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

Celebrating This Great Season of Joy Together!

Dear Friends,

Every good story has a "who, what, where, when and why" aspect to it, and the Christmas story is no exception!

During the weeks of Advent, the season of preparation and anticipation in the church-year leading us up to the celebration of the birth of Jesus, I will be preaching a series on the "Who," the "What," the "Where," the "When" and most importantly, the "WHY" of Christmas. I hope you will join us in worship as we celebrate the birth of the Messiah, Jesus, our Savior, and Lord...and invite a friend to join you.

Of course, the "Who" of Christmas is Jesus.

The "What" of Christmas is that He is the promised Messiah, the Anointed One of God.

The "Where" of Christmas is Bethlehem, the little backwater burg. Why Bethlehem of all places?

The "When" of Christmas is the "perfect timing" when God sent His Son.

And finally, the "Why" of Christmas is the most important part of the story. God sent His Son, Jesus, the promised Messiah, to be our Savior and Lord. Jesus is the God "in the flesh" who came to show us God's love and to do for us what we could never do for ourselves, to save us and restore us into a right relationship with God.

Is it any wonder that this is the "greatest story" ever told? The best part is, whoever, wherever, whatever, whenever, whyever this story is told, IT'S TRUE!

As always, I look forward to worshiping with you, particularly in this great season of Joy!

Rev. L. John Gable

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

December 1 - First Sunday of Advent

8:00a - Communion Service

9:00a - Contemporary Worship/Adult Education 10:00a - Education Classes

11:00a - Traditional Worship

December 8 - Second Sunday of Advent

One Service of Worship

No Youth or Adult Sunday School Classes 10:00a - "Christmas With Tab" Taping

(Wear your Christmas stuff!)

10:00a - Children's Sunday School

11:00a - Annual Christmas Tea

December 15 - Third Sunday of Advent

8:00a - Communion Service

9:00a - Contemporary Worship/Adult Education

9:00a - Advent Workshop begins

10:00a - Education Classes

11:00a - Traditional Worship

December 22 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00a - Communion Service

9:00a - Contemporary Worship/Adult Education

10:00a - Education Classes

11:00a - Traditional Worship

December 24 - Christmas Eve

Church Offices Close at Noon

5:00p - Family Christmas Eve Service

8:00p - Traditional Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

December 25 - Christmas Day

Church Offices Closed

December 29

10:00a - Worship Service No Education Classes

December 2019

Preaching Schedule

- 1 "The WHAT of Christmas" Isaiah 9:2-7; Luke 1:26-44 Rev. L. John Gable, preaching
- 8 "Christmas With Tab" (10:00a)
 "The WHO of Christmas"
 Isaiah 7:10-17; Matthew 1:18-24
 Rev. L. John Gable, preaching
- 15 "The WHERE of Christmas" Micah 5:2-6; Luke 2:1-7 Rev. L. John Gable, preaching
- 22 "The WHEN of Christmas" Luke 2:1-7; Galatians 4:4-7 Rev. L. John Gable, preaching
- 24 Family Christmas Eve Service (5:00p)
 Rev. L. John Gable, preaching
 Traditional Candlelight Service (8:00p)
 "The WHY of Christmas"
 John 1:14-18; John 3:16
 Rev. L. John Gable, preaching

WEEKLY

29 One service at 10:00a Rev. Oscar Clavel, preaching

Weekly Bible Readings

- 1 Isaiah 2:1-5 Psalm 122 Romans 13:11-14 Matthew 24:36-44
- 8 Isaiah 11:1-10 Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 Romans 15:4-13 Matthew 3:1-12
- 15 Isaiah 35:1-10 Psalm 146:5-10 or Luke 1:46-55 James 5:7-10 Matthew 11:2-11

MONTHLY

- 22 Isaiah 7:10-16 Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 Romans 1:1-7 Matthew 1:18-25
- 29 Isaiah 63:7-9 Psalm 148 Hebrews 2:10-18 Matthew 2:13-23

December Event Schedule

SPECIAL		
8	10:00a	"Christmas With Tab"
		Television Taping
	11:00a	Annual Christmas Tea
	11:30a	Preteen Christmas Party
11	6:00p	Mom's Craft Night
12	7:30p	"I Believe" Television Special
		on WFYI - Channel 20
14	9:30a	Open Door Coffee
15	9:00a	Advent Workshop
	3:00p	ICO Christmas Concert
	5:00p	Youth Christmas Caroling and
		Dinner
16	7:00p	ICO "Messiah" Sing-a-Long
17	6:00p	Session/Deacon Christmas
		Dinner
22	3:30p	"I Believe" Television Special
		on WFYI - Channel 20
	5:00p	Youth Christmas Party
24	12:00p	Church Offices Close at noon
	5:00p	Family Christmas Eve Service
	8:00p	Candlelight Christmas Eve
		Service
	10:00p	"Christmas With Tab" Broad-
		cast on WFYI - Channel 20
25		Offices Closed for Christmas
	2:00p	"Christmas With Tab"

