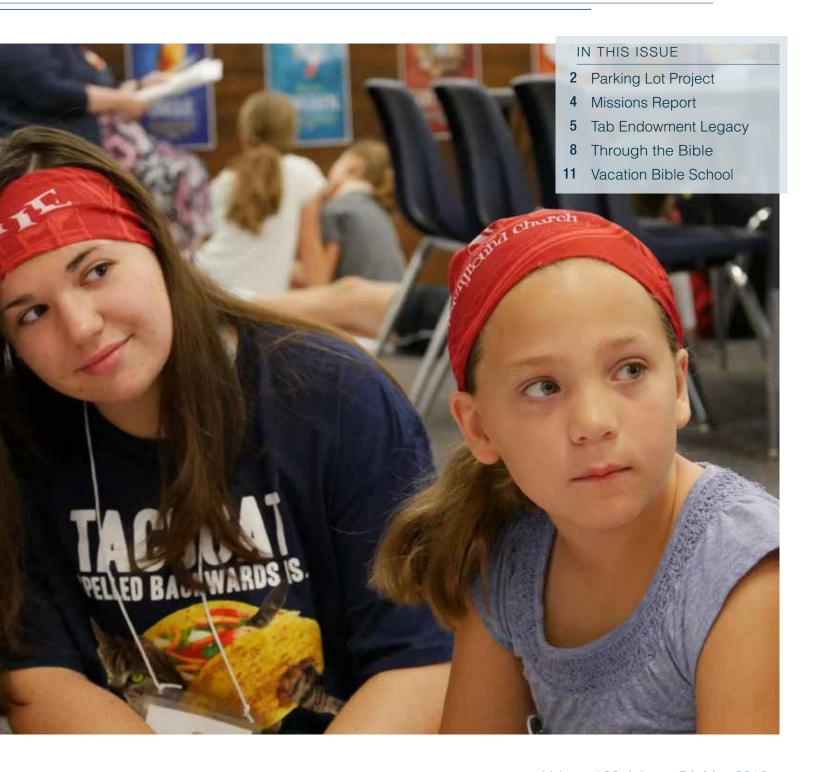
TOWERCHIMES





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.





Pastoral Reflection

Parking Lot Project

Dear Friends,

We are now about a week and a half into the new parking lot project. Everything is all torn up and a total mess - it is absolutely wonderful! This project, while a logistical inconvenience for the next couple of months, will be a wonderful addition and improvement for decades to come.

In the midst of our disruption, I was reminded of the fascinating history behind Psalm 137. As you read it you may recall the beautiful rendition of it sung in the musical Godspell, "On The Willows There." The Psalm was written while the children of Israel were in exile in Babylonia. The temple in Jerusalem had been destroyed and they had been displaced by the Babylonians. So the question is asked, "How can we sing the Lord's song in a foreign land?" Everything familiar to them had been taken away from them, yet still, they wanted to worship God.

Certainly, we are not "exiled" or "displaced," but we may be asking similar questions about "How are we going to carry on while the parking lot is all torn up?"

Paula Daum and Rod Iberg have done a wonderful job coordinating parking options and points of entry to the building during the construction period. Hard copies of maps are available in McKee Hallway as well as on the Tab website at www.tabpres.org. Updates on the project will be given every Sunday.

So, despite some inconveniences, activities at Tab will continue as usual. Worship services will continue as normal with numerous points of entry throughout the building. During the week the Open Door Soup Kitchen will continue to serve meals every Monday, Wednesday and Friday with our guests entering off of Central Avenue. Tab Recreation programs will continue in the gym, and to add to the commotion during the time of the parking lot construction, we will also be laying down new turf on the football field! The staff will be here every day as usual, so life will go on!

So while Tab will still be operational, this might be a good time to "rethink" some of the ways we "do church." Perhaps your committee might consider meeting in one of the member's homes, rather down at Tab? Perhaps your Bible study or small group might consider meeting at a restaurant rather than in the Parlor or Resource Center? Perhaps some of your conversations with friends might be better managed somewhere else rather than here for a while?

