  |
| 16 | Cennie Scott<br>Louise Willson   | 26 | Rick Harker  |
| 17 | Mary Alice Moon<br>Elaine Strickland-Berger<br>Nancy Phillips McLane<br>Randy Strouse              | 27 | Andy Phillips<br>Linda Hall<br>Jean Davis                                |
| 18 | Amy Rexroth<br>Robert Weyreter   | 28 | Ann Reynolds<br>Kate Booker<br>Paul Burris                               |
| 19 | Nancy Axelrad<br>Dave Metzger<br>Dallas Moorhead<br>Carol Wilson<br>Mike O'Banyel<br>Philip Woller | 29 | Kevin Seidel<br>Caryn Costlow<br>Byron Robinson                          |
| 21 | Gary Wright  | 30 | Kaylee Brunsting<br>Einar Stefansson                                     |
|    |  | 31 | Jill O'Banyel<br>Yara Sief<br>Glory Sief<br>Holly Fraser<br>Carol Newell |

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

### March

- 2 Lee & Doris Shafer (22 years)
- 5 Ryan & Robin West (7 years)
- 8 Stacey & Melissa Grove (10 years)
- 21 Chuck & Emily Summers (3 years)  
Jeff & Julie Foster (31 years)
- 26 Tom & Brenda Huston (52 years)
- 28 Omar and Amy Martin (3 years)
- 29 James & Jane McClelland (38 years)
- 30 Lyle Mannweiler & Deborah Daniels Mannweiler (33 years)

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POSTMASTER: Send address change to Tabernacle Presbyterian Church at the above address.

# EASTER Flowers



Fill our worship spaces with an array of beautiful potted plants and ferns.

The plants may be donated "In honor of" or "In memory of" a special loved one, friend, or ministry and may be taken following the 11:00a service on Easter Sunday morning.

Cost for each plant is \$25

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_  
*please print clearly*

☐ In Memory of:      ☐ In Honor of:

\_\_\_\_\_  
*please print clearly*

I would like: \_\_\_\_\_ Potted Flowering Plant

\_\_\_\_\_ Potted Fern *(only 25 ferns available)*

Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form to the Front Office no later than Sunday, March 25. Include your check to Tabernacle Presbyterian Church, marked "Easter Flowers."