Television Broadcast

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SUN	5:00p IMPACT Youth Group	1st MON 5:00p HR Meeting
MON TUE WED	6:00p Cub Scout Pack 72 6:00p Women's Bible Study 7:00p Boy Scout Troop 72 9:45a Women Alive 6:30p Prayer Ministry 9:30a Pastors' Bible Study 10:00a Preschool Play Day 12:30p Arts Academy Lessons 6:00p Purls of Wisdom 6:30p Contemporary Worship Ban	2nd MON 5:00p Facilities Committee 7:00p Children's Ministries 1st TUE 5:30p Missions Committee 6:00p Adult Ministries 2nd TUE 5:00p Budget & Finance 3rd TUE 7:00p Session Meeting 7:00p Deacons' Meeting 7:15p Prayer Team Meeting dd 4th TUE 5:30p Congregational Life
THU FRI SAT MWF	Rehearsal 3:45p Tab Tutoring 7:15p Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 7:00p Circle of Hope 8:00a Men's Bible Study 11:00a Tab's Open Door	7:00p Media Committee 2nd WED 7:00p 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.

Spotlight

Women's Retreat 2019: "Recharge, Relate & Rejoice"

aking time away from the daily grind can be good for you, but when you add almost 60 women on a beautiful fall weekend in Brown County with an amazing speaker and fellowship, that can restore you!

And so it happened on November 8- November 10! Friday night was "RECHARGE," and the women enjoyed a pajama party "spa night" while getting to know one another. Homemade hand and face masks were made, a photo booth, ice cream sundaes and lots of laughter. Our new Missions Director, Terri Thorn, did a wonderful job sharing the seven types of rest to be recharged: physical, mental, social, creative, emotional, sensory and spiritual.

Saturday was filled with sunshine and lots of time to "RELATE" in small groups or during free time. Terri shared her story and compared it to a Biblical story to show how it related to hers. All were encouraged to consider Biblical stories related to their lives. All of our stories are part of God's larger story and are vitally important to the Kingdom. When we know our stories, we can better share God's love with others.

Then on Sunday, it was a perfect way to close the weekend by "REJOICING" that we are all children of the living God! There was a beautiful worship service, then Terri shared a wonderful, God-inspired message. All were blessed by knowing we are all beloved by God.

This was the first off-site retreat the women from Tab have had in over 20 years and it was so needed and well-received. The Women's Ministry Team is planning on doing one every other year with TabFest being on the opposite year. Please contact womenoftab@ tabpres.org if you are interested in serving on the team. Other Bible studies, activities and events will also continue to happen throughout the year.













Gifts to Tab or the Tab Endowment?

Are you aware that Tab, the church, and the Tab Endowment Fund are two separate legal entities? When making your estate plans be sure to indicate where you intend your gift to go. Gifts made to Tab are used at the discretion of the Session. Gifts made to the Tab **Endowment Fund can be restricted (to** be used only as the donor requests) or unrestricted (used at the discretion of the Session and Endowment Fund trustees as needs arise). All gifts are appreciated and both benefit the church. As most church members don't realize, the Tab Endowment Fund has only one beneficiary, Tab.



Tab's Gracious Gifts Christmas Market returns in December. For twelve years the congregation has generously supported local, national and international ministries. Watch for the December 1 bulletin insert to review which ministries you would like to honor this Christmas season. The Gracious Gifts table will be in McKee Hallway on Sundays during December festooned with Christmas decor and chocolates!

If you have questions, please contact Jane McClelland at janemccl@comcast.net



Christmas with Tab

Sunday, December 8, at 10:00a

The Sanctuary Choir with Strings, Harp and Brass
John Gable, preaching

Invite your friends to watch the telecast of this worship service on:

Christmas Eve at 10:00p Christmas Day at 2:00p WHMB-TV 40.1

Check your provider's channel guide for channel number.



Tab News

Announcements & Events

PRETEEN CHRISTMAS PARTY

On Sunday, December 8, all Tab fifth and sixth-graders are invited to our annual Christmas party from 11:30a until about 2:15p. We will travel in the Tab van to the Castleton Buca di Beppo for lunch, games and a small gift exchange. The Preteens are asked to bring a small (\$10 or under) wrapped gift appropriate for either gender for the gift exchange. Please let Mrs. Wirt know by December 4 whether you'll be joining us so we can let the restaurant know how many to expect. Contact: Jennifer Wirt at 923-5458, ext. 140 or jennifer.wirt@tabpres.org

GET OUT YOUR APRONS

The Annual Christmas Tea will be held on Sunday, December 8, immediately following the taping of our "Christmas With Tab" television special. As we have done in the past, we are looking for your special holiday, home-baked goodies to share during this special time of celebration. Please bring your cookies to church on December 8 or drop them by the Front Desk the week before.