We will do everything within our power to make the building as accessible and useable as possible during this three-month construction period, so let us know if there is something we can do to assist you, but perhaps this might be a good time to try "singing the Lord's song in a foreign place."

And when it is all done, it will be good to be back at Tab again.

I look forward to worshiping with you (at Tab) this Sunday!

Rev. L. John Gable

May 2018

Preaching Schedule

- 5 Apostle's Creed "He ascended into heaven." Acts 1:6-15; Colossians 3:1-4, 17 Rev. L. John Gable, preaching
- 12 Whatever Happened to the Permanent Record? Apostles' Creed - "Come again to judge." Revelation 20:11-15; Mark 9:38-50 Rev. L. John Gable, preaching
- 19 Apostles' Creed "I believe in the Holy Ghost." John 14:15-31; Galatians 5:22-25 Rev. Oscar Clavel, preaching
- 26 One service only at 10:00a Apostles' Creed - "The Holy Catholic Church." Ephesians 4:1-6 Rev. L. John Gable, preaching

Weekly Bible Readings

- 5 Acts 9:1–6 [7-20] Psalm 30 Revelation 5:11-14 John 21:1-19
- 12 Acts 9:36-43 Psalm 23 Revelation7:9-17 John 10:22-30
- 19 Acts 11:1-18 Psalm 148 Revelation 21:1-6 John 13:31-35
- 26 Acts 16:9-15 Psalm 67 Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5 John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9

May Event Schedule

SPECIAL

1	7:00p	Nominating Committee		
5	9:00a	Umoja Project Meeting		
8	9:30a	Parking Lot Construction		
		Meeting		
	6:30p	Just for Moms Night		

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13 4:30p Endowment Fund Trustees

19 12:00p Tab Tour

22 9:30a Parking Lot Construction Meeting

26 10:00a One Service of Worship - No Education Classes

27 Church Office Closed -Memorial Day

WEEKLY

SUN	5:00p	IMPACT Youth Group
MON	6:00p	Cub Scout Pack Women's Bible Study Boy Scout Troop 72
TUE		Women Alive Prayer Ministry
WED	12:30p	Pastors' Bible Study Arts Academy Lessons Contemporary Worship Band Rehearsal
THU	6:00p 7:15p	Tab Tutoring Handbell Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary Choir Rehearsa
FRI SAT	8:00a	Circle of Hope Men's Bible Study Rhythms of the World

MONTHLY

1st TUE		Adult Ministries Missions Committee
2nd MON	5:30p	Facilities Committee
^{2nd} TUE		Budget & Finance Worship, Music & Arts
3rd TUE		Session Meeting Prayer Team Meeting
4th TUE	7:00p	Congregational Life Deacons' Meeting Media Committee
2nd WED	10:30a	Ladies Quilting Group
4th WED	10:30a	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.

MWF 11:00a Tab's Open Door

Missions Report

A legacy and commitment to serve

Story by John Thomas

As we often like to note, Tab first came to 34th & Central as an act of service.

Early in the 20th century, Tab was a downtown church that felt called to provide a Sunday school to the children in what was then something of an outlying neighborhood around 34th & Central. Sunday School quickly grew into a range of programs including a sports ministry that became so robust that a few years later, Tab followed its outreach with its physical presence by moving to the Mapleton-Fall Creek area and building the iconic building that stands there today.

This mission-driven legacy survives in Tab's many programs that serve the neighborhood around 34th & Central, as well as those that serve people around the world, providing a wide range of opportunities to Tab members who feel God's call to serve.

While our greatest impact certainly is in our personal commitment to service, Tab has long backed that commitment with inspiring financial support. Last year, Tab's members budgeted \$143,975 for its community and global ministries, and missions support, and another \$81,700 for the Tab Recreation program, resulting in a total outreach budget of \$225,675.

On the Community and Global Missions side, this support takes a few forms:

- Ministries and programs that Tab operates, such as the Open Door Soup Kitchen, Tab Tutoring and Tab Community Care, which provides utility payment assistance to residents of the 46205 zip code.
- Local ministries and programs that Tab supports with volunteer and financial resources.
- Global ministries that the congregation supports through financial contributions.

Tab's budget for missions support has grown steadily in recent years and in 2018, it was almost evenly divided between its local and global outreach. In 2018:

- \$74,200 was budgeted for the ministries Tab supports in an around its home in Indianapolis.
- \$69,775 was budgeted for missionaries and mission organizations around the world.

Locally, Tab has created, supported and launched outreach efforts for nearly a century. In 2018, the Tab congregation many organizations and initiatives serving our community, including:

 Tab Community Care, which provides utility bill assistance to residents of the 46205 zip code.



- Tab-driven ministries such as Tab Tutoring, Fresh Stop, and the Open Door Soup Kitchen.
- Neighborhood institutions such as Mapleton-Fall Creek Development Corp, Oaks Academy and School #48.
- Initiatives serving those in need, including Indy Grace Place, Mid-North Food Pantry, Raphael Health Center, Neighborhood Legal Clinic.
- Larger serving organizations such as Habitat for Humanity and Second Helpings.

Globally, Tab supports missionaries and missionary organizations working in Asia, Europe, South and North America, and Africa. Some of those organizations, such as Justice Ventures International, which rescues victims of human trafficking in Asia; Mana Deschisa, which serves women and children in Romania; and Neighborhood Ministries, an urban mission serving children, youth and their families in Phoenix are led or staffed by former members of Tab. Others are ministries that Tab has felt called to support through the years as a vehicle for spreading God's love to the world.

For 2019, Tab's mission budget will look a little different due to the shifting of kitchen oversight and expenses from the Missions Committee to the Facilities Committee (a \$25,000 accounting change). Despite this change, Tab increased its commitment to missions funding to \$160,850 for 2019, resulting in an apples-to-apples increase of 35% and demonstrating once again that Tab remains committed to the mission that brought it to 34th & Central.

(To give you a more detailed overview of Tab's missions commitment, the Missions Committee has prepared a 2018 Missions Annual Report. Copies will be available in McKee Hallway during the month of May.)

Tab Endowment Legacy Society

Remembering Mary Jane Laatz

Story by L. John Gable



Mary Jane Laatz was a delightful character with a quick, often self-deprecating, sense of humor and a twinkle in her eyes. She grew up in the Tab neighborhood and made her confession of faith here when she was nine years old. She attended Shortridge, then Butler, and got her graduate degree at Case Western Reserve in Library Science. After graduation she returned to Indianapolis to join the staff of the Indiana University School of Medicine Library, serving as director for 26 years and retiring as Emeritus Associate Professor of Medical Literature and Librarian. She will be remembered there for her innovative approach to providing access to library information.

Never married, Mary Jane lived in the Arden neighborhood and through the years maintained her church membership. By the time of her death in May of 2018, at 101 years of age, she was a 92-year member of Tab.

We remember Mary Jane as a long and faithful church member and are grateful that she remembered Tab through the Tab Endowment in her estate planning. Her legacy gift will help ensure our continued ministry in the years to come.

For more information about the Tab Endowment, contact the church office.



Children's Ministry

Child Safety Policy

Story by Jennifer Wirt

The Children's Ministries Committee reviewed our fire safety, storm safety, and intruder safety plans at a recent meeting and I thought it would be a good idea for me to share those plans with you.

In the event of smoke or fire that requires evacuation:

All students in the Ones, Twos, and Preschool Rooms and all elementary students will exit the building via the Lower Level A Hallway, heading up the stairs at the end of that hallway and out the door located on the landing. We'll go directly to the Recreation Field a safe distance from the building and you can pick your child up there. The Infant Nursery will follow the same plan, heading down the stairs located just outside the nursery door, out that same side door, and going out to the Recreation field to join the rest of the children.