"JUST FOR MOMS" MINI-ADVENT WORKSHOP

On Wednesday, December 11, Children's Ministries is hosting a craft night for Tab's ladies from 6:30p-9:00p in Lower Level B. We'll have two crafts available from the larger Advent Workshop as well as two crafts "just for moms." Refreshments will be served and childcare will be available for children younger than five.

PRAISESTAGE PRODUCTIONS

Coming to Tabernacle Presbyterian Church at 4:00p on December 14, 2019, PraiseStage Productions Theatre Company will present a Gospel-Opera - "And the Word Was..." that says "there's nothing new under the sun-nothing!" Written and directed by Ethel Brewer-McCane, "And the Word Was ..." will let you experience stories of two thousand years ago and bring you on down to stories of today with some noteworthy similarities! Get your tickets now because seating is limited and you don't want to miss this collection of Biblical stories, bound together with awesome music. Tickets are available by contacting Matt Kauffman, visiting www.praisestage.org or calling (317) 543-2541.

GRAB YOUR SMILE

We need greeters and ushers to assist with the Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra Christmas concerts on Sunday, December 15, at 3:00p and Monday, December 16, at 7:00p. Contact: Matt Kauffman at matt.kauffman@tabpres.org or (317) 923-5458, ext. 102

A BAROQUE CHRISTMAS

Tickets are now on sale for the Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra's annual Christmas presentation at Tab. On Sunday, December 15, at 3:00p the orchestra, along with members of Tab's Sanctuary Choir and The Beecher Singers, will present the Christmas portion of Handel's "Messiah," and two sections of Bach's, "Christmas Oratorio." On Monday, December 16, at 7:00p there will be a "Messiah" sing-a-long. Both performances will be held at Tab. Tickets are \$25.00 each and can be purchased through Matt Kauffman.

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

The Annual Christmas Joy Offering will be taken at Tab's Worship Service on Sunday, December 22. By giving to the Christmas Joy Offering you will be helping families of active and retired church workers. The offering is shared equally by the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges for education. Special envelopes will be available in that morning's worship bulletin. Please give generously.

2019 YEAR-END CONTRIBUTIONS

Tuesday, December 31 is the final day Tab is able to physically receive contributions in the Finance Office for credit to your 2019 giving statement. Checks dated, postmarked and sent via the US Mail on or before December 31 will be credited as 2019 giving even if received in 2020. All of the above is in accordance with IRS rules and regulations. Those interested in donating securities should contact Kristine Green in the Finance Office well in advance of year end. Contact: Kristine Green at kristine.green@tabpres.org

2020 STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE CARDS

Thanks to all who have responded to our 2020 Stewardship Campaign. If you have not yet returned your pledge card for 2020 we encourage you to do so as soon as possible. Your pledged gifts of support assist the Session in planning for the coming year, and we thank you for your continued support of the ministries of Tab. If you have indicated that you would like pledge envelopes for 2020, they will be available for pickup in McKee Hallway beginning December 15.

QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTIONS (QCD)

When planning your IRA withdrawal strategy, you may want to consider making charitable donations through a QCD. A QCD is a direct transfer of funds from your IRA custodian, payable to a qualified charity. QCDs can be counted toward satisfying your required minimum distributions (RMDs) for the year, as long as certain rules are met. In addition to the benefits of giving to a charity, a QCD excludes the amount donated from taxable income, which is unlike regular withdrawals from an IRA. Keeping your taxable income lower may reduce the impact on certain tax credits and deductions, including Social Security and Medicare. See your tax professional for full details.

MISSIONS UNIT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We're preparing for our annual "trip around the world" with Tab's elementary students, and we need *many* adult and teen volunteers to oversee the various activities each week throughout January and February. This year, we will be learning about the geography, history, culture and Christian mission efforts in Haiti, Australia, Iceland, Japan, Spain, Morocco and the Sioux Nation in the U.S. plains states. Signup sheets will be out in McKee Hallway. Contact: Jennifer Wirt at 923-5458, ext. 140 or jennifer.wirt@tabpres.org

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December 2019 Read Through the Bible

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I Believe:

The Story of the Creeds

The great Creeds of the Church bind us together as followers of Christ. Join Pastor John Gable and Matt Kauffman for a theological, historical and musical exploration of the Creeds, featuring the Tabernacle Sanctuary Choir. Produced by Tab Media and Music Ministries.

Thursday, December 12 at 7:30p Sunday, December 22 at 3:30p

WFYI TV 20.1

Check cable/satellite guide for channel.