I understand that your first instinct will be to come to your child's room to pick him or her up, but we ask that you instead plan to meet us outside.

If for whatever reason our exit is blocked getting out of the north end of Lower Level B and the Lower Level A hallway, we will instead evacuate out the back of the children's area, up the stairs leading to the Recreation lobby, and out the southwest doors to the 34th Street sidewalk. That's just a back-up plan. In the event that we evacuate, you should look for your child on the Recreation field first.

In the event of a tornado warning:

All children will be taken through the preschool room into the back hallway and into the stairwell that leads up to the Recreation Lobby. We'll hunker down on the ground floor of that stairwell, which is located on the southeastern corner of the building (as experts recommend) and surrounded by concrete and no ground-level glass. We'll stay there until we get the "all clear."

In the event of a disruptive intruder:

If we become aware of an intruder in the building at any time during our programming, we will immediately pull the doors to Lower Level A and Lower Level B shut, which will lock them from the inside so that only a staff member with a security fob can enter. (While most of the security doors in the church are set to remain unlocked and open on Sunday mornings to accommodate the movement of members through the building, we've had our doors set to lock when they're shut 24/7.) I have a panic button in Lower Level B that I will activate, which will alert the police and then we'll turn off the lights, move all of the students to the back of Lower Level B, and shelter in place.

In the 16 years that I've worked at Tab, we've had a fire evacuation once (that ended up being smoke from an electrical malfunction, not an actual building fire) and we have never had a need during children's programming to shelter from a tornado or deal with a violent intruder. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at jennifer.wirt@ tabpres.org or 317-923-5458, ext. 140.







Tab News

Announcements & Events

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS FOR YOUNG ADULTS: 20S & 30S

Tab has a new Sunday school class for people in their twenties and thirties who are married or single. Join us on Sundays at 10:00a in the Tabitha Room (off the gym). We have brunch, hang out, and discuss planned study topics and social events. Hope to see you there - and bring anyone! Childcare is provided in our regular early childhood rooms.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Time to Testify Workshop (9:00a in the Resource Center) If you are a believer, you have a story to tell, but you may not find it easy. Providing your public testimony is part of your life of discipleship, but how do you do that in an age of relative truth and short attention spans? How can you be compelling, truthful and clear? This four-week class will provide a workshop atmosphere to help you define and preserve your testimony in a relevant and attractive manner. Bring a notebook and be prepared to think through how your story became a part of God's story.

Beloved Prodigal (10:00a in the Parlor) The prodigal child is not just a figure in an ancient parable. Many Christians have family members who were raised in the church and have now turned their backs on all they once believed. How did this happen? How do we deal with the heartbreak? Is there anything we can do to relate to and care for our wandering loved ones? We will look at the Scriptures, especially the beautiful story of rebellion, forgiveness, and redemption in the Parable of the Prodigal Son and Henri Nouwen's book, *The Return of the Prodigal Son*. Copies of the book will be available at the first class and can be purchased on Amazon.

UMOJA PROJECT KENYA TRIP - SUNDAY, MAY 5

Join us on Sunday, May 5, at 9:00a in McKee Chapel for an information/organization meeting to plan a trip to Kenya in February 2020 to support the Umoja Project. Please plan to attend the meeting to learn more about this opportunity. Greg and Kathy Miller, and Denise Soltis will lead this discussion and be available to answer your questions. We hope to see you there!

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, May 19, 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 for October 13, 2019.

DEACONS' SPRING PITCH-IN - SUNDAY JUNE 2

If you enjoy homemade fried chicken and other tasty food, mark your calendar for the Deacons' Spring Pitch-In. It will be held on Sunday, June 2, immediately following the 11:00a worship service in the Dining Room. We will provide the chicken and attendees can bring their favorite side dish. This will be a great time of fellowship, and an opportunity to learn how you can help the deacons serve our church family and our community at 34th & Central. Look for sign-ups in McKee Hallway in the coming weeks to let us know who's attending and what sides you'll bring.

SUMMER MUSICAL KICKOFF

All Tab students entering grades K-7 are encouraged to participate in this year's Summer Musical, "Go, Go, Jonah." I always promise the students that we'll find just the right part or job for everyone who wants to participate, individually tailored to each student, so those who want a chance to shine will have it, and those who would rather take more of a background role can do so. Tryouts will begin on May 19, and our first rehearsal will take place on June 2. To celebrate the start of this year's musical adventure, we'll have a kickoff supper at 6:00p on Wednesday, June 5, and we'll rehearse each Wednesday evening from 6:30p-8:00p, June 5 through August 7. The performance of "Go, Go, Jonah" will take place on Sunday, August 18, at 12:45p following a pitchin lunch.

"JUST FOR MOMS" CRAFT NIGHT

All Tab ladies are invited to Lower Level B from 6:30p-9:00p on Wednesday, May 8, for an evening of crafts, fellowship, and refreshments. We'll have two or three art and craft projects, a variety of fondues as a snack, and childcare will be available for children younger than five. No RSVP is required.

UPCOMING ONE-DAY INQUIRERS' CLASS - SATURDAY, JUNE 1

A one-day Inquirers' class will be offered on Saturday, June 1, from 9:00a to noon in the Parlor for anyone interested in knowing more about the mission and ministry of Tab or is considering church membership. The class will be led by John Gable and Oscar Clavel. Those participating in the class will be invited to become members of Tab, but membership is optional. For more information contact Paula Daum at paula.daum@tabpres.org or 317-923-5458, ext 104.

There will be only one service of worship on Sunday, May 26, at 10:00a.

The Church Offices will be closed on Monday, May 27, in observance of Memorial Day.

May 2018

Read Through the Bible

1	Acts 14	Joshua 22	Job 31
2	Acts 15:1-21	Joshua 23-24	Job 32
3	Acts 15:22-41	Judges 1	Job 33
4	Acts 16:1-15	Judges 2-3	Job 34
5	Acts 16:16-40	Judges 4-5	Job 35
6	Acts 17:1-15	Judges 6	Job 36
7	Acts 17:16-34	Judges 7-8	Job 37
8	Acts 18	Judges 9	Job 38
9	Acts 19:1-20	Judges 10:1-11:33	Job 39
10	Acts 19:21-41	Judges 11:34-12:15	Job 40
11	Acts 20:1-16	Judges 13	Job 41
12	Acts 20:17-38	Judges 14-15	Job 42
13	Acts 21:1-36	Judges 16	Psalm 42
14	Acts 21:37-22:29	Judges 17-18	Psalm 43
15	Acts 22:30-23:22	Judges 19	Psalm 44
16	Acts 23:23-24:9	Judges 20	Psalm 45
17	Acts 24:10-27	Judges 21	Psalm 46
18	Acts 25	Ruth 1-2	Psalm 47
19	Acts 26:1-18	Ruth 3-4	Psalm 48
20	Acts 26:19-32	1 Samuel 1:1-2:10	Psalm 49
21	Acts 27:1-12	1 Samuel 2:11-36	Psalm 50
22	Acts 27:13-44	1 Samuel 3	Psalm 51
23	Acts 28:1-16	1 Samuel 4-5	Psalm 52
24	Acts 28:17-31	1 Samuel 6-7	Psalm 53
25	Romans 1:1-15	1 Samuel 8	Psalm 54
26	Romans 1:16-32	1 Samuel 9:1-10:16	Psalm 55
27	Romans 2:1-3:8	1 Samuel 10:17-11:15	Psalm 56
28	Romans 3:9-31	1 Samuel 12	Psalm 57
29	Romans 4	1 Samuel 13	Psalm 58
30	Romans 5	1 Samuel 14	Psalm 59
31	Romans 6	1 Samuel 15	Psalm 60