Announcements & Events (Cont'd)

FAITH IN ACTION, A SOCIAL JUSTICE SERIES SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR | 10:00A PARLOR

God calls us, the Church, to participate in the restoration of society so that all, especially the weak and vulnerable, can witness God's original intention for human society; a world where basic needs are met, people flourish and shalom reigns. To do this, the church rightly emphasizes the generous administration of mercy, but we fall short if we do not also work to uncover the root causes of what keeps people poor, hungry and powerless.

You are invited to join your Tab family as we explore the theme of social justice throughout the Scriptures, unpack the work of justice as a demonstration of Christ's character into the world, discuss the specific issues of justice for which the Gospel calls us to prayerful and meaningful take action, and survey our community to expose root causes of injustice and learn how Christians locally and abroad are working to remove those barriers. Rev. Oscar Clavel, Rev. Terri Thorn, and special guests will be presenting this study January-February 2020.

OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY COURSE RETURNS

Mark your calendars! The Old Testament survey course Rev. John Gable began teaching in the fall is returning for a second six-week semester on Wednesday, January 15, at 6:00p. Did you miss the first half? No worries! We will get you caught up for the second half. Need more information? Contact John at john.gable@tabpres.org.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

The Tab Church family extends our sympathy to Rita and Jim Lingeman, their daughter, Jennifer, and granddaughter Leona, in the passing of Rita's mother Rika Nyeboer, on October 31; and to Rick Harker and his family in the passing of his wife, Debbie Harker, on Sunday, November 24. Visitation will be held on Friday, November 29, at the Flanner and Buchanan Funeral Home in Broad Ripple from 4:00p-8:00p, and in the Parlor at Tab at 9:30a on Saturday, November 30. The service of worship celebrating the resurrection will be held at 10:00am in the Sanctuary. Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Income:

YTD budgeted income: \$1,777,552
YTD actual income: \$1,771,868
Income less than budget by: \$5,684

Expenses:

YTD budgeted expenses: \$1,969,729
YTD actual expenses: \$1,830,831
Expenses under budget by: \$138,898

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





HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

December

- 1 Lily Sturgis
- 3 Charlton Browning Hannah Malito Linda Fledderjohn Don White
- 4 Ace Rodriguez Brodie Sears Mariah Buchanan
- Phillip Luzader Kelly Donaldson Scott Ledger Lindsay Rust Emma Fraser
- **Hunter Browning** Mary Dougherty Jennifer Hamilton Ron Harvey Gayle Berger
- **Thomas Summers**
- 8 Vicki Rude Kate Warren Ethan Dieterich Marvin Parish
- John Reynolds Shaun Souers
- Hannah Canterbury
- Shannon Woller Kathrvn Gilrov
- Diego Urfalian Grace Schumm
- 14 Scott Browning
- John Woller Sarah Schroeder-Mohr Margaret Teague Leona Kistler Heidi Hoopingarner Missy Mocek
- 16 Jessica Wentworth Jane Harvey

- Robin Pfeiffer
- 17 Bloor Redding
- 18 Sherry Mitchell19 Jane Kukolla
- Jim Pfeiffer Carol Lukemeyer
- 20 Emily McClelland Grace Schubert Carole Krider
- 21 Bob Shaw Truman Finnell
- 22 Noelle Wilson Jack Thompson Emma Lynn
- 23 Carolyn Rembusch Annie Krueger Lisa Evans Nick Hill
- 24 Theresa Roberts Audrey Howe Rod Smith Carolyn Queisser **26** Jeannie Byers
- Donna Garrett
- 27 Samantha Miller Gavin Green
- 28 Ruby Scott Tom Lapp
- 29 Chris Buchanan-Schwanke
- 30 Jeff Hotchkiss Kathy Miller Terra Seidel Kevin Ahearn James Fairley
- 31 Sara Butler Kate Ems Rita Lingeman

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

December

- Chad & Stephanie Lynn (15 years)
- Jim & Jeannine Stokes (60 years)
- Greg & Kathy Miller (43 years) Nick & Maggie Birk (9 years) Kyle & Brittany Barnett (9 years)
- 19 Bill & Nancy McLane (22 years) Glenn & Nancy Koehring (44 years) Frank & Cathy Schubert (22 years) David & Paula Means (6 years)
- 21
- Jeff & Julie Swiatek (6 years)
- Mike & Pat Cracraft (52 years) 24
- Dave & Mary Mills (47 years) 28
- William & Karen Jefferies (29 years) Pete & Julie Peterson (29 years)

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

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS



Help make Tab even more gorgeous at Christmas!

Purchase a poinsettia and donate "in memory of" or "in honor of" someone you love. It will decorate our beautiful Sanctuary throughout the Christmas season.

Cost for each plant is \$20

Given by:		
	please print clearly	

O In Memory of:	O In Honor of:
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Total Enclosed: \$____

Please return this form to the Front Office no later than Sunday, December 1. Include your check to Tabernacle Presbyterian Church, marked "Poinsettia."