BAPTISMS

April 7 - Cara Jo Barnett

FINANCIAL REPORT

Income:

YTD budgeted income: \$637,774
YTD actual income: \$610,095
Actual short budget by: \$27,679

Expenses:

YTD budgeted expenses: \$670,817
YTD actual expenses: \$609,700
Expenses under budget by: \$61,117

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

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

May

- 3 Joel & Meagan Niese (16 years)
- 4 Derrick & Abbie Smith (6 years)
- 5 Mark & Debbie Midkiff (40 years)
- 10 Eric & Cheryl Herzog (32 years)
- 11 Mick & Paula Daum (17 years)
- 12 Dennis & Brookings Johnson (29 years) Nick & Sarah Schroeder (1 year)
- 14 Robert & Carol Lukemeyer (20 years)
- 16 Dave & Cathleen Perry (38 years)
- 18 Philo & Allison Lange (14 years) Brian & Kelly Graner (4 years)
- 19 Ryan & Sarah Noel (18 years)
- 20 Mitch & Cheri Daniels (41 years)
- 22 Adam & Caryn Packer (15 years)
- Tom & Jennifer Wirt (34 years)Wayne Weber & Carolyn Dodd (24 years)
- 26 Jay & Anne Steger (35 years)
 Jim & Robin Pfeiffer (46 years)
- 28 Phil & Caitlin Teague (8 years)
- 29 Andy & Linda Costlow (37 years) Glenn & Eve Hanley (20 years)
- 31 Roderic & Judi Trabue (44 years)





HAPPY BIRTHDAY! May

- 1 Robert Brown
 Bart Ost
 Christy Whaley
 Eric Kropp
- 3 Christine Gall
 Mark Midkiff
 Bill Heeter
 Daniel Rexroth
 Betsy Thompson
 Logan Cramer
 Leo Reel
- 4 Sherry Beasley Nicki McGowan
- 5 Connor Whaley
- 6 Penelope Costlow
- 7 David Brunsting Janet Belden
- 8 Sondra Heeter Mark Wilkerson
- 9 Tom Huston Mary Phillips Doug Horth
- 10 Jane McClelland
- 11 Vicki Townsend Stephanie Lynn
- 12 Ann McKenzie Molly Booker David Burris
- 13 Cindy Verbarg
 Jeff Sumpter
 Margie White
- 14 Ed Burns
 Karen Scamihorn
 Abigail Warren
 Betsy Morse
- 15 Sarah Lammers

- **16** Jeff Crane Kristine Crouch
- 17 John Gable Scott Waddell Carl Evans
- 18 Carol Hartman
- 19 Donna Bonifield Mary Mills Paul Kauffman Nathanael Smith Hazel Moudy
- 20 Cheri Daniels Hudson Fowler Suzie Booker Peter Marshall
- 22 Jennifer Russell
- 23 Jere Krueger
 Janie Hanley
 Henry Hanley
 Weber Donaldson
 Madeline Prible
- 24 Nancy Fike
- 25 Billy Reel Kathy Ladavac
- 26 Ethan Fedor Valerie Finnell Mary Birk
- 27 Ryan Fowler
- 28 Jack Booker Barb Sullivan
- 29 Marilyn Kendrick Jacqueline Wimsatt
- 30 Eric Shaw
- 31 Ruth Anne Wright Dan Hamilton



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VBS

June 17-June 21, 6:00p to 8:15p (Free Dinner at 5:30p)

Registration is open for this year's all-ages Vacation Bible School, centered around Daniel in Babylon. You can register via a link on Tab's website, www.tabpres.org. VBS will take place June 17-June 21, with a free dinner at 5:30p and programming for all ages from 6:00p-8:15p. We'll end each evening with a time of praise and singing. We're also looking for many volunteers to help with the children's portion of the evening. If you're willing to be part of the team, contact Jennifer Wirt at jennifer.wirt@tabpres.org or 317-923-5458, ext. 